

## ***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](http://www.bellingham.com) → Resource Guide
- **Bellingham/Whatcom County Tourism** at [www.bellingham.org](http://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](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us)
- **Bellingham Herald**, [www.bellinghamherald.com](http://www.bellinghamherald.com) – local daily paper
- **City of Bellingham**, [www.cob.org](http://www.cob.org)
- **Fairhaven District of Bellingham**, <http://fairhaven.com>
- **Birch Bay Chamber of Commerce**, [www.birchbaychamber.com](http://www.birchbaychamber.com)
- **Ferndale Chamber of Commerce**, [www.ferndale-chamber.com](http://www.ferndale-chamber.com)
- **Mt. Baker Foothills Chamber of Commerce**, [www.mtbakerchamber.org](http://www.mtbakerchamber.org)
- **Glacier Chamber of Commerce**, [www.glacierchamber.org](http://www.glacierchamber.org)

#### About our healthcare community:

- **St. Joseph Hospital** at [www.peacehealth.org/Whatcom/](http://www.peacehealth.org/Whatcom/)
- **Whatcom County Medical Society** at [www.whatcom-medical.org](http://www.whatcom-medical.org)
- **Whatcom County Health Dept.** at [www.co.whatcom.wa.us/health](http://www.co.whatcom.wa.us/health)

#### Large Group Practices:

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

#### Community Health Centers:

- **Interfaith Community Health Center** at [www.interfaithchc.org](http://www.interfaithchc.org)
- **SeaMar Community Health Centers** at [www.seamar.org](http://www.seamar.org) → Bellingham
- **Mt. Baker Planned Parenthood** at [www.plannedparenthood.org/mbpp](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/mbpp)

#### Tribal Health Centers:

- **Nooksack Tribal Health Center** at [www.nooksack-tribe.org/clinic.htm](http://www.nooksack-tribe.org/clinic.htm)
- **Lummi Tribal Health Center** at [www.lummi-nsn.org](http://www.lummi-nsn.org)

#### Additional healthcare programs/services:

- **Whatcom Alliance for Healthcare Access**, [www.whatcomalliance.org](http://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](http://www.whatcomcoalition.org) – a local nonprofit with resources on health of community-at-large.
- **Shared Care Plan**, [www.SharedCarePlan.org](http://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/](http://crossroads/SC_ElectronicLibrary-SYS/)
- **HiNet**, [www.hinet.org](http://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](http://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/](http://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](http://www.go2worksource.com)
- Jobs opportunities listed at:
  - **Craig’s List**, listings for Bellingham, [www.craigslislist.org](http://www.craigslislist.org)
  - **Bellingham Herald** at [www.bellinghamherald.com/careerbuilder](http://www.bellinghamherald.com/careerbuilder)

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

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