

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

**\$43.3M**

### TOTAL SAVED

by Oregon students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$40.6M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$2.7M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

## 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 Oregon WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **Oregon State University (3,112)**
- ▶ **Portland State University (781)**
- ▶ **Southern Oregon University (680)**

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (285)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (248)**
- ▶ **Boise State University, ID (213)**

## WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

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

- ▶ **Portland State University (66)**
- ▶ **Oregon Health & Science University (27)**
- ▶ **Oregon State University (19)**

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

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (20)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (18)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (12)**

## 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.

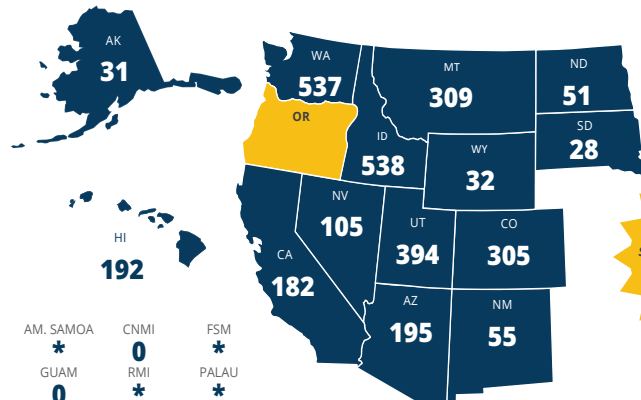
**Oregon doesn't use PSEP for its residents** because it operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.

However, **Oregon institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP**. This year, 74 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Oregon. Institutions received \$1.8M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

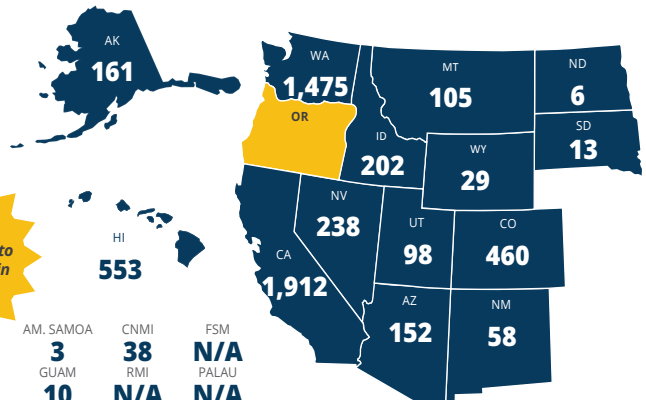
**25,639% ROI** gained on Oregon's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** OREGON: **2,954**



WUE STUDENTS **TO** OREGON: **5,513**

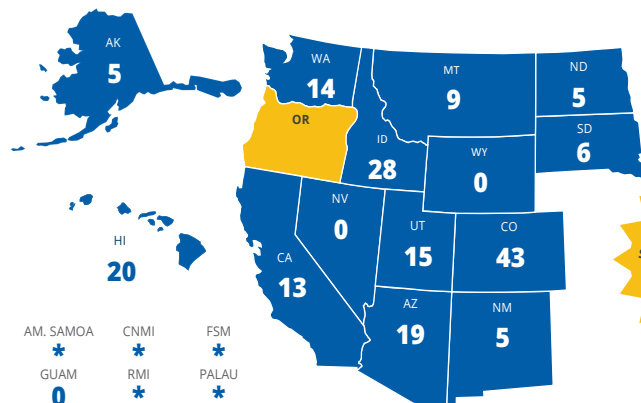


5,513 WUE students chose to attend college in Oregon

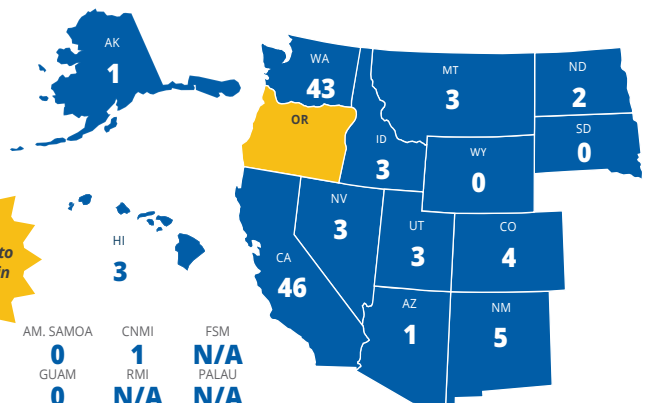
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** OREGON: **182**



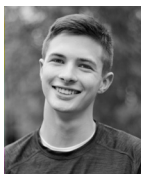
WRGP STUDENTS **TO** OREGON: **118**



118 WRGP students chose to attend college in Oregon

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## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ I would not have been able to attend my dream college without WUE. It alleviated my financial worries and allowed me to concentrate on what truly matters: my academics. I am incredibly grateful for the opportunities WUE has provided me. ”

**COLTON**, Washington resident, Biochemistry and Advanced Molecular Biology, Oregon 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**

- ▶ Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Donna Lewelling, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

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

- ▶ Portland State University
- ▶ Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission
- ▶ Eastern Oregon University
- ▶ Oregon Institute of Technology
- ▶ Western Oregon University
- ▶ Oregon State University

Veronica Dujon, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, 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 Oregon institutions have participated in the Academy since 2015. Veronica Dujon, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission serves as a primary faculty member for the Academy.

WICHE offers student health and technology contracts through a **COST-SAVINGS PROGRAM** with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) to colleges and universities, K-12 school districts, local and state municipalities, and nonprofit organizations with an education emphasis. Last year, entities that used these contracts saved 9% over what they otherwise would have outside this joint purchasing arrangement. The total savings in Oregon was \$5,434,475.

## Optimal behavioral health care

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) continues to assist the **OREGON STATE HOSPITAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM (OSH-PIP)** by providing support for the internship website.

**TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV) – RURAL VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM** enlists rural Veterans and local partners to reduce Veteran suicide in their own community. Funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and administered by the WICHE BHP, TWV provides individualized coaching, tools, training, technical assistance, and resources, supporting 16 total communities in the WICHE region, representing 11 Western states. The TWV Program supports Central Oregon in Deschutes County, which has served over 2,100 rural Veterans.

**RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (RCORP)** is a multiyear initiative supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to identify treatment barriers and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorder. In Oregon, the RCORP program supports five grantees.

## Sound public policy

Oregon 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.

Created by the WICHE Commission in 1995, the **LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)** works to strengthen state-level postsecondary policymaking across the West. Members are legislators appointed by each state, territory, or freely associated state in the WICHE region; they meet annually to explore emerging policy issues and develop strategies for interstate collaboration.

**KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of high school graduates. Released in December 2024, the newest edition is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit [wiche.edu/knocking](https://wiche.edu/knocking) to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

**CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS NETWORK** Staff from the Higher Education Coordinating Commission participate in regular collaborative calls with colleagues around the region.

**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.

**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 digital 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:

- ▶ Central Oregon Community College
- ▶ Chemeketa Community College
- ▶ Eastern Oregon University
- ▶ Lane Community College
- ▶ Oregon Institute of Technology
- ▶ Portland Community College
- ▶ Southern Oregon University
- ▶ University of Oregon

Karen Watté of Oregon State University and Heather Guevera of Portland Community College serve on the WCET Steering Committee. Lorraine Pai Schmitt, formerly of Portland Community College, serves on the WCET Executive Council.

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

- ▶ Oregon Institute of Technology
- ▶ Portland Community College
- ▶ Oregon State University
- ▶ Portland Community College
- ▶ Portland State University
- ▶ Southern Oregon University
- ▶ University of Oregon

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 students whom the high cost of textbooks can be a barrier to postsecondary success.

## Oregon Commissioners



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