

2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$45.33M
TOTAL SAVED

by Colorado students
in AY 2022 through WICHE
Student Access Programs

\$42.12M
SAVED
through WUE
AY 2022

\$2.84M
SAVED
through WRGP
AY 2022

\$374,300
SAVED
through PSEP
AY 2022

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



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 Colorado undergraduate students:

- ▶ Northern Arizona University (560)
- ▶ Montana State University Bozeman (402)
- ▶ Laramie County Community College (289)

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

- ▶ Colorado State University (2,286)
- ▶ Colorado Mesa University (625)
- ▶ University of Colorado Denver (441)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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 Colorado graduate students:

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (26)
- ▶ University of Utah (17)
- ▶ University of Idaho (15)

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

- ▶ University of Colorado Denver (418)
- ▶ University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (182)
- ▶ University of Northern Colorado (102)

PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



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.

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

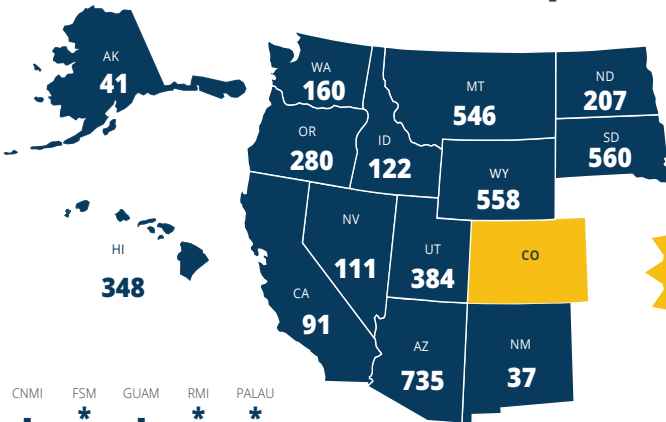
80% of Colorado's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

Colorado institutions and their local economies benefit, too. This year, 85 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Colorado. Institutions received \$2.65M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

8,500% ROI gained on Colorado's WICHE membership dues (\$159,000/FY 2023)

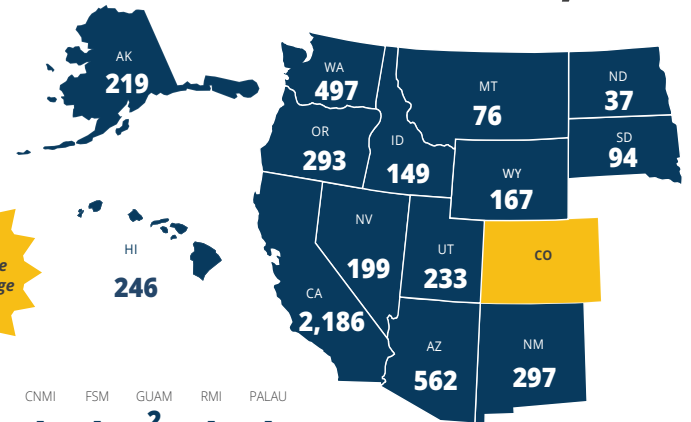
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM COLORADO: **4,180**



5,257 WUE students chose to attend college in Colorado

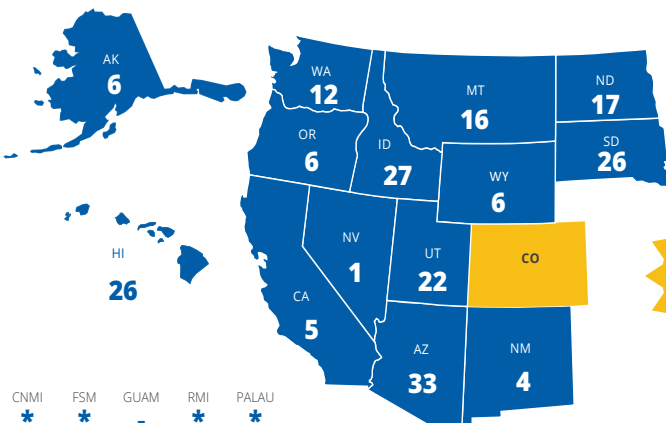
WUE STUDENTS TO COLORADO: **5,257**



* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

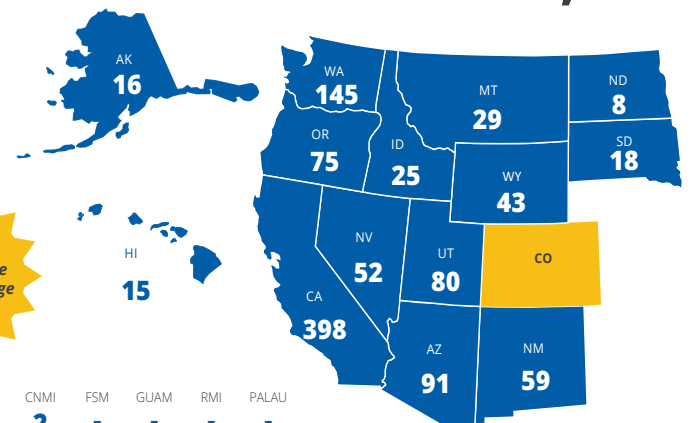
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM COLORADO: **207**



1,056 WRGP students chose to attend college in Colorado

WRGP STUDENTS TO COLORADO: **1,056**



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PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS ENROLLED	SUPPORT FEES PAID
Optometry	19	\$374,300
TOTAL	19	\$374,300

PSEP students from Colorado saved \$374,300 in tuition ↗

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ WRGP has been a game changer! Growing up in poverty, surviving domestic violence, and living in shelters, I never dreamed I could get a high-quality education. Thanks to WRGP tuition savings, I can afford food and living expenses. I plan to provide patient care in the future. ”

JOSE California resident, Modern Human Anatomy, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

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

- ▶ Aims Community College
- ▶ Arapahoe Community College
- ▶ Colorado Community College System
- ▶ Colorado Northwestern Community College
- ▶ Community College of Aurora
- ▶ Community College of Denver
- ▶ Front Range Community College
- ▶ Lamar Community College
- ▶ Morgan Community College
- ▶ Northeastern Junior College
- ▶ Otero Junior College
- ▶ Pikes Peak Community College
- ▶ Pueblo Community College
- ▶ Red Rocks Community College
- ▶ Trinidad State College

Landon Pirus, Colorado Community College System, is a member of the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Metropolitan State University of Denver
- ▶ Colorado State University
- ▶ Colorado State University – Pueblo

Marie T. Mora, Metropolitan State University of Denver, 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. Eleven cohort members from Colorado institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

Landon Pirus, Colorado Community College System, serves as a primary faculty member for the Academy.

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. Adams State University is a Network member.

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.

Colorado 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) administers the **RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (RCORP)**, a multiyear initiative supported by the Health Resources & Services Administration to identify treatment barriers and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorders. In Colorado, the RCORP program supports three grantees across four sites: Memorial Hospital, San Luis Valley Area Health, and Gunnison County.

TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWW) – 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, TWW 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 TWW Program has two sites in Colorado, one in the San Luis Valley and one in Morgan County (Brush), serving more than 2,000 rural Veterans combined.

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**.

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. The University of Colorado System, Colorado Community College System, and 20 other institutions and organization are WCET members. For a complete list, visit wcet.wiche.edu/current-members.

Tina Parscal, Colorado Community College System, is immediate past-chair of the WCET Steering Committee and recent recipient of WCET's highest individual award.

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

- ▶ American Sentinel University
- ▶ Colorado School of Mines
- ▶ Colorado State University
- ▶ Community College of Denver
- ▶ Regis University
- ▶ University of Colorado Boulder
- ▶ University of Colorado Colorado Springs
- ▶ University of Colorado Denver
- ▶ University of Colorado System

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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