

WRGP



Western Regional Graduate Program: 2012-2013

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) was established over 55 years ago to promote the sharing of higher education resources among Western states. One of the programs WICHE created to meet this goal is the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP).

WRGP is an exceptional educational resource for the West, allowing master's, graduate certificate, and Ph.D. students

who are residents of WICHE's 15 member states to enroll in nearly 280 high-quality programs at some 50 participating institutions and pay resident tuition. In fall 2011 more than 850 students enrolled through WRGP and saved an estimated \$11.5 million in tuition; the average savings is estimated at \$10,800 per student.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I apply for the WRGP resident tuition rate?

Apply for admission directly to the program in which you wish to enroll or to the institution's graduate studies department. Applicants must meet all of the institution's admissions requirements and apply within the program's deadlines. Identify yourself as a "WICHE WRGP" applicant to be considered for the discounted tuition rate. Programs give a limited number of WRGP reduced tuition seats each year, so apply early. For more information about the programs, visit our website.

How do I establish residency for the program?

WRGP is open to all residents of the 15 participating states. Normally, you must be a resident of your home state for at least one year before applying for admission as a WRGP student. Determination of residency is made by the institution at which you are enrolling. Residents

of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming are eligible to apply to participating programs and request the WRGP tuition rate.

Can I enroll through WRGP as a part-time student?

Yes. Part-time students are eligible to participate in WRGP.

How are new programs added to WRGP?

WICHE welcomes programs interested in participating in WRGP to submit their nomination. New programs are admitted to the network every two years. Department heads or graduate deans of programs interested in participating should contact the WICHE Student Exchange Program office at info-sep@wiche.edu. For more details see the last page of this handout.

OTHER WICHE STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)

The Western Undergraduate Exchange provides an opportunity for residents of participating Western states to enroll in designated public undergraduate programs in other participating WICHE states at resident tuition plus 50 percent, an amount considerably less than regular nonresident tuition.

For more information, visit www.wiche.edu/WUE.

Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)

The Professional Student Exchange Program allows students with to enroll in out-of-state professional programs in 10 healthcare fields and pay reduced tuition. The fields are dentistry, medicine, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.

For more information, visit www.wiche.edu/PSEP.

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For general questions, please contact us at (303) 541-0270 or info-sep@wiche.edu.

PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS (BY FIELD)

★ = NEW PROGRAM 📄 = ONLINE PROGRAM

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture - Integrated Resource Management, MAg, Colorado State University

Food Science, MS and PhD, Washington State University

Food Safety and Quality, MFSQ, Utah State University 📄

Horticulture/Water Efficient Landscaping, MS, Utah State University

Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences, MS and PhD, University of Hawaii at Manoa



Northern Studies (Interdisciplinary), MA, University of Alaska Fairbanks 📄

Pacific Islands Studies, MA, University of Hawaii, Manoa ★

Rural Development, MA, University of Alaska Fairbanks 📄

BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Laboratory, MS and PhD, Colorado State University

Biological Sciences, PhD and DA, Idaho State University

Biomedical Science: Biotechnology and Stem Cell Science, PSM, San Francisco State University ★

Biomedical Sciences/Tropical Medicine, MS and PhD, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Biostatistics, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Denver

Cancer Biology (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona

Computational Bioscience, PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz ★

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, PhD, University of Arizona

Entomology, Tropical, MS and PhD, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Genetics (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona

Human Physiology, PhD, University of Oregon

Immunology and Infectious Diseases, MS and PhD, Montana State University, Bozeman

Integrative Genomics, MS, Black Hills State University

Neuroscience (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona

Neuroscience (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Utah

Neuroscience (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, Washington State University

Physiological Sciences (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, University of Arizona

Primate Behavior, MS, Central Washington University

Raptor Biology, MS, Boise State University

Rehabilitation Science, PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz ★

Toxicology, MS and PhD, Utah State University

BUSINESS

Business Administration, MBA, Northern Arizona University

Global Supply Chain Management, MS, University of Alaska Anchorage

ARCHITECTURE

Community Planning, GRAD CERT, Northern Arizona University 📄

Urban Design, MUD, University of Colorado Denver ★

Design and Planning, PhD, University of Colorado Denver

Urban and Regional Planning, MA and PhD, University of Hawaii at Manoa

AREA, ETHNIC, CULTURAL, AND GENDER STUDIES

American Studies (Interdisciplinary), MA and PhD, University of New Mexico

American Studies (Interdisciplinary), MA and PhD, Washington State University

Gender and Women's Studies, MA/JD, University of Arizona

Gender and Women's Studies, PhD, University of Arizona

Latin American Studies, MA, PhD/MBA or MS, University of New Mexico



"When I learned I was accepted at Central Washington University, I was overwhelmed at the thought of nonresident graduate tuition. I was ecstatic to learn that I could enroll through WICHE's WRGP and pay resident tuition. I'm thrilled to be a part of CWU's Primate Behavior program that prepares future primatologists for scientific studies in captive or fieldwork settings. I spent last summer in Indonesia conducting research on gibbon vocalizations and pair-bonding behaviors. Thanks to WICHE, I can enjoy my graduate studies without having to stress over alarming nonresident tuition costs."

*— Grace, California resident,
Primate Behavior, Central Washington University*

Hotel Administration, MS, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Human Resource Management, MS, Utah State University
Management Information Systems, MS/MIS,
University of Nevada Las Vegas

COMMUNICATION, JOURNALISM, AND TECHNOLOGY

Communication and Information Sciences (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Hawaii, Manoa ★
Communication Studies, MA,
University of Montana, Missoula
English (Professional Writing Emphasis), MA,
Northern Arizona University ★ 📖
Public Communication and Technology, PhD,
Colorado State University
Technical Communication, MS, Colorado State University

COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES

Geographic Information Systems, M Eng.,
University of Colorado Denver
Human Language Technology (Interdisciplinary), MS,
University of Arizona
Media Arts and Computer Science, MA and MS,
New Mexico Highlands University

EDUCATION

Chemical Education, MS and PhD,
University of Northern Colorado ★
Chemistry Education, MS,
South Dakota State University ★ 📖
Deaf Education, MS, Idaho State University
Early Childhood Special Education, MA,
University of Alaska Anchorage 📖
Education, MA, Valley City State University 📖
Education-Visually Impaired Learner, MS,
Portland State University 📖
Education and Human Resource Studies (Interdisciplinary), PhD, Colorado State University

Educational Linguistics, PhD, University of New Mexico
Educational Technology, PhD,
University of Northern Colorado

Higher Education Administration & Leadership,
MA and GRAD CERT, Adams State College 📖

Human Relations, MEd, Northern Arizona University 📖

Special Education-Low Prevalence Disabilities,
MA and EdD, University of Northern Colorado

Teaching and Teacher Education, PhD,
University of Arizona

Teaching Mathematics, MA, Northern Arizona University 📖

ENGINEERING

Aerospace Engineering Sciences, MS, ME, and PhD,
University of Colorado Boulder

Chemical Engineering, ME, MS, and PhD, University of Utah

Civil Engineering (Developing Communities), MS/PhD,
University of Colorado Boulder

Engineering (concentration in Energy Systems), MS,
San Francisco State University ★

Engineering Systems, MS, MEng, and PhD,
Colorado School of Mines

Environmental Science and Engineering, MS and PhD,
Colorado School of Mines

Environmental Sustainability Engineering,
MS and PhD, University of Colorado Denver

Geological Engineering, MS, ME, and PhD,
Colorado School of Mines

Geoscience, MS, (*options in Geology, Geochemistry, Geological Engineering, Geophysical Engineering, Hydrogeology, and Hydrogeological Engineering*)
Montana Tech of The University of Montana

Industrial and Systems Engineering, MS,
Colorado State University, Pueblo

Materials Engineering and Science,
MS and PhD, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Materials Science and Engineering,
MS and PhD, Arizona State University

Metallurgical/Mineral Processing Engineering,
MS, Montana Tech of The University of Montana

Mining and Earth Systems Engineering (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD,
Colorado School of Mines

Petroleum Engineering, MS and PhD,
Colorado School of Mines

Robotics & Intelligent Autonomous Systems, MS,
South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

ENGINEERING: APPLIED SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES

Construction Management, MS, Colorado State University

Manufacturing Engineering and Management, MS/MBA,
New Mexico State University

Telecommunications, ME/MBA,
University of Colorado Boulder

ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

Creative Writing, MFA, Eastern Washington University

English-Rhetoric and Composition Studies, MA and PhD,
Washington State University

English, MA and PhD, Idaho State University

English/Emphasis in Creative Writing, PhD,
University of Utah

**Rhetoric and Professional Communication
(Interdisciplinary)**, PhD, New Mexico State University

Technical Communication, MSTC,
Montana Tech of The University of Montana

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Family Ecology, MS, University of Utah

Gerontology, MA, University of Northern Colorado

Gerontology (Interdisciplinary), MS, University of Utah

FOREIGN LANGUAGES, LITERATURE AND LINGUISTICS

Anthropology-Linguistics, PhD, University of Arizona

East Asian Languages, MA, University of Colorado Boulder

East Asian Languages and Literatures, MA and PhD,
University of Hawaii at Manoa

German Studies, MA/MBA, University of Colorado Boulder

Linguistics, MA and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder

Native American Languages and Linguistics, MA,
University of Arizona

**Second Language Acquisition and Teaching
(Interdisciplinary)**, PhD, University of Arizona



Second Language Acquisition, PhD,

Second Language Teaching, MSLT, Utah State University ★

Spanish, MS, New Mexico State University 📖

HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCE

AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY

Audiology, AuD, University of Colorado Boulder

Audiology, PhD, University of Northern Colorado

Audiology, PhD, Idaho State University

Audiology, AuD, University of Utah

Audiology, AuD, Utah State University

Audiology, AuD, University of Washington

Communication Disorders, MS,
Eastern Washington University ★

Speech-Language Pathology, MA,
University of Colorado Boulder

Speech-Language Pathology, MA,
University of Northern Colorado

Speech-Language Pathology, MS,
Idaho State University 📖

Speech-Language Pathology, PhD, University of Utah

NURSING

Adult Health Nursing, DNP-AHN,
New Mexico State University

Clinical Nursing Informatics, MS, University of Utah

**Innovation in Leadership and Administration (i LEAD) in
Nursing**, MS and GRAD CERT, University of Colorado Denver,
Anschutz ★ 📖

Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, DNP, University of Utah

Nurse Midwifery, MS, University of Utah

Nursing-Health Care Informatics, MS,
University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz 📖

Nursing, MSN, California State University, Stanislaus ★

Nursing, MS, Northern Arizona University 📖



"I live in a critical access area in Southern Colorado with a great need for primary care providers. Thanks to WRGP, I'm able to study at a top-notch program that will prepare me to ease this burden in my home state. When I first applied, there were very few DNP programs in the country, and when I couldn't get into my home state program I wasn't sure how I'd afford out-of-state tuition, making pursuit of my dream much more difficult. I am very thankful for WRGP and the opportunity to learn at the University of Arizona."

*— Christina, Colorado resident, Class of 2014, University of Arizona - Tucson,
Doctorate of Nursing Practice - Family Nurse Practitioner*

Nursing, MS, University of Arizona
Nursing, PhD, University of Arizona
Nursing, PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Nursing, PhD, University of North Dakota
Nursing, PhD, University of Utah
Nursing Administration, MSN, New Mexico State University
Nursing-Border Health Issues and Disparities, PhD, New Mexico State University
Nursing Practice, DNP, University of Arizona
Nursing Practice, DNP, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Nursing Practice, DNP, Oregon Health Science University 📖
Nursing Science, MS, University of Alaska, Anchorage 📖
Nursing Science, PhD, Oregon Health and Science University
Outreach Nurse Practitioner, MS, University of Utah
Pediatric Nurse Leadership, MS, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Public/Community Health Nursing, DNP-P/CHN, New Mexico State University
Rural Health Nursing, MS, University of Wyoming
Teaching Nursing, MS, University of Utah
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner, MS, University of Utah

PUBLIC HEALTH

Community Health Education, MPH, New Mexico State University 📖
Epidemiology, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Health Services Research, PhD, University of Colorado Denver
Public Health, MPH and DrPH, University of Arizona
Public Health, DrPH, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Public Health, MPH, jointly offered by Colorado State University, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz, and the University of Northern Colorado
Public Health (with foci in Global Health Studies and Public Health Sciences), GRAD CERT, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Public Health, MPH, University of Nevada Reno
Public Health, MPH, University of Washington

OTHER HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS

Biomedical Informatics, MS and PhD, University of Utah
Clinical Laboratory Science, MS, Idaho State University
Health Administration, MHA, Montana State University Billings ★ 📖
Interdisciplinary Health Policy, GRAD CERT, Northern Arizona University ★



"I will soon graduate from the Master's of Science in Human Resources program at Utah State University. WICHE's WRGP has allowed me to enroll in this excellent program; without it, I would not have been able to leave Oregon and attend USU because of financial restrictions. I am thankful that Oregon and Utah participate in WRGP, as it has allowed me to further my knowledge and education. Thank you for this wonderful opportunity and experience!"

— Cari, Oregon resident,
Eastern Washington University, Master's in Dental Hygiene

Medical Laboratory Science, MS, University of North Dakota 📖
Dental Hygiene, MS, Eastern Washington University 📖
Environmental Health Sciences, MS and PhD, Colorado State University
Health and Policy Administration, MHPA, Washington State University, Spokane
Health Informatics, MS, Dakota State University 📖
Human Rehabilitation, PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Nutrition (Interdisciplinary), PhD, Washington State University
Occupational Therapy, OTD, University of Utah 📖
Radiological Health Sciences, MS and PhD, Colorado State University
Rehabilitation Counseling with the Deaf, MS, Western Oregon University

HISTORY

American Studies/Historic Preservation (Interdisciplinary), MA, University of Wyoming
Historic Preservation (Interdisciplinary), MS, University of Oregon
History, DA, University of North Dakota
Public History, MA and PhD, Arizona State University
Public History, MA and PhD, Washington State University

MATHEMATICS

Educational Mathematics, PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Mathematics, DA, Idaho State University
Mathematics/Math Ed Option, MS, Montana State University, Bozeman

NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Arid Lands Resource Sciences (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona
Climate Science and Solutions, PSM, Northern Arizona University

Coastal and Watershed Science and Policy, MS,

California State University, Monterey Bay ★

Ecology of the Northern Great Plains, PhD,

University of North Dakota

Environment and Natural Resources,

Dual Masters, University of Wyoming

Environmental Sciences and Policy, MS,

Northern Arizona University

Environmental Sciences and Resources,

MEM, MS, and PhD, Portland State University

Environmental Studies (Interdisciplinary),

MS/MBA, University of Colorado Boulder

Forestry, MF, Northern Arizona University

Land Rehabilitation, MS,

Montana State University, Bozeman

Mineral Economics, MS and PhD,

Colorado School of Mines

Natural Resources, MS, Humboldt State University ★

Natural Resources and Environmental Management,

MS and PhD, University of Hawaii at Manoa

Natural Resources Conflict Resolution,

GRAD CERT, University of Montana, Missoula

Resource Management (Interdisciplinary), MS,

Central Washington University

Waste Management and Environmental Science, MS,

Idaho State University

Watershed Science (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD,

Utah State University

PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM; LEISURE, AND FITNESS STUDIES

Athletic Training, MS, Montana State University, Billings

Parks, Recreation and Tourism, MS, PhD, and EdD,

University of Utah

Recreation and Tourism, MS,

California State University, East Bay 📄

Sports and Exercise Science, MA and PhD,

University of Northern Colorado

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Philosophy-Asian and Comparative, MA and PhD,

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Philosophy, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Applied Chemistry, MS and PhD, Colorado School of Mines

Applied Environmental Geoscience, PSM,

Utah State University

Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences, MS and PhD,

University of Colorado Boulder

Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (Interdisciplinary),

MS and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder

Atmospheric Sciences, MS and PhD, University of Arizona

Atmospheric Sciences, MS,

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Biometeorology, MS and PhD, Utah State University

Chemical Physics, PhD, University of Nevada, Reno

Chemistry, MS and PhD,

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

Earth Sciences, MS, University of Northern Colorado

Geochemistry, MS, PSM, and PhD, Colorado School of Mines

Hydrologic Sciences, MS and PhD, University of Nevada, Reno

Hydrology (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD,

Colorado School of Mines

Infrared Astrophysics, MS and PhD, University of Wyoming

Nanoscience, PSM, Arizona State University

Nanoscience and Nanoengineering, PhD,

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Oceanography (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD,

University of Hawaii at Manoa

Optical Science and Engineering, MA and PhD,

University of New Mexico

Optical Sciences, MS and PhD,

University of Arizona

Paleontology, MS,

South Dakota School of Mines and Technology

Physics (concentration in

Space Physics), MS,

New Mexico State University ★

Physics-General, MS and PhD,

University of Colorado Boulder

Physics, MS and PhD,

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

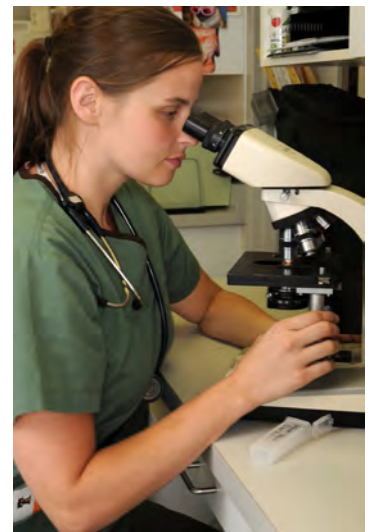
Polymers and Coatings

(Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD,

North Dakota State University

Quaternary Sciences (Interdisciplinary), MS,

Northern Arizona University



Upper Atmospheric Physics, MS and PhD,
Utah State University

Water Resources Administration, MWR,
University of New Mexico

PSYCHOLOGY AND MENTAL HEALTH

Applied Behavioral Analysis for Special Education,
MSSEd and GRAD CERT, Montana State University, Billings ★

Clinical-Community Psychology, joint PhD,
University of Alaska Anchorage/University of Alaska Fairbanks

Clinical Counseling (Couples/Family), MA,
University of Northern Colorado

Clinical Health Psychology, PhD,
University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz

Clinical Psychology, PhD, Idaho State University ★

Experimental Psychology, PhD, Idaho State University ★

Counseling Psychology, PhD, University of Northern Colorado

Counseling Psychology, PhD, University of North Dakota

Counselor Education and Supervision, PhD,
University of Northern Colorado

Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, MS,
University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz

Mental Health Counseling, MA/MS,
Southern Oregon University

Positive Behavior Support, GRAD CERT,
Northern Arizona University ★ 📖

Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, DNP-PMH,
New Mexico State University

Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, MS,
University of Utah

Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, MS,
Montana State University, Billings

School Psychology, PhD, University of Northern Colorado

Social Psychology (Interdisciplinary), PhD,
University of Nevada, Reno

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES

Administration, MA, Northern Arizona University 📖

Administration of Justice, MA,
University of Alaska Fairbanks 📖

Disability Policy and Practice, GRAD CERT,
Northern Arizona University

**Public Administration/Domestic Violence Program
Management and Public Policy**, MPA,
University of Colorado Denver 📖

**Public Administration/Nonprofit Organizations
Concentration**, MPA, University of Colorado Denver

Public Administration/Public Affairs, PhD,
University of Colorado Denver 📖

Public Administration, PhD, Arizona State University

Public Administration and Policy, PhD,
Portland State University

Public Policy, MPP, University of Utah

Social Work, MSW, University of Alaska, Anchorage

Social Work, MSW and PhD, Arizona State University

Social Work, PhD, University of Utah 📖

Social Work, MSW, University of Wyoming

Social Work/Rural and Changing Communities,
MSW, Colorado State University

Social Work/Rural Regional and Small Urban, MSW,
Eastern Washington University



SECURITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Executive Leadership Master of Criminal Justice Program,
ELMCJ, University of Colorado Denver

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Anthropology and Business, MA/MBA,
University of Colorado Boulder

Anthropology, MA, University of Colorado Denver

Applied Anthropology (*focus areas in Archaeology, Linguistic
Anthropology, and Sociocultural Anthropology*),
MA, Northern Arizona University ★

Applied Geography-Geospatial Science, MAG,
New Mexico State University 📖

Archaeology, MA and PhD, Washington State University

Criminal Justice, MCJ, New Mexico State University

Economic Development, DED, New Mexico State University

**Intercultural Youth and Family Development
(Interdisciplinary)**, MA, University of Montana, Missoula

International Affairs & Global Enterprise, MS,
University of Utah

Museum Studies, MA, San Francisco State University ★

Political Science-Environmental Politics and Policy, PhD,
Colorado State University

Political Science, DA, Idaho State University

Science and Technology Policy, PSM,
Arizona State University ★

Sociology-Urban and Community, MA and PhD,
University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Sustainable Communities, MA,
Northern Arizona University ★

Urban and Regional Planning, MURP, Portland State University
Urban Studies, MUS and PhD, Portland State University

VISUAL, PERFORMING ARTS, ART HISTORY

Art and Ecology, MFA, University of New Mexico ★

Art History-Art of the Americas (Interdisciplinary),
MA and PhD, University of New Mexico

Art History-Art of the Modern Age, MA and PhD,
University of New Mexico

Arts Administration, MFA,
Southern Utah University

**Ballet Teaching Choreography
and Research**, MFA,
University of Utah

Electronic Arts, MFA,
University of New Mexico ★

Modern Dance, MFA,
University of Utah

Multimedia Arts, MA,
California State University, East Bay

Music, DA,
University of Northern Colorado

Printmaking, MFA,
University of New Mexico

Studio Art/Art History, MFA/MBA,
University of Colorado Boulder

Theatre and Dance (Asian), MA, MFA, and PhD,
University of Hawaii at Manoa

Theatre and Dance, MA/MBA, University of Colorado Boulder

Theatre Arts, MA, University of North Dakota

Theatre, PhD, University of Colorado Boulder



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A Note to Graduate Programs and Graduate Studies Departments in the West

WRGP is a western regional tuition reciprocity agreement that helps departments build robust programs by diversifying their student enrollment and filling seats in distinct programs that might otherwise go unfilled. Students can enroll directly in the program through WRGP and are not dependent upon the approval of their home state to participate, because the student's home state does not provide funding for each individual student. This represents a tremendous opportunity for WICHE states to share distinctive programs (and the faculty who teach them) and build their workforce in a variety of disciplines, particularly healthcare.

To participate in WRGP, programs must agree to charge students no more than resident tuition. The receiving institution/department does not receive additional tuition support for WRGP students from the enrolling student's home state. To be eligible for WRGP, programs that aren't related to healthcare must be "distinctive," meaning they must be offered at no more than four institutions in the WICHE region (exclusive of California). Given the tremendous needs in the healthcare workforce, healthcare-related programs are not subject to the "distinctiveness" criteria, but must be of high quality. WICHE is particularly interested in Professional Science Masters (PSMs), healthcare fields not covered in PSEP, and graduate certificate programs in emerging fields.

If you know of a particular program that is interested in applying to participate in the WRGP network, have the program chair or graduate studies dean contact WICHE's director of Student Exchange Programs at 303.541.0214, so that we can assure direct notification when the next request for proposals is released, typically during the fall. Graduate deans, provosts, and chief academic officers at all public institutions and systems in the WICHE region will also be notified.

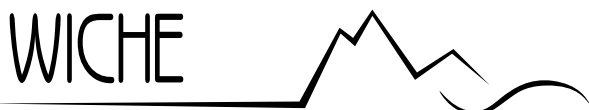
What administrators are saying about WRGP ...

"WRGP has allowed us to successfully recruit some of our best graduate students. These students are highly desired by research labs the cost of in-state tuition and fees is not as prohibitive as the out-of-state rate. WRGP helps students from states within the Western region compete for graduate slots and obtain advanced degrees more affordably."

*— Mark Quinn, Professor and Department Head,
Veterinary Molecular Biology, Montana State University*

"WRGP has helped CSU's Masters in Integrated Resource Management recruit and retain students of diverse backgrounds with strong credentials. Every week, I field inquiries from prospective students and quite often, WRGP makes our program financially feasible for them. What's more, the diversity that WRGP has added to our student cohort has been extremely valuable; thus far, two Native American students have enrolled through WRGP. All of our WRGP students have contributed greatly to classroom discussions and group projects, lending perspectives not represented by other students."

*— R. Kraig Peel, Director,
Western Center for Integrated Resource Management,
Colorado State University*



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