WYOMING *Partnering with WICHE* ***since 1953***

WICHE
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

2022–23 ACADEMIC YEAR

$9.4M
TOTAL SAVED
by Wyoming students in AY 2022 through WICHE Student Access Programs

$5.82M SAVED through WUE AY 2022

$1.54M SAVED through WRGP AY 2022

$2.04M SAVED through PSEP AY 2022

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

WUE

Saves UNDERGRADUATE students on out-of-state tuition. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top out-of-state WUE schools for Wyoming undergraduate students:

- **Black Hills State University (266)**
- **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (71)**
- **Valley City State University (60)**

Top Wyoming WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- **Laramie County Community College (387)**
- **Casper College (251)**
- **Sheridan College (179)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM

WRGP

Saves students on out-of-state GRADUATE certificate, master's, and doctoral programs. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for Wyoming graduate students:

- **University of Colorado Denver (19)**
- **University of Utah (11)**
- **University of South Dakota (11)**

Top Wyoming WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- **University of Wyoming (6)**

PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

PSEP

Helps students pursuing careers in 10 HEALTH FIELDS. They can enroll in programs in the WICHE region and receive substantial tuition support from their home state/territory.

80 Wyoming students paid reduced tuition for healthcare studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

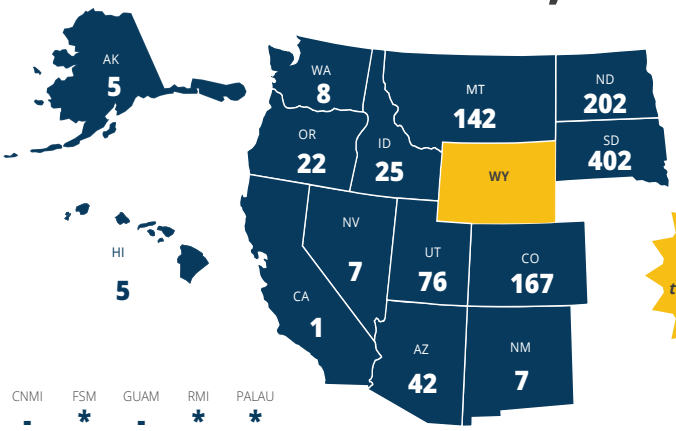
55% of Wyoming's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-16 for physicians, 2012–21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return, except for those studying veterinary medicine.

The University of Wyoming and the local economy can benefit from PSEP. Its doctor of pharmacy program can enroll students from other WICHE states. Enrolling institutions receive a support fee paid by the students' home states to reduce their tuition costs.

427% ROI gained on Wyoming's WICHE membership dues ($159,000/FY 2023)

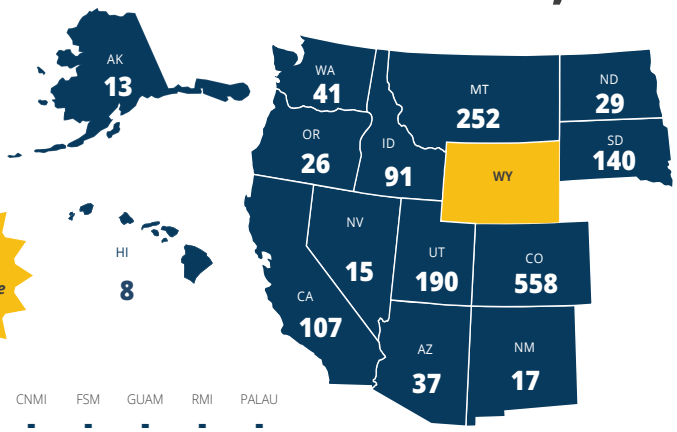
WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** WYOMING: 1,111



1,524 WUE students chose to attend college in Wyoming

WUE STUDENTS **TO** WYOMING: 1,524



* *Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.*

WRGP

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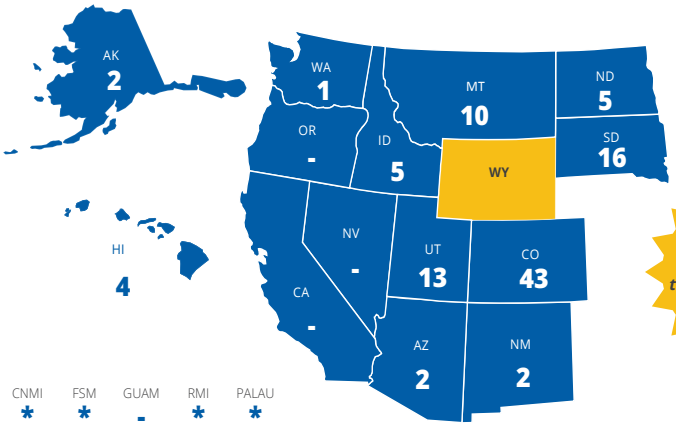
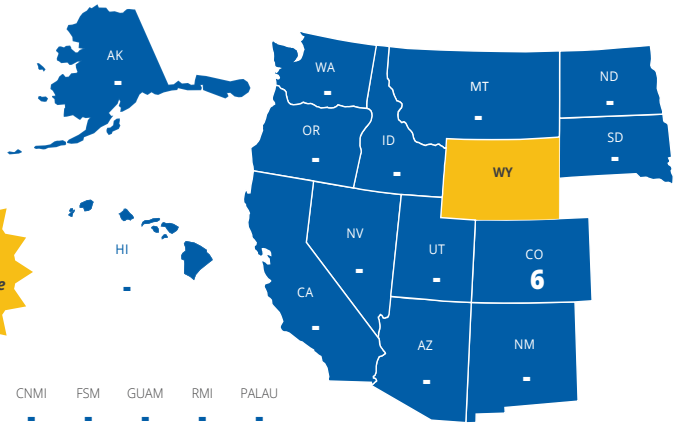


6 WRGP students chose to attend college in Wyoming

WRGP STUDENTS **TO** WYOMING: 6



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PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS ENROLLED	SUPPORT FEES PAID
Dentistry	3	$85,875
Medicine	10	$341,750
Occupational Therapy	8	$94,841
Optometry	6	$118,200
Osteopathic Medicine	4	$98,000
Physician Assistant	2	$39,050
Physical Therapy	19	$313,500
Podiatry	0	$0
Veterinary Medicine	28	$949,200
TOTAL	**80**	**$2,040,416**

PSEP students from Wyoming saved $2,040,416 in tuition ↗

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

"I am so thankful to Wyoming and WICHE for the support to complete my Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT) degree. Professional healthcare education is a huge financial burden, but PSEP has significantly reduced my student debt. Upon graduation, I will help the citizens of Wyoming live an active and healthy life through exercise and physical activity."

KEVIN Wyoming resident, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions

Regional collaboration

WICHE brings together senior academic leaders to foster dialogue about issues facing individual institutions through its leadership and professional development networks.

WESTERN ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC LEADERS – 2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- Eastern Wyoming College
- Laramie County Community College
- Western Wyoming Community College

Kari Brown-Herbst, Laramie County Community College, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- University of Wyoming

Kevin Carman, University of Wyoming, serves on the Forum executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY is a year-long professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region. Six cohort members from Wyoming institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

NO HOLDING BACK Laramie County Community College is one of 12 WICHE institutions participating in a community of practice in which institutions are analyzing data and revising policies related to transcript and student holds in 2022-23.

INTERSTATE PASSPORT® is a national network of institutions that simplifies the transfer process, as well as saves students time and money as they successfully complete their degree. Network members include Casper College, Laramie County Community College, University of Wyoming, and Western Wyoming Community College. We attended the state articulation summit in which all institutions participated.

COSTS-SAVINGS PROGRAMS Thanks to collaboration with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), one of four U.S. regional higher education compacts, WICHE-region educational institutions, nonprofits, and public education entities can benefit from three programs: MHECtech, which provides competitively bid purchasing contracts for an array of hardware, software, and technology services; MHECare, which provides a student health insurance plan and teletherapy services; and a MHEC Cyber Insurance Program, which offers risk transfer and advisory solutions.

Wyoming participates in the **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)** through WICHE. This voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education. WICHE Commissioners have been strong advocates for protecting the state voice in important governance decisions affecting this agreement and staff continue to support participating states and improving student protections while bolstering access.

Optimal behavioral healthcare

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) co-administers the **MOUNTAIN PLAINS MENTAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER (MP-MHTTC)**. The MP-MHTTC provides comprehensive training, resources, and technical assistance to mental health providers and other practitioners in the SAMHSA Region 8. Region 8 is comprised of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

In October 2022, WICHE BHP was awarded a multiyear grant from SAMHSA to establish the **MOUNTAIN PLAINS RURAL OPIOID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (MP ROTAC)**. The MP ROTAC develops and disseminates resources, training, and technical assistance that focuses on opioid and stimulant misuse in rural areas throughout SAMHSA's Region 8.

Sound public policy

KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR is the leading U.S. resource for projections of college-ready students. *Knocking*, which includes a quadrennial publication with additional analysis, is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit knocking.wiche.edu to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

DATA RESOURCES WICHE offers curated data and policy resources to support better-informed decision-making. WICHE's research projects and collaborations cover postsecondary completion, health workforce development, behavioral health in postsecondary education, open educational resources (OER), state finance, prior learning assessment, and more.

- ***Tuition and Fees in the West*** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ***Benchmarks: WICHE Region*** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's ***Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West***.

STATE PROJECTS WICHE is providing project management support through the Wyoming Community College Commission for the Wyoming Innovation Partnership. This ambitious statewide effort aims to modernize and develop a resilient state workforce and economy. WICHE also previously completed a needs assessment to assist the Commission in determining the need for an independent community college district.

Innovative solutions

WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES is the leader in the practice, policy, and advocacy of technology-enhanced learning in higher education. Its growing membership includes institutions, higher education agencies and systems, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and corporations in all U.S. states and several Canadian provinces. WCET members include:

- Casper College
- Central Wyoming College
- Eastern Wyoming College
- Laramie County Community College
- Northwest College
- University of Wyoming
- Western Wyoming Community College

STATE AUTHORIZATION NETWORK (SAN) helps guide institutions through state regulations around online courses and programs. SAN members include:

- Casper College
- Central Wyoming College
- Eastern Wyoming College
- Laramie County Community College
- Northern Wyoming Community College District
- Northwest College
- University of Wyoming
- Western Wyoming Community College

WICHE has convened the **OERWEST NETWORK**, which is part of a nationwide collaborative to scale the development and adoption of free course materials. Open educational resources (OER) have shown promise in improving student outcomes, particularly for poverty-affected students, for whom the high cost of textbooks can be a barrier to postsecondary success.

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