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**Date:** Saturday, September 25th  
**Location:** Carroll College, Helena  
**Time:** 7:45am-5pm
Creating Your Personal Statement, Michael Geurin, MD

Join Dr. Geurin for tips on how to make your personal statement great. He will share his presentation and expertise with tools for planning, drafting and revising an effective personal statement.

This session is offered in Session 1 and 3 in Room 235 (Sage).

U.S. Army

Join Ashley Wright, Captain, Medical Service Corps & SSG Arnold Delacruz, in this session to help answer questions you might have about a possible military option for medical school.

This session is offered in Session 2 in Room 228.

Diversity in Medicine, Danielle Ishem, Director of Workforce Development (CEDI), UW SOM

Learn about diversity initiatives in the UW School of Medicine and find out about enrichment programs, including the Summer Health Professions Education Program (SHPEP), which helps prepare freshmen and sophomores from underrepresented and/or disadvantaged backgrounds for a career in the health professions.

This session is offered virtually in Sessions 2 and 4 in Room 130 on the Lower Level.

Residency Years

Interested participants can learn about what to expect during residency years after medical school. There will be information on the main specialty areas, length of residency, expectations of residents, work hours rules, and time for question and answer. Attention will also be provided to techniques for staying balanced and healthy during medical school and residency.

This session is offered in Sessions 2 and 4 in Room 235 (Sage).

U.S. Navy

Join NCC (SW/AW) John C. Liston, a representative from the Navy, in this session to help answer questions you might have about a possible military option for medical school.

This session is offered in Session 3 in Room 228.

Pre-Med Advising /WICHE/General Application Advice

Several medical schools participate in the WICHE program for MT residents. We will discuss what that means for you as an applicant, and how to make sure you complete the process for consideration. An overview of the timeline and process for application to medical school will be presented. Intended for students with no or limited access to Pre-medical Advising on their campuses, this breakout session will be a small glimpse into the world of an admissions committee member being covered. Please bring your questions.

This session is offered in Sessions 3 & 4 in Communications Center-Lower Level.

Mock Admissions Committee Meeting (For Advisors Only)

This session is for Advisors only and will span two breakout sessions. Advisors will have a chance to go over the UWSOM application and discuss with the Admissions Director and members of the MT Admissions Committee.

This is a two-part session for Advisors Only in Sessions 2 and during lunch. This will be offered remotely with UW SOM Admissions Director. Room 122 (Speech Lab) in the Lower Level.

Loan Repayment Programs: NHSC/SLRP/MRPIP, Zach Meyers, MD & Laurie Tobol, OCHE

Participants will learn about options to help finance medical school through the National Health Service Corps programs – Scholar, Loan Repayment and Student to Service. The Montana Rural Physician Incentive Program (MRPIP) will also be covered as another option available to future Montana practitioners. Q & A for additional questions.

This session is offered in Sessions 1 and 4 in Room LIBR 200.

MD PhD Program, Martin Teintze, PhD, MSU

This session will cover some of the following along with questions you may have:

- How are MD/PhD programs structured?
- Describe the typical curriculum of an MD/PhD student, using the UW program as an example (with handout).
- How does the admissions process differ, and what does it take to get admitted into an MD/PhD program?
- What are the career options and typical choices of MD/PhD graduates?
- Compare programs at other schools (e.g. Oregon, Colorado); describe MSTP programs.

This session is offered in Sessions 1 and 3 in Room 233 (Sand Box).

TRUST

The Targeted Rural and Underserved Track (TRUST) is available to up to twelve MT WWAMI entering students each year who are selected through the application and interview process. TRUST seeks to provide a continuous connection between underserved communities, medical education, and health professionals in our region. This session will explain the TRUST program in detail and hopefully answer any questions you might have about it.

This session is offered in Sessions 2 and 3 in LIBR 200.