

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

\$25.6M

TOTAL SAVED

by Nevada students through WICHE Student Access Programs

\$23.4M

SAVED
through WUE

\$1.5M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$683,250

SAVED
through PSEP

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 Nevada WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of Nevada, Reno (2,958)**
- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1,587)**
- ▶ **Truckee Meadows Community College (128)**

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

- ▶ **Northern Arizona University (284)**
- ▶ **Southern Utah University (180)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (136)**

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 Nevada WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Nevada, Reno (5)**
- ▶ **Nevada State University (1)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (20)**
- ▶ **University of Arizona (12)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (10)**

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.

41 Nevada students paid reduced tuition for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

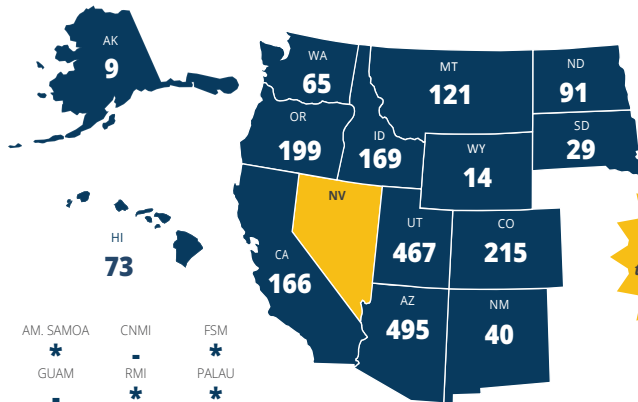
78% of Nevada's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

Nevada's institutions and their local economies benefit too. This year, 47 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Nevada. Institutions received \$888,300 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

3,017% ROI Gained on Nevada's WICHE annual dues (\$164,000/FY 2024)

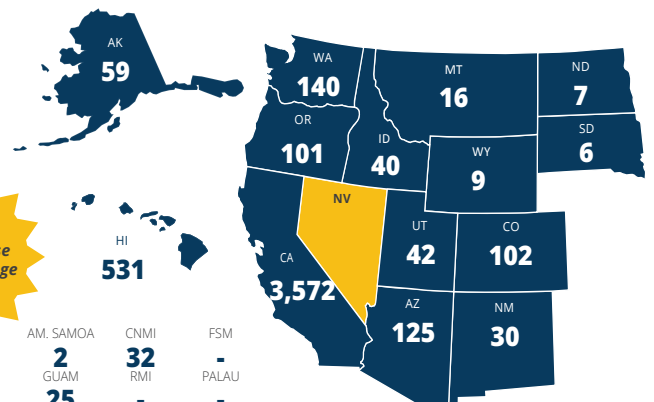
WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM NEVADA: **2,153**



4,839 WUE students chose to attend college in Nevada

WUE STUDENTS TO NEVADA: **4,839**



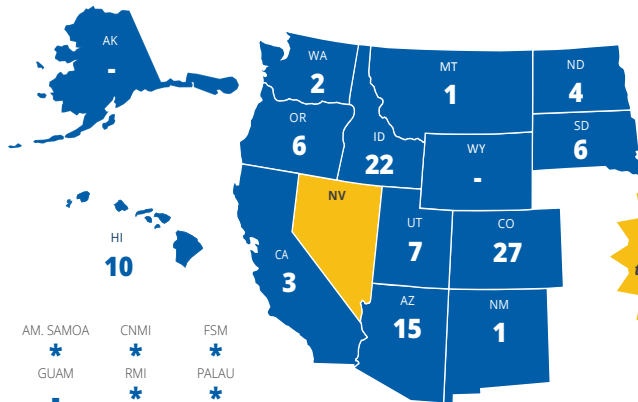
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* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

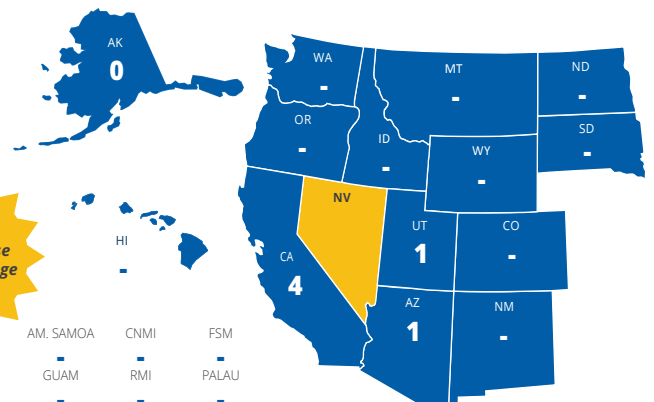
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM NEVADA: **104**



6 WRGP students chose to attend college in Nevada

WRGP STUDENTS TO NEVADA: **6**



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PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Occupational Therapy	8	\$71,400
Pharmacy	10	\$119,000
Physician Assistant	11	\$219,450
Physical Therapy	8	\$134,800
Veterinary Medicine	4	\$138,600
TOTAL	41	\$683,250

PSEP students from Nevada saved \$683,250 in tuition

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ College is expensive, especially if you attend an out-of-state school. WUE made it possible for me to attend my school and study diesel technology. Thank you so much! ”

LUIS, Nevada resident, Associate of Applied Science in Diesel Technology, Idaho 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

- ▶ Great Basin College
- ▶ Truckee Meadows Community College

Jeff Alexander, Truckee Meadows Community College, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Nevada State College
- ▶ Nevada System of Higher Education
- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno
- ▶ Western Nevada College

Kate Hausbeck-Korgan, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, serves on the Forum executive committee.

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

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.

Nevada 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.

WICHE ACADEMY FOR LEADERS IN THE HUMANITIES is a leadership development program for aspiring academic

leaders with a background in the humanities. The two-year fellowship consists of campus-based and external mentoring, a three-day in-person seminar, and an extended project. Laura Decker, Nevada State University, is participating in the 2023-25 cohort.

Optimal behavioral healthcare

WICHE Behavioral Health Program's (BHP) continues to support the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for the ongoing operations and accreditation of the **NEVADA PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM (NV-PIC)**, which aims to increase the number of psychologists in Nevada and build the state's behavioral health workforce.

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) administers the national **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 disorder, including opioid use and psychostimulant use disorders. In Nevada, the RCORP program supports two grantees: Community Chest and Nye Communities Coalition.

TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV) – RURAL VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM enlists rural Veterans and local partners to join forces to reduce Veteran suicide in their own community. 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 38 rural communities as far east as New Hampshire and as far west as Guam, and of those, supports 18 rural communities in the WICHE region. The TWV program has one relatively new program in Pahrump, Nevada, which to date has served more than 8,500 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.

STATE PROJECTS WICHE has provided technical assistance to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents for efforts to examine postsecondary education governance.

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:

- ▶ College of Southern Nevada
- ▶ Great Basin College
- ▶ Nevada State College
- ▶ Nevada System of Higher Education
- ▶ Truckee Meadows Community College
- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno
- ▶ Western Nevada College

Commissioner Fred Lokken serves on the WCET Executive Council.

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

- ▶ Great Basin College (GBC)
- ▶ Nevada State College
- ▶ Nevada System of Higher Education
- ▶ Roseman University of Health Sciences (Roseman)
- ▶ Truckee Meadows Community College (TMCC)
- ▶ University of Nevada - Las Vegas
- ▶ University of Nevada - Reno

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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