

## 2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR

**\$16.87M**  
**TOTAL SAVED**

by Alaska students  
in AY 2022 through WICHE  
Student Access Programs

**\$16.02M**  
**SAVED**  
through WUE  
AY 2022

**\$800,545**  
**SAVED**  
through WRGP  
AY 2022

**\$45,125**  
**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 Alaska undergraduate students:

- Northern Arizona University (176)
- Montana State University Bozeman (111)
- Washington State University (64)

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

- University of Alaska Fairbanks (231)
- University of Alaska Anchorage (141)
- University of Alaska Southeast (58)

## 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 Alaska graduate students:

- University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (10)
- University of Idaho (8)
- University of Colorado Denver (5)

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

- University of Alaska Anchorage (43)
- University of Alaska Southeast (4)
- University of Alaska Fairbanks (2)

## 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.

**2 Alaska students paid reduced tuition** for healthcare studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

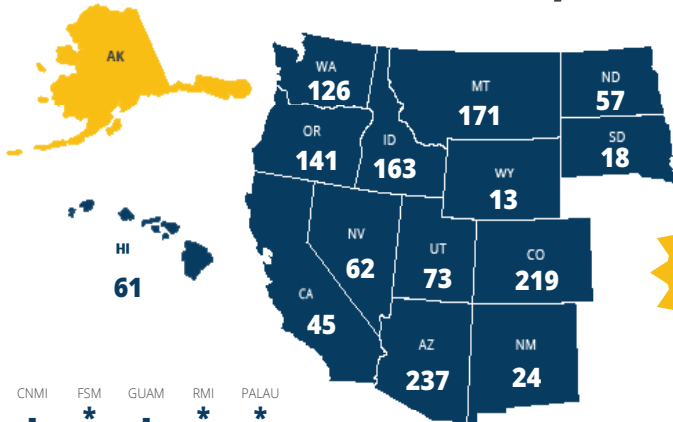
**72% of Alaska's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012–21). Students are not contractually required to return.

*Alaska does not have any PSEP enrolling institutions.*

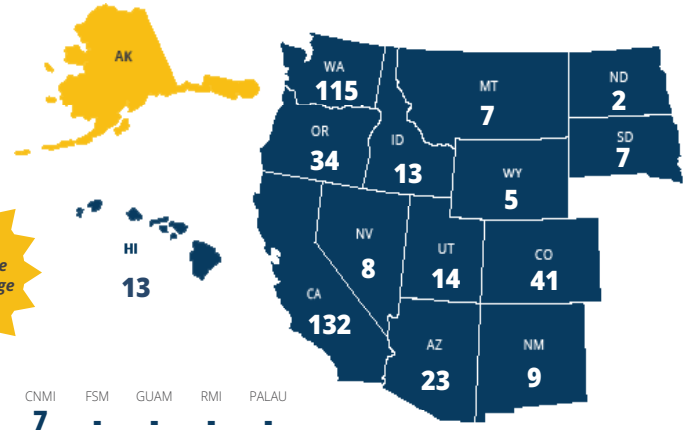
# 8,263% ROI gained on Alaska's WICHE membership dues (\$159,000/FY 2023)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** ALASKA: **1,410**



WUE STUDENTS **TO** ALASKA: **430**



430 WUE students chose to attend college in Alaska

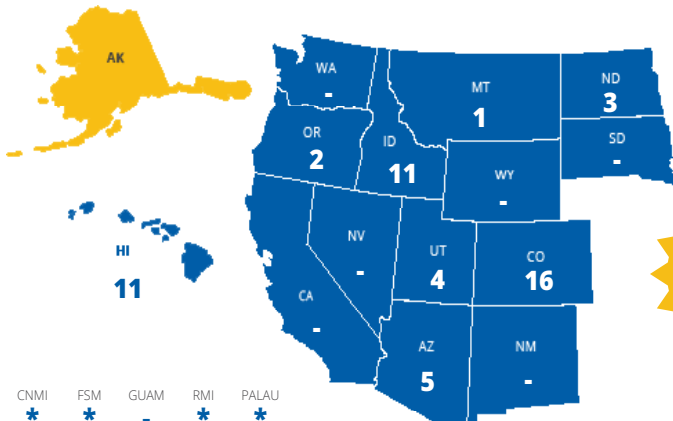
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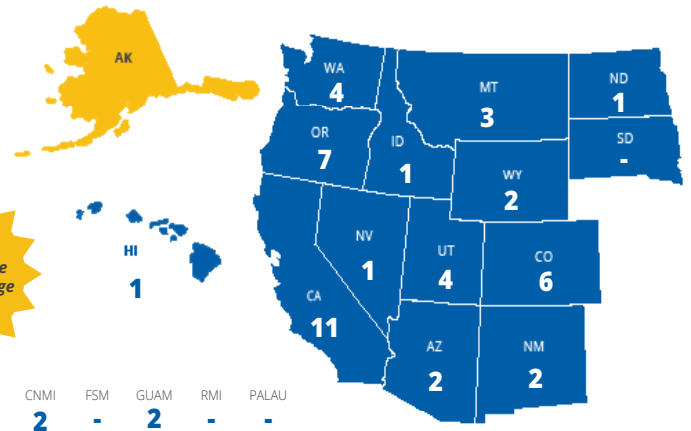
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** ALASKA: **53**



WRGP STUDENTS **TO** ALASKA: **49**



49 WRGP students chose to attend college in Alaska

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## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS ENROLLED	SUPPORT FEES PAID
Dentistry	1	\$28,625
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Optometry	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$16,500
Podiatry	0	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$45,125</b>

*PSEP students from Alaska saved \$45,125 in tuition ↗*

## Regional collaboration



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

### WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- University of Alaska Southeast
- University of Alaska System

Denise Runge, University of Alaska, is a member of 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. Eight cohort members from Alaska institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

**NO HOLDING BACK** The University of Alaska Southeast 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 University of Alaska Anchorage, University of Alaska Southeast, and University of Alaska Fairbanks.

**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.

Alaska participates in the **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCALITY 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) contracts with the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services (DHSS), Division of Behavioral Health, and the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, to support the **ALASKA PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM (AK-PIC)** to complete the training of students enrolled at the University of Alaska's Ph.D. program in Clinical-Community Psychology, as well as other psychology doctoral students who wish to train and work in Alaska.

WICHE BHP, in collaboration with the Center for Alaska Native Health Research (CANHR) and the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium (ANTHC), was awarded a **NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH (NIH)** research grant. This project will evaluate the behavioral health aid program focusing on efficacy, implementation, and best practices. As behavioral health workforce issues continue to grow in tribal areas, this research has the potential to significantly influence the development of new programs across the West.

**TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV) – RURAL VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM** is a national program that enlists rural Veterans and local partners to join forces to reduce Veteran suicide in their own communities. Funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and administered by the WICHE BHP, TWV provides communities with individualized coaching, tools, training, technical assistance, and resources to implement the program in their own communities. The BHP supports 35 rural communities as far east as New Hampshire and as far west as Guam, and of those, supports 11 rural communities in the WICHE region. The TWV program has one site in Juneau, Alaska, and has served nearly 500 rural veterans from that area.

## 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](http://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**.

## 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:

- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alaska Fairbanks

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

- University of Alaska Anchorage

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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