NEW MEXICO Partnering with WICHE since 1953

2022–23 ACADEMIC YEAR

$13.16M TOTAL SAVED by New Mexico students in AY 2022 through WICHE Student Access Programs

$9.27M SAVED through WUE AY 2022

$2.01M SAVED through WRGP AY 2022

$1.89M 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 New Mexico undergraduate students:
- Northern Arizona University (231)
- Colorado State University (124)
- University of Colorado Denver (48)

Top New Mexico WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:
- University of New Mexico (369)
- New Mexico State University (181)
- Eastern New Mexico University (152)

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 New Mexico graduate students:
- University of Colorado Denver (23)
- University of Arizona (16)
- University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (13)

Top New Mexico WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:
- New Mexico Highlands University (46)
- University of New Mexico (16)
- New Mexico State University (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.

61 New Mexico students paid reduced tuition for healthcare studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

94% of New Mexico’s PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012–21). Students are contractually required to return.

New Mexico institutions and their local economies benefit, too. This year, 1 PSEP student enrolled in a program located in New Mexico. The institution received $14,975 in support fees to reduce the student’s tuition costs.
643% ROI gained on New Mexico’s WICHE membership dues ($159,000/FY 2023)

**WUE**

WUE STUDENTS FROM NEW MEXICO: 924

WUE STUDENTS TO NEW MEXICO: 867

* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**WRGP**

WRGP STUDENTS FROM NEW MEXICO: 124

WRGP STUDENTS TO NEW MEXICO: 71

* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

**PSEP**

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PSEP students from New Mexico saved $1,888,150 in tuition.

**WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING**

“PSEP removed some of the financial burden of veterinary school. I feel valued, affirmed, and supported as I pursue my personal career goals. It strengthens me to know that while there are struggles in this rigorous professional program, others are rooting for me and counting on me to return to New Mexico to practice.”

SHAEFER
New Mexico resident, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Colorado State University
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

- New Mexico Military Institute
- New Mexico State University Alamogordo
- San Juan College

Orlando Griego, New Mexico Military Institute, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- Eastern New Mexico University
- New Mexico Highlands University
- New Mexico State University
- Northern New Mexico College
- University of New Mexico
- Western New Mexico University

James Holloway, University of New Mexico, 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 New Mexico institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

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:

- New Mexico State University
- San Juan College
- Doña Ana Community College
- New Mexico Highlands University

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.

New Mexico 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) works with partner agencies to develop a broad and culturally relevant training program to support the preparation and retention of doctoral-level psychologists through the NEW MEXICO PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM (NM-PIC). BHP facilitates the program’s development, ensures it meets American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation standards, and assists in the accreditation process. The NM-PIC is currently working with its second cohort of interns.

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 US 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 a recently established site in Taos, New Mexico, which to date has served approximately 65 rural veterans.
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*

**DATA EXPERTS** WICHE staff provide analysis on finance, financial aid, articulation and transfer, strategic planning, student demographics, and more, as well as host peer-to-peer calls of state, system, and institutional chief academic officers to identify areas of potential collaboration and resource sharing across 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:

- Eastern New Mexico University
- Navajo Technical University
- New Mexico State University
- Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
- University of New Mexico
- Western New Mexico University

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

- New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- NMSU Alamogordo Community College
- NMSU Carlsbad Community College
- NMSU Doña Ana Community College
- NMSU Grants 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.