

**Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access
Physician Recruitment & Retention Program**

Resources for Physician Candidates

About the community in general & specific towns:

- **Whatcom County Chamber of Commerce** & "Relocation Resource Guide" at www.bellingham.com → Resource Guide
- **Bellingham/Whatcom County Tourism** at www.bellingham.org
- **Kulshan area**, <http://whatcom.kulshan.com> – a guide to the different communities in Whatcom County
- **Whatcom County**, www.co.whatcom.wa.us
- **Bellingham Herald**, www.bellinghamherald.com – local daily paper
- **City of Bellingham**, www.cob.org
- **Fairhaven District of Bellingham**, <http://fairhaven.com>
- **Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce**, www.birchbaychamber.com
- **Ferndale Chamber of Commerce**, www.ferndale-chamber.com
- **Mt. Baker Foothills Chamber of Commerce**, www.mtbakerchamber.org

About our healthcare community:

- **St. Joseph Hospital** at www.peacehealth.org/Whatcom/
- **Whatcom County Medical Society** at www.whatcom-medical.org
- **Whatcom County Health Dept.** at www.co.whatcom.wa.us/health

Large Group Practices:

- **Madrona Medical Group**, a multi-specialty group practice, at www.madronamedical.com
- **Family Care Network**, a multi-site group of full-spectrum family medicine practices, at www.familyhealth.org

Community Health Centers:

- **Interfaith Community Health Center** at www.interfaithchc.org
- **SeaMar Community Health Centers** at www.seamar.org → Bellingham
- **Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood** at www.plannedparenthood.org/mbpp

Tribal Health Centers:

- **Nooksack Tribal Health Center** at www.nooksack-tribe.org/clinic.htm
- **Lummi Tribal Health Center** at www.lummi-nsn.org

Additional healthcare programs/services:

- **Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access**, www.whatcomalliance.org – a nonprofit composed of community partners dedicated to ensuring access to healthcare for the community through health access services, physician recruitment, and health care policy education; includes results of annual "Physician Supply Survey".
- **Whatcom Coalition for Healthy Communities**, www.whatcomcoalition.org – a local nonprofit with resources on health of community-at-large.
- **Shared Care Plan**, www.SharedCarePlan.org – a free user-friendly personal health record program; helps coordinate healthcare by being sharable with providers & family members.
- **St. Joseph Hospital/Peace Health Medical Library** – http://crossroads/SC_ElectronicLibrary-SYS/
- **HiNet**, www.hinet.org – the Whatcom Health Information Network that is a community-wide healthcare intranet.

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Some resources to help get started as a healthcare provider in WA:

- **WA Association of Medical Staff Services**, www.wamass.org – go to “tools” for information and links on credentialing, licensing, and more.
- **WA Dept. of Health / Office of Community & Rural Health**, www.doh.wa.gov/hsga/ocrh/
-- State programs for health professional support including provider recruitment, J-1 Visa Waiver, loan repayment & scholarship, Rural Locum Tenens & more.

Job search information for family members:

- **WorkSource**: Whatcom Career Center, www.go2worksource.com
- Jobs opportunities listed at:
 - **Craig’s List**, listings for Bellingham, www.craigslist.org
 - **Bellingham Herald** at www.bellinghamherald.com/careerbuilder

Largest Whatcom County employers (based on number of employees):

- **Western Washington University**, www.wvu.edu
- **St. Joseph Hospital**, www.peacehealth.org/Whatcom/
- **Alcoa Intalco Works** (aluminum reduction plant), www.alcoa.com
- **Brown & Cole, Inc.** (grocery stores), www.browncandcole.com
- **Bellingham School District**, www.bham.wednet.edu
- **Bellis Fair Mall**, www.bellisfair.com
- **Haggen Foods** (grocery stores), www.haggen.com
- **BP/Cherry Point Refinery**, www.bp.com
- **ConocoPhillips Co.** (refinery), www.conocophillips.com
- **The City of Bellingham**, www.cob.org
- **The County of Whatcom**, www.whatcomcounty.us
- **Madrona Medical Group**, www.madronamedical.com
- **Heath Tecna, Inc.** (aircraft interior design), www.heathtecna.com
- **Port of Bellingham**, www.portofbellingham.com