



## WICHE Internet Course Exchange (WICHE ICE)

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# ICE

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# Mission of WICHE ICE

WICHE ICE creates opportunities for students to access high quality internet delivered courses and programs offered by accredited four-year and two-year institutions throughout the WICHE region.



# Current WICHE ICE Member Institutions

- Bismarck State College
- Boise State University
- Central Washington University
- Eastern Washington University
- Idaho State University
- Lewis-Clark State College (ID)
- Montana State University
- Montana University System
- North Dakota University System Online
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Nevada Reno
- University of Utah
- University of Wyoming

Additional institutional and system memberships are pending

The logo for ICE (Internet Course Exchange) features the letters "ICE" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. The letters are filled with a white, textured pattern that resembles snow or a crystalline structure. The logo is positioned in the bottom right corner of the slide, partially overlapping a dark silhouette of a mountain range.

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# Growth in Online Learning

- Over 90 percent of public institutions offer online courses
- Most institutions are finding a large proportion of their online students are also enrolled on campus
- Access to postsecondary education is not evenly distributed across the West, online learning can help equalize access

# Summary of ICE Objectives

- Respond more quickly to workforce demands through sharing online courses and programs
- Organize institutional resources to create opportunities for students throughout the region
- Support quality of courses, effective student learning, assessment and continuous improvement
- Abide by accreditation standards and best practices
- Clearly designate essential student services, applicable policies and institutional responsibilities
- Resource for academic planning

# How WICHE ICE Works

- Teaching Institution
  - teaches an online or distance ed course
  - offers extra “seats” through WICHE ICE
  - establishes the price per seat
  - establishes academic policies for all students
- Enrolling Institution
  - reserves seats through WICHE ICE
  - creates a shadow course in catalog
  - registers students, collects tuition/fees, records grades and maintains transcript
  - sends \$\$ to teaching institution and WICHE



# Benefits for Students

- Access to a wider range of courses, academic programs and faculty expertise in a variety of disciplines
- Financial aid and credit transfer are seamless
- Improved degree completion and retention
- Access to advising and financial aid at their home institution
- Overcome geographical, financial and scheduling barriers to course enrollment
- Benefit from the convenience and flexibility of online course delivery
- Increase course and program offerings in rural areas

# Benefits for higher education institutions

- Expanded course and program offerings
- Expedite students' time to degree
- Achieve cost efficiencies by avoiding or sharing the cost of new course and program development
- Share faculty in hard to staff disciplines
- Keep low growth programs viable
- Review courses from member institutions for requirements before students take them

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# WICHE ICE can help improve time to degree

- **General course exchange:** a variety of undergraduate and graduate courses are offered in disciplines such as Math, Science and English
- Making these courses available to students can help them meet requirements in a timely manner, reducing time to degree



# Benefits for states and impact on workforce development

- Respond more quickly to workforce demands, especially those that arise quickly
- Collaborate on workforce issues of immediate concern, and address them through collaborative approaches
- Examples include nursing, allied health, secondary math and science teacher preparation and development, and rural social work education

# WICHE ICE addresses workforce needs

- **Nursing:** Nursing Education Exchange (NEXus) in partnership with the Western Institute of Nursing
  - 4 universities share PhD level nursing courses
  - Eliminates need for schools of nursing to develop all doctoral level courses
  - Assists students with increased course options
- **Rural Social Work:** Western Consortium for Rural Social Work Education (6 institutions offering Graduate Certificate in Rural Social Work Practice)
- **Supply Chain Management:** Graduate certificate jointly delivered between Boise State University and the University of Alaska Anchorage



# Additional areas of development to address workforce needs

- **Education:** Preparation and professional development for secondary science and mathematics
- **Engineering:** Graduate level courses and programs
- **Allied Health Professions:** Current potential exchanges include dental hygiene and health information technology
- **Public Health:** Master's in Public Health online program sharing

# WICHE ICE Financial Model

- Institutions and state systems pay a membership fee based on student enrollments (\$2,000-\$4,000 annually)
- A \$20 per student, per course fee is assessed to support WICHE involvement



# WICHE ICE Updates

- Registrars, Business offices, academic administrators and WICHE ICE steering board members and coordinators met to discuss implementation.
- Next goal: increase membership



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# Northwest Academic Forum

Provosts and Academic Affairs officers  
from 32 masters and doctoral  
granting institutions in 10 states.

Theme for 2008 meeting:

Local to Global: Partnerships and  
Strategies for Improvement



# Master Property Program

- Offered in collaboration with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)
- Six new institutions in the WICHE region:
  - Pima Community College (AZ)
  - Lewis & Clark College (OR)
  - Seattle Pacific University
  - Westminster College
  - Willamette University
  - University of Northern Colorado

