



STUDENT ACCESS PROGRAMS

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# INTRODUCTION

Connecting students to professional education in order to address regional workforce needs is the initiative that formally established WICHE in 1953 and remains central to its mission. Ever faithful to the innovative spirit of the West, our region has changed, grown, and prospered in the nearly 75 years since. Yet, the need for a robust, nimble, and talented workforce remains. Students and their families continue pursuing education and training for meaningful, fulfilling work that enables them to flourish. Colleges and universities exist at the crossroads of research, training, and careers. They support economic growth within our communities. In these and many other ways, **WICHE's Student Access Programs (SAP)** are more relevant and valuable than ever. Consider the following:

- ▶ WICHE's Student Access Programs are a vital cost-savings option for **students** in the West. For academic year (AY) 2025–26, students saved **\$642 million** through the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), **\$46 million** through the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP), and **\$16 million** through the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP). Recent reports<sup>1</sup> show that resident tuition and fees in the region decreased by 0.6%, whereas nonresident tuition and fees in the region increased by 3%\*. Student access programs are not simply a tuition discount. Rather, because they directly link student costs to the resident tuition rate, they offer students in the region a rate that is both lower and more stable over time. And, with 171 institutions participating in WUE, 67 participating in WRGP and 134 professional healthcare programs participating in PSEP, students have more choice than ever.
- ▶ **Colleges and universities** also benefit from participation in SAP. In AY 2025–26, **49,125 undergraduate** students, **3,030 graduate** students, and **570 professional healthcare** students enrolled in these programs. For institutions planning for anticipated enrollment declines, SAP give colleges and universities an entry point into a stable and geographically diverse pool of prospective applicants without sacrificing the full nonresident tuition differential. And, because WUE and WRGP offer institutions freedom in how they participate, campus leaders can tailor participation to strategically meet campus needs.
- ▶ SAP also help **WICHE states and territories** address workforce needs and support the financial well-being of their residents. PSEP invests in future healthcare workers, with up to 80% returning home to practice. Other high-demand fields, such as nursing and teacher education, are available through WRGP and WUE. Through these programs, students are more easily able to return to their home communities while their supporting families maintain better financial health.<sup>2</sup>

1 Falkenstern, C. (2025). Tuition and Fees in the West, 2024–25: Detailed Data Tables. WICHE. <https://www.wiche.edu/resources/tuition-and-fees-in-the-west-2024-25-detailed-data-tables/>.

2 Bhargava, Palaash, Sandra E. Black, Jeffrey T. Denning, Robert Fairlie, and Oded Gurantz. (2025). A Family Affair: The Effects of College on Parent and Student Finances. (EdWorkingPaper: 25 -1139). Retrieved from Annenberg Institute at Brown University: <https://doi.org/10.26300/2qns-cy97>.

\* Over a 10-year period, when adjusted for inflation.

In this year's *Student Access Programs: By the Numbers AY 2025-26*, you will find vital data about WICHE's three Student Access Programs, as well as participation statistics. Through these programs, WICHE continues to expand valuable educational opportunities for residents, ensuring that policy and practice are aligned with the needs of the region at every level. On behalf of WICHE, we hope you find this report useful and enlightening.

On page 7, you will find notes on the methods used to gather and analyze student enrollment and tuition savings data. On pages 8 through 21 we share overviews and summary statistics for our three student access programs — WUE, WRGP and PSEP — both in aggregate and for each program individually. In the next section, beginning on page 22, you will find visual data summaries — first for the entire WICHE region, and then for each WICHE state, territory, and freely associated state. These pages can be used to better understand the impact of WICHE's Student Access Programs. We hope that these pages are helpful both for your own understanding of student access in the West and as you engage with students, higher education leaders, state policy makers, and other stakeholders.



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# DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING METHODS

*NOTE:* The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP), and Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) enrollment and savings data reported in this document reflect student enrollment and savings totals as of December 16, 2025, and do not reflect changes to student enrollment or savings that occurred after this date.

## WUE and WRGP

### ENROLLMENT

Each participating WUE and WRGP institution reports its enrollment data annually by providing student counts organized by sending state and field of study (using CIP codes). Enrollment reporting opens mid-September each year. Students are counted based on their fall term enrollment only.

To verify accuracy, WICHE staff compare each institution's submission against the prior year's reported enrollment and work with institutions to verify large or unexpected changes from prior year reports. As a result of this review process during the AY 2025–26 reporting cycle, two institutions identified errors in their AY 2024–25 submissions. WICHE corrected those records accordingly. The AY 2024–25 WUE figures reported here reflect those corrections and differ from the figures published in last year's Student Access Programs: By the Numbers AY 2024–25. Specifically, AY 2024–25 WUE enrollment has been revised from 49,177 to 48,442 students, and estimated savings have been revised from \$615,559,339 to \$610,080,811.

### ESTIMATED SAVINGS

Savings figures for WUE and WRGP are estimates based on the difference between each institution's standard nonresident tuition rate and its WUE or WRGP rate. To calculate these estimates, WICHE primarily uses tuition data from its annual Tuition and Fees in the West publication, which reports tuition based on 15 credit hours per term for full-time students. For institutions not included in that publication, or for institutions where WUE or WRGP participation is limited to one or two programs, WICHE uses tuition rates drawn directly from institutional or program websites. For each participating institution, WICHE calculates the difference between the standard nonresident tuition rate and the institution's WUE or WRGP rate. That difference represents the estimated savings per student at that institution. State-level savings totals are calculated by multiplying the per-student savings estimate at each institution by the number of students from that state enrolled there, then adding those figures across all institutions where that state's residents are enrolled.

## **PSEP**

### **ENROLLMENT**

PSEP enrollment is determined by the states and Pacific Island territories that financially support their students enrolled in participating PSEP programs. Each state and territory determines its available slots by field based on funding, then reports those numbers to WICHE. WICHE staff work with states, territories, and enrolling institutions to determine which students are ultimately funded and enrolled. Student counts reflect all students with an active support agreement for the academic year.

### **SAVINGS**

Annual PSEP student savings equal the total support fees paid by participating states and Pacific Island territories for the academic year. Support fees vary by field and are fixed amounts set by the WICHE Commission for every biennium.

*NOTE:* A student's individual support fee may differ from the standard rate for several reasons. Year 2 Occupational Therapy students receive a higher payment covering both their second and third years of study, so an additional amount is not assessed for Year 3 Occupational Therapy students. Montana students in the Washington State University (WSU) Veterinary Medicine program have the option to complete their first year at Montana State University – Bozeman. Because these students attend an in-state institution for their first year, no support fee is generated, but they are still counted as PSEP participants. Students enrolled in accelerated programs receive a higher support fee reflecting the compressed timeline, and students who receive support for less than a full academic year are funded at a prorated amount. Students whose funding has been suspended due to a leave of absence, repeating coursework, or academic probation may also have a support fee that differs from the standard rate for their field. These scenarios are all captured for each student in WICHE's student database and reported accordingly.

# OVERVIEW OF STUDENT ACCESS PROGRAMS

**W**ICHE manages three programs that significantly reduce tuition costs and expand educational opportunities for students pursuing undergraduate, graduate, and professional healthcare degrees across the Western region. States and eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions in the WICHE region pay annual dues on a fiscal year basis (July 1 – June 30). The dues for fiscal year (FY) 2026 were \$174,500 each for the 15 states and the joint U.S. Pacific Island membership in the WICHE region.

The **WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)** is the nation’s largest regional tuition savings program in terms of student enrollment, estimated savings, and undergraduate majors. WUE allows eligible students to attend college across state lines and pay reduced tuition. Working with 171 public institutions, students from WICHE states and eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions\* can pursue their chosen major while paying no more than 150% of in-state tuition, generating significant savings compared to standard out-of-state tuition rates.

The **WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM (WRGP)** makes graduate education more affordable and accessible throughout the WICHE region. The program allows qualified residents of WICHE states and eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions\* to enroll in more than 2,200 graduate programs at 67 public institutions across the West. Students can pursue graduate certificates, master’s, and doctoral degrees while paying reduced tuition rates. While some institutions charge up to 150% of resident tuition, most offer WRGP students resident tuition rates, creating substantial savings for those pursuing advanced degrees.

The **PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PSEP)** helps develop the next generation of healthcare providers by reducing the financial barriers to professional health education. The program enables students from 12 Western states and territories to pursue degrees in 10 high-demand healthcare fields, including but not limited to optometry, dentistry, and veterinary medicine. Students may enroll in any of the 134 participating programs across the WICHE region and apply for tuition assistance from their home state or Pacific Island jurisdiction. This support is particularly crucial for developing healthcare professionals in underserved rural and remote areas of the West, where access to health care remains a critical need.

## Who benefits from WICHE’s Student Access Programs?

- ▶ Students gain from expanded educational choices and tuition savings.
- ▶ Schools gain by optimizing their enrollment.
- ▶ States and eligible Pacific Island jurisdictions gain by growing their residents’ skills and strengthening their workforce.

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\* Residents of the following states and territories are eligible to apply for WUE and WRGP: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawai’i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, as well as American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Guam. Effective July 1, 2024, citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau may not be charged more than in-state tuition at public higher education institutions, per the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2024 and Department of Education guidance.

# WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE (WUE)

**W**UE allows eligible students in the West to attend college across state lines and pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition. Through WUE, residents of 15 states and three territories can pursue educational opportunities without the typical financial burden of out-of-state tuition. During AY 2025–26, a total of 49,125 students saved \$642 million in tuition costs through this program. Students also benefit from greater choice in academic offerings. This benefits students seeking programs and majors not available in their home state or Pacific Island jurisdiction. While some high-demand majors may be excluded, many WUE institutions offer their full range of majors at the discounted rate. Transfer students can be considered for the WUE rate at nearly all participating institutions. Though institutions may set additional requirements for WUE eligibility beyond standard admission criteria, many schools offer the WUE rate to all admitted nonresident, WICHE-region applicants.

The program also serves the interests of Western states and territories. Participating public colleges and universities can leverage WUE to achieve their recruitment and enrollment objectives, with institutions maintaining control over their WUE award criteria and program eligibility. For regions facing capacity constraints in public higher education, WUE acts as an effective solution, providing residents access to postsecondary education without requiring states and territories to bear the full financial burden of expanding local capacity.

Comparing AY 2024–25 and 2025–26, participation in WUE remained steady as shown in Figure 1. At four-year universities, WUE participation increased by 1%. At two-year institutions, participation grew by 2%. Overall, there was a 1% increase in participation across sectors. The enrollment reports track only total award recipients, without distinguishing between new first-year students, transfers, or continuing students, making it difficult to pinpoint exact causes for year-to-year enrollment changes.

Figure 1 on the following page shows the growth in WUE enrollment and savings over the past five years. Table 1 shows where students are enrolled and their home state/territory.

## Key Statistics

**\$13,060**

Average WUE savings in AY 2025–26

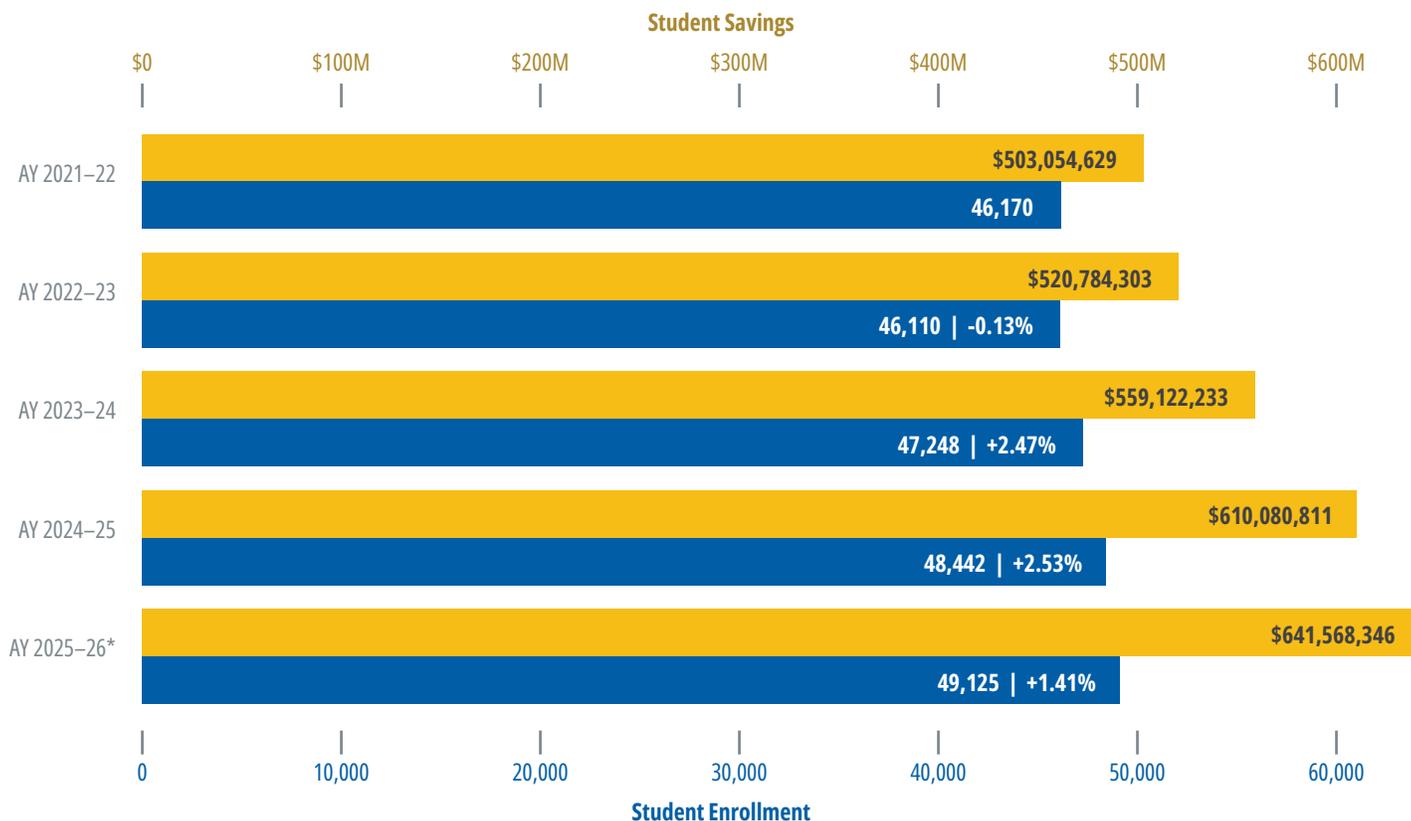
**\$5,301**

Average WUE savings for students at two-year institutions

**\$13,714**

Average WUE savings for students at four-year institutions

**Figure 1. WUE Enrollment and Student Savings, AY 2021–22 to AY 2025–26**



\* Please see the Data Collection and Reporting Methods section on page 7.

**Table 1. WUE Enrollment Summary, AY 2025–26**

WHERE STUDENTS ARE COMING FROM																			
State/Jurisdiction (# of Institutions)	AK	AS*	AZ	CA	CO	CNMI*	GU*	HI	ID	MT	NV	NM	ND	OR	SD	UT	WA	WY	TOTAL
Alaska (3)	-	-	21	131	54	4	3	18	18	17	12	8	2	42	7	18	161	12	528
Arizona (25)	162	1	-	1,845	515	3	2	174	106	81	474	228	8	159	24	260	310	27	4,379
California (24)	54	2	181	-	148	-	3	179	59	19	286	31	3	204	4	50	320	6	1,549
Colorado (26)	170	-	528	1,888	-	4	2	233	143	92	146	481	39	284	74	248	443	182	4,957
CNMI (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Guam (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawai'i (4)	96	3	141	2,141	346	4	33	-	56	24	84	31	7	194	14	53	406	9	3,642
Idaho (7)	148	-	118	1,211	130	7	1	36	-	154	187	12	5	586	9	106	1,923	30	4,663
Montana (12)	163	-	74	405	518	-	-	42	327	-	114	34	66	272	67	90	744	144	3,060
Nevada (7)	56	6	320	3,111	109	42	33	480	49	20	-	25	8	108	7	39	136	17	4,566
New Mexico (12)	21	-	43	328	33	-	-	16	12	10	44	-	4	46	5	17	101	5	685
North Dakota (11)	54	-	175	395	171	-	2	40	39	371	105	36	-	58	244	90	156	183	2,119
Oregon (7)	169	3	183	2,158	481	41	5	579	209	112	224	63	4	-	7	107	1,794	25	6,164
South Dakota (6)	17	-	73	176	530	-	-	10	17	108	19	5	323	23	-	16	89	323	1,729
Utah (9)	97	6	458	2,675	753	3	1	140	610	120	707	101	15	485	11	-	707	146	7,035
Washington (8)	159	7	106	779	199	11	13	208	256	136	76	47	4	557	6	55	-	13	2,632
Wyoming (8)	15	-	31	70	511	-	-	16	88	246	26	17	23	28	109	197	40	-	1,417
<b>Total (171)</b>	<b>1,381</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>2,452</b>	<b>17,313</b>	<b>4,498</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>2,171</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>1,510</b>	<b>2,504</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>511</b>	<b>3,046</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>1,346</b>	<b>7,330</b>	<b>1,122</b>	<b>49,125</b>

# WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM (WRGP)

In AY 2025–26, a total of 3,030 students saved almost \$46 million in tuition through WRGP. The program grew by 100 additional graduate programs. More than 2,200 offerings are now available at reduced cost across participating institutions.

Students enrolling through the program pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition, though most institutions extend resident tuition rates to WRGP students. Enrollment occurs directly through each institution’s graduate studies department.

Among the most popular programs in AY 2025–26 were law, speech language pathology, business administration, optical sciences, and nursing. The program’s 334 online offerings further enhance opportunities, enabling placebound students to pursue advanced degrees while remaining in their home jurisdictions. This comprehensive approach to educational access ensures that geographical location and program availability do not limit students’ academic and professional aspirations.

Participating public universities in the WICHE region also benefit from WRGP. By facilitating greater access to graduate education, WRGP helps institutions serve students across the West and across a range of academic disciplines. This aspect has become increasingly valuable as institutions navigate enrollment challenges while also striving to maintain robust graduate programs.

Finally, WRGP promotes regional workforce development by creating pathways for students to pursue specialized graduate degrees that may not be available in their home states and Pacific Island jurisdictions. This regional approach to graduate education helps address workforce shortages in critical fields while fostering interstate collaboration and academic excellence across the West.

Figure 2 on the following page shows the variations in WRGP enrollment and savings over the past five years. Table 2 shows where graduate students are enrolled and their home state/territory.

## Key Statistics

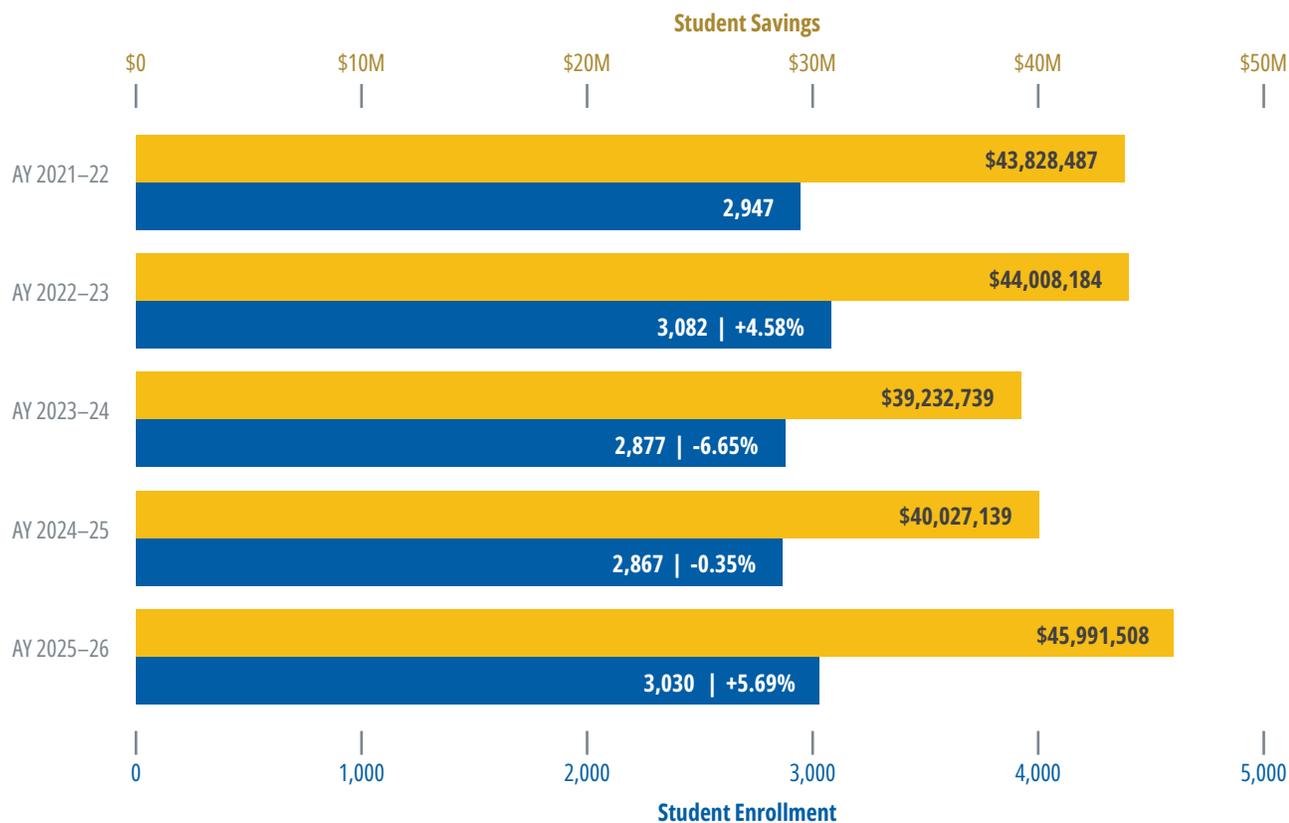
**\$15,179**

Average WRGP savings in AY 2025–26

**2,276**

Number of graduate programs available at the WRGP tuition rate

**Figure 2. WRGP Enrollment and Student Savings, AY 2021–22 to AY 2025–26**



**Table 2. WRGP Enrollment Summary, AY 2025–26**

WHERE STUDENTS ARE COMING FROM																			
State/Jurisdiction (# of Institutions)	AK	AS*	AZ	CA	CO	CNMI*	GU*	HI	ID	MT	NV	NM	ND	OR	SD	UT	WA	WY	TOTAL
Alaska (3)	-	-	5	13	5	-	2	1	3	4	2	3	1	9	-	-	5	-	53
Arizona (5)	4	-	-	111	20	-	-	6	9	8	11	34	3	22	2	15	21	1	267
California (3)	4	-	5	-	9	-	-	2	1	1	8	2	1	11	-	6	15	-	65
Colorado (10)	10	-	71	261	-	1	1	19	26	21	20	52	8	44	14	60	91	37	736
Guam (1)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hawaii (2)	7	18	26	217	28	5	27	-	10	3	14	16	2	21	3	24	45	2	468
Idaho (3)	9	-	25	101	27	-	-	4	-	23	34	9	-	34	2	64	123	7	462
Montana (4)	4	-	4	16	14	-	-	1	9	-	2	1	-	5	1	5	24	7	93
Nevada (3)	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
New Mexico (5)	8	-	21	54	16	-	-	1	1	-	8	-	1	12	-	5	14	-	141
North Dakota (4)	3	-	9	29	13	-	1	-	2	15	4	5	-	5	24	3	8	3	124
Oregon (5)	3	1	4	53	9	1	-	3	2	3	4	4	2	-	-	1	49	-	139
South Dakota (6)	1	-	15	60	39	-	-	6	3	12	7	5	35	7	-	9	22	14	235
Utah (6)	2	1	13	36	21	-	-	3	27	7	10	4	-	7	1	-	9	8	149
Washington (6)	-	-	5	21	8	-	-	1	10	6	3	3	1	19	-	3	-	1	81
Wyoming (1)	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
<b>Total (67)</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>982</b>	<b>215</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>138</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>3,030</b>

# PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM (PSEP)

The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) is WICHE’s founding initiative and has supported healthcare education since 1953. By making professional healthcare degrees more affordable and accessible, PSEP has helped educate 16,265 Western healthcare professionals, creating a lasting impact on community health across the region.

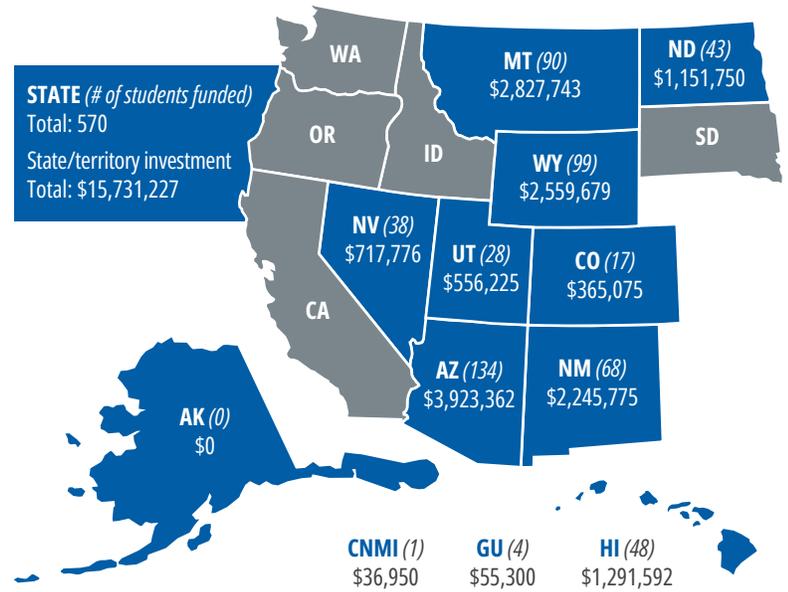
In AY 2025–26, a total of 10 WICHE states and two Pacific Island territories committed \$15,731,227 to support 570 future healthcare professionals, as shown in Figure 3. Students can choose from 134 accredited programs across 52 institutions in the WICHE region, pursuing careers as physicians, dentists, optometrists, veterinarians, and other essential healthcare providers.

Over the course of their professional health education and depending on their field of study, students enrolling through PSEP save between \$38,100 to \$149,000 on tuition costs. Most participating states and territories ensure a return on investment through service requirements, typically asking graduates to practice in their home state or territory for three to five years.

Through this program, students gain affordable access to quality healthcare education, while participating programs can expand their applicant pools by recruiting students from across the West.

The support fee is the amount that the PSEP student’s sponsoring state or territory appropriates annually, to reduce the student’s tuition costs (see Table 3).

**Figure 3. PSEP Enrollment and Support Fees by State/Territory, AY 2025–26**



**Table 3. PSEP Enrollment and Support Fees by Profession, AY 2025–26**

Professional Field	Enrollment	Support Fee Per Student	State Investment Paid on Behalf of Students
Dentistry*	124	\$31,200 (\$41,600)	<b>\$3,983,200</b>
Medicine (Allopathic)	41	\$35,700	<b>\$1,508,625</b>
Occupational Therapy	19	\$15,625	<b>\$293,403</b>
Optometry	105	\$20,575	<b>\$2,201,187</b>
Osteopathic Medicine	63	\$26,725	<b>\$1,670,312</b>
Pharmacy*	13	\$9,525 (\$12,700)	<b>\$155,575</b>
Physical Therapy	51	\$17,975	<b>\$916,725</b>
Physician Assistant	18	\$21,275	<b>\$382,950</b>
Podiatry	11	\$18,525	<b>\$185,250</b>
Veterinary Medicine	125	\$36,950	<b>\$4,434,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>570</b>		<b>\$15,731,227</b>

\* Accelerated 3-year programs with higher fee noted in parentheses.

Table 4 shows the distribution of students and support fees across participating PSEP institutions and professional programs, organized by state.

**Table 4. PSEP Support Fee Revenue by State and Institution, AY 2025–26**

Arizona			California		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field	Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>			<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>University of Arizona</b>			<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>		
Medicine (Allopathic)	1	\$37,250	Dentistry	5	\$156,000
Pharmacy	0	\$0	Medicine (Allopathic)	0	\$0
Institution Total	1	\$37,250	Institution Total	5	\$156,000
<b>Northern Arizona University</b>			<b>University of California, San Francisco</b>		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0	Dentistry	1	\$31,200
Institution Total	0	\$0	Medicine (Allopathic)	0	\$0
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$37,250</b>	Pharmacy	0	\$0
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>			Physical Therapy	0	\$0
<b>A.T. Still University</b>			Institution Total	1	\$31,200
Dentistry	11	\$343,200	<b>University of California, Davis</b>		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$0	Medicine (Allopathic)	0	\$0
Osteopathic Medicine	5	\$133,625	Institution Total	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975	<b>University of California, Irvine</b>		
Physician Assistant	1	\$21,275	Medicine (Allopathic)	0	\$0
Institution Total	19	\$516,075	Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>Midwestern University</b>			<b>University of California, San Diego</b>		
Dentistry	28	\$873,600	Medicine (Allopathic)	0	\$0
Occupational Therapy	1	\$27,167	Institution Total	0	\$0
Optometry	54	\$1,138,175	<b>California State University, Fresno</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	29	\$775,025	Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	\$0	Institution Total	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	2	\$35,950	<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>\$187,200</b>
Physician Assistant	2	\$42,550	<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
Podiatry	9	\$148,200	<b>Loma Linda University</b>		
Veterinary Medicine	17	\$628,150	Dentistry	1	\$31,200
Institution Total	142	\$3,668,817	Medicine (Allopathic)	4	\$149,000
<b>Mayo Clinic Arizona - Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine</b>			Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Medicine (Allopathic)	0	\$0	Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975
Institution Total	0	\$0	Physician Assistant	0	\$0
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>\$4,184,892</b>	Institution Total	6	\$198,175
<b>ARIZONA TOTAL</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>\$4,222,142</b>	<b>Marshall B. Ketchum University</b>		
			Optometry	11	\$236,225
			Physician Assistant	0	\$0
			Institution Total	11	\$236,225

California		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>Samuel Merritt University</b>		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Podiatry	0	\$0
Institution Total	1	\$0
<b>University of Southern California</b>		
Dentistry	1	\$31,200
Medicine (Allopathic)	0	\$0
Occupational Therapy	1	\$27,167
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	2	\$58,367
<b>University of the Pacific</b>		
Dentistry	4	\$166,400
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975
Institution Total	5	\$184,375
<b>Western University of Health Sciences</b>		
Dentistry	2	\$62,400
Optometry	2	\$32,212
Osteopathic Medicine	7	\$187,075
Pharmacy	1	\$9,525
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Podiatry	2	\$37,050
Institution Total	14	\$328,262
<b>Touro University California</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences</b>		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>Mount Saint Mary's University, Los Angeles</b>		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>Chapman University</b>		
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>\$1,005,404</b>
<b>CALIFORNIA TOTAL</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>\$1,192,604</b>

Colorado		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>Colorado State University</b>		
Veterinary Medicine	48	\$1,736,650
Institution Total	48	\$1,736,650
<b>University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus</b>		
Dentistry	15	\$468,000
Medicine (Allopathic)	6	\$204,875
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	22	\$690,850
<b>Red Rocks Community College</b>		
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$2,427,500</b>
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>Regis University</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	5	\$89,875
Institution Total	5	\$89,875
<b>Rocky Vista University</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	8	\$213,800
Institution Total	8	\$213,800
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$303,675</b>
<b>COLORADO TOTAL</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>\$2,731,175</b>

Hawai'i		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>University of Hawai'i at Mānoa</b>		
Medicine (Allopathic)	1	\$37,250
Institution Total	1	\$37,250
<b>University of Hawai'i at Hilo</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>HAWAI'I TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$37,250</b>

Idaho		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>Idaho State University</b>		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Physician Assistant	2	\$42,550
Institution Total	2	\$42,550
<b>IDAHO TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$42,550</b>

Montana		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>University of Montana</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	3	\$53,925
Institution Total	3	\$53,925
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$53,925</b>
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>Touro University-Great Falls, MT</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	1	\$26,725
Institution Total	1	\$26,725
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$26,725</b>
<b>MONTANA TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$80,650</b>

Nevada		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</b>		
Physical Therapy	2	\$35,950
Institution Total	2	\$35,950
<b>University of Nevada, Reno</b>		
Medicine (Allopathic)	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$35,950</b>
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>Roseman University of Health Sciences</b>		
Dentistry	10	\$416,000
Pharmacy	10	\$127,000
Institution Total	20	\$543,000

Nevada		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>Touro University, Nevada</b>		
Occupational Therapy	4	\$27,167
Osteopathic Medicine	2	\$53,450
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975
Physician Assistant	7	\$148,925
Institution Total	14	\$247,517
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>\$790,517</b>
<b>NEVADA TOTAL</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>\$826,467</b>

New Mexico		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>University of New Mexico</b>		
Medicine (Allopathic)	1	\$37,250
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	1	\$37,250
<b>NEW MEXICO TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$37,250</b>

North Dakota		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>University of North Dakota</b>		
Medicine (Allopathic)	4	\$149,000
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	5	\$166,975
<b>North Dakota State University</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>\$166,975</b>
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>University of Mary</b>		
Occupational Therapy	4	\$70,634
Physical Therapy	6	\$107,850
Institution Total	10	\$178,484
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$178,484</b>
<b>NORTH DAKOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>\$345,459</b>

Oregon		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>Oregon Health &amp; Science University</b>		
Dentistry	4	\$124,800
Medicine (Allopathic)	10	\$372,500
Physician Assistant	0	\$0
Institution Total	14	\$497,300
<b>Oregon State University</b>		
Pharmacy	1	\$9,525
Veterinary Medicine	17	\$628,150
Institution Total	18	\$637,675
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>\$1,134,975</b>
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>George Fox University</b>		
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975
Institution Total	1	\$17,975
<b>Pacific University</b>		
Occupational Therapy	2	\$43,467
Optometry	36	\$751,625
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	3	\$53,925
Physician Assistant	1	\$21,275
Institution Total	42	\$870,292
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$888,267</b>
<b>OREGON TOTAL</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>\$2,023,242</b>

South Dakota		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>University of South Dakota</b>		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$0
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975
Institution Total	2	\$17,975
<b>SOUTH DAKOTA TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$17,975</b>

Utah		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>University of Utah</b>		
Dentistry	11	\$343,200
Medicine (Allopathic)	14	\$521,500
Occupational Therapy	3	\$70,634
Pharmacy	0	\$0

Utah		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
Physical Therapy	8	\$143,800
Physician Assistant	1	\$21,275
Institution Total	37	\$1,100,409
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>\$1,100,409</b>
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions</b>		
Physical Therapy	9	\$161,775
Physician Assistant	1	\$21,275
Institution Total	10	\$183,050
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$183,050</b>
<b>UTAH TOTAL</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>\$1,283,459</b>

Washington		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>University of Washington</b>		
Dentistry	4	\$124,800
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Pharmacy	1	\$9,525
Physical Therapy	4	\$71,900
Physician Assistant	3	\$63,825
Institution Total	12	\$270,050
<b>Washington State University</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Veterinary Medicine	43	\$1,441,050
Institution Total	43	\$1,441,050
<b>Eastern Washington University</b>		
Occupational Therapy	0	\$0
Physical Therapy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>\$1,711,100</b>
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences</b>		
Osteopathic Medicine	11	\$280,612
Institution Total	11	\$280,612
<b>University of Puget Sound</b>		
Occupational Therapy	1	\$27,167
Physical Therapy	1	\$17,975
Institution Total	2	\$45,142
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>\$325,754</b>
<b>WASHINGTON TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$2,036,854</b>

Wyoming		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>University of Wyoming</b>		
Pharmacy	0	\$0
Institution Total	0	\$0
<b>WYOMING TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Out-of-Region*		
Institution	Number of Students	Support Fees by Field
<b>PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>University of Missouri-Kansas City</b>		
Dentistry	5	\$156,000
Institution Total	5	\$156,000
<b>University of Nebraska Medical Center</b>		
Dentistry	3	\$93,600
Institution Total	3	\$93,600
<b>PUBLIC TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>\$249,600</b>
<b>PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS</b>		
<b>Creighton University</b>		
Dentistry	19	\$561,600
Institution Total	19	\$561,600
<b>Illinois College of Optometry</b>		
Optometry	2	\$42,950
Institution Total	2	\$42,950
<b>PRIVATE TOTAL</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>\$604,550</b>
<b>OUT-OF-REGION TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>\$854,150</b>

	Number of Students	Support Fees
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>570</b>	<b>\$15,731,227</b>

\* PSEP includes select out-of-region professional programs and institutions when capacity within the region is limited and additional program seats are necessary to meet regional needs.

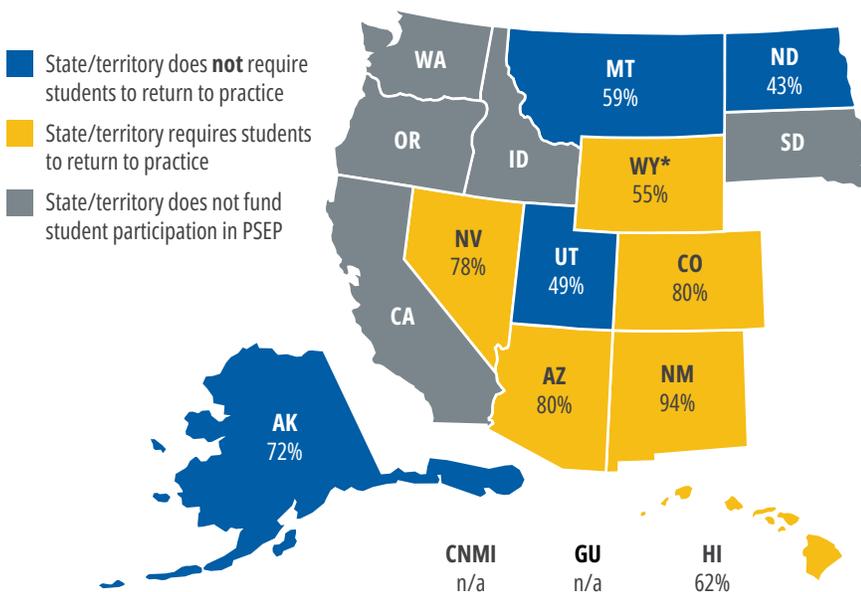
## PSEP Graduate Return Rates, 2012–21

Western states and territories supporting students through PSEP want their investments to bolster their healthcare workforces. Every five years, they calculate the percentage of PSEP graduates who return home to serve their communities, and report on those numbers in 10-year cohorts of graduates. Return rates for students who graduated between 2012–21 held relatively steady compared to the prior reporting period of 2007–16. The average student return rate for the 2012–21 graduating cohorts is 69%. During the previous reporting period of 2007–16, the average return rate was 67%. The next reporting cycle is 2017–26.

Certain states and Pacific Island territories supporting PSEP students — Arizona, Colorado, Hawai'i, Nevada, New Mexico, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI), and Guam — require graduates to return home to practice, or reimburse support fees plus interest. CNMI graduated its first cohort in spring 2023; its graduates are still on practice deferment, primarily for medical residencies, so their initial return rates are unknown at this time. Guam's first cohort began its studies in fall 2024, so its return rate is also currently unknown. Areas that require a return-for-service receive higher returns on investment from PSEP participation, averaging an 80% return rate. "Honor system" states (Alaska, Montana, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming\*) do not contractually require service payback, and their average return rate is 55%.

Figure 4 shows state average return rates by policy type, with blue representing states with no return to practice obligation and yellow representing states with a return to practice obligation. Detailed return rate information for each WICHE-region member's PSEP graduates by eligible professional healthcare field can be found on Table 5 on pages 21–22.

**Figure 4. PSEP Graduation Return Rates, 2012–21**



\* Wyoming instituted service payback for students enrolling fall 2013 and later, except in veterinary medicine. Wyoming is listed as an honor state because less than half of its graduates in the current cycle have a contractual service payback. It will be reclassified as a contractual payback state during the next reporting cycle.

**Table 5. PSEP Graduate Return Rates by State and by Field, 2012–21**

Alaska			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	15	6	40%
Occupational Therapy	2	1	50%
Optometry	4	4	100%
Pharmacy	13	11	85%
Physical Therapy	10	9	90%
Physician Assistant	2	2	100%
Podiatry	1	1	100%
<b>Alaska Total</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>72%</b>

Montana			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	23	10	43%
Medicine (Allopathic)**	33	15	45%
Occupational Therapy	15	8	53%
Optometry	11	10	91%
Osteopathic Medicine**	9	3	33%
Podiatry	1	1	100%
Veterinary Medicine	81	55	68%
<b>Montana Total</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>59%</b>

Arizona*			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	125	102	82%
Occupational Therapy	46	38	83%
Optometry	66	59	89%
Osteopathic Medicine**	59	42	71%
Physical Assistant	29	22	76%
Podiatry	14	9	64%
Veterinary Medicine	114	92	81%
<b>Arizona Total</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>80%</b>

Nevada*			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Occupational Therapy	4	4	100%
Optometry	13	10	77%
Pharmacy	43	33	77%
Physical Therapy	11	9	82%
Physician Assistant	30	24	80%
Veterinary Medicine	39	29	74%
<b>Nevada Total</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>78%</b>

Colorado			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Optometry	61	49	80%
<b>Colorado Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>80%</b>

New Mexico*			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	103	96	93%
Veterinary Medicine	83	78	94%
<b>New Mexico Total</b>	<b>186</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>94%</b>

Hawai'i*			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	20	12	60%
Occupational Therapy	17	10	59%
Optometry	25	18	72%
Pharmacy	11	7	64%
Physical Therapy	45	27	60%
Veterinary Medicine	26	15	58%
<b>Hawai'i Total</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>62%</b>

North Dakota			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	21	11	52%
Optometry	71	31	44%
Veterinary Medicine	14	4	29%
<b>North Dakota Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>43%</b>

Utah			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Optometry	53	28	53%
Podiatry	33	12	36%
Veterinary Medicine	18	11	61%
<b>Utah Total</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>49%</b>

Wyoming			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	20	11	55%
Medicine (Allopathic)**	11	1	9%
Occupational Therapy	24	18	75%
Optometry	33	15	45%
Osteopathic Medicine**	5	0	0%
Physical Therapy	81	62	77%
Physician Assistant	35	22	63%
Podiatry	2	1	50%
Veterinary Medicine	82	32	39%
<b>Wyoming Total</b>	<b>293</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>55%</b>

WICHE Return Rates by Field			
Field	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Dentistry	327	248	76%
Medicine (Allopathic)**	44	16	36%
Occupational Therapy	108	79	73%
Optometry	337	224	66%
Osteopathic Medicine**	73	45	62%
Pharmacy	67	51	76%
Physical Therapy	147	107	73%
Physician Assistant	96	70	73%
Podiatry	37	15	41%
Veterinary Medicine	357	233	65%

Totals			
	Total Number of Graduates	Number Returned to State	Percentage Returned
Total for All Reporting WICHE PSEP States	1,707	1,180	69%
Total for Contractual Payback States	984	785	80%
Total for Honor System States	723	395	55%

\* Contractual payback state for all of reporting period.

\*\* WICHE uses 2012–16 return data for allopathic and osteopathic medical graduates, to allow time for them to return home and serve upon completion of their residency programs.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$703M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$642M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$46M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$16M**

**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.

**49,125**

**STUDENTS**  
chose WUE schools  
in the West

**\$13,060**

**AVERAGE SAVINGS**  
for undergraduate  
students

## 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.

**3,030**

**STUDENTS**  
chose WRGP schools  
in the West

**\$15,179**

**AVERAGE SAVINGS**  
for graduate  
students

## 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.

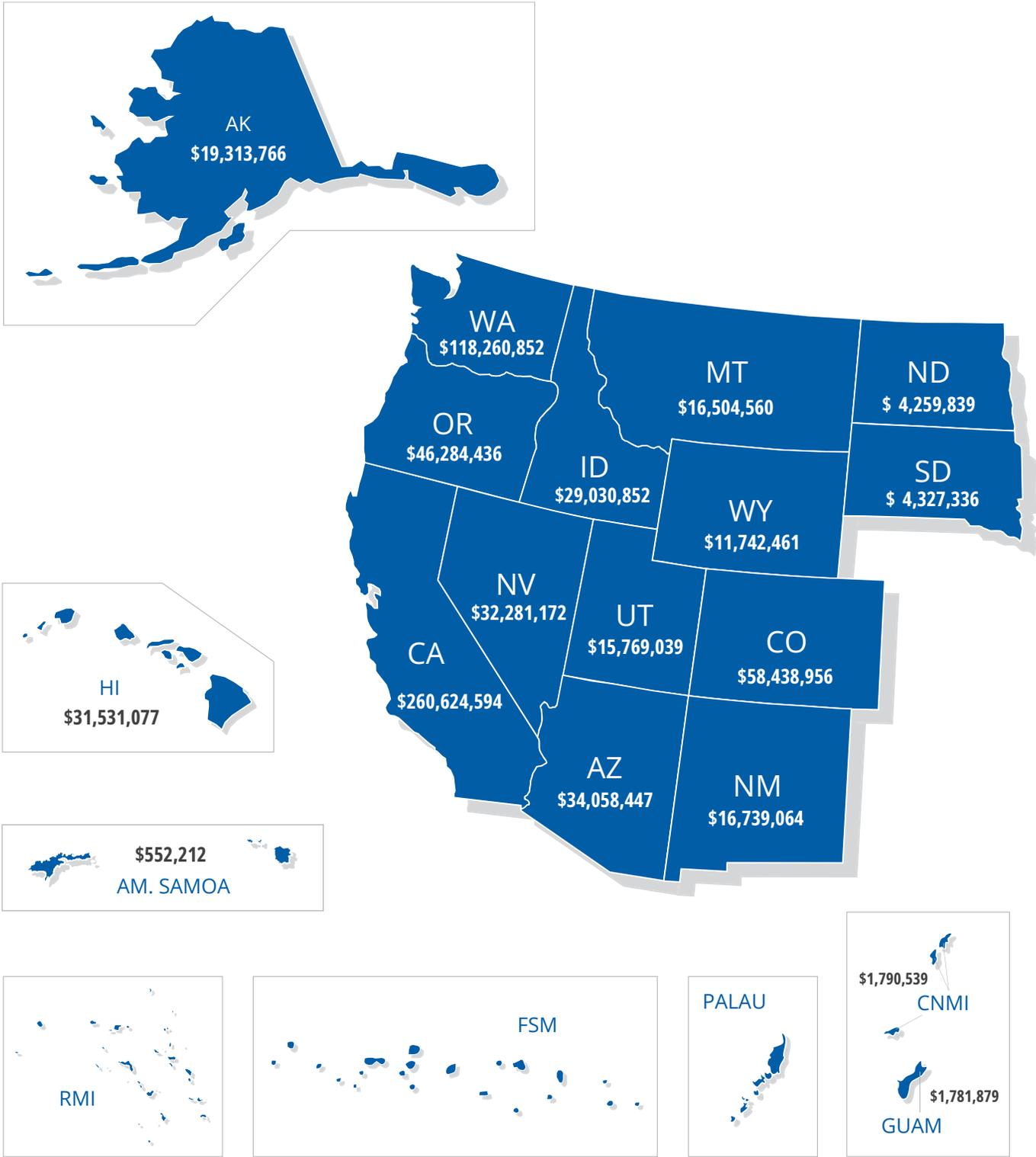
10 WICHE states and two Pacific Island territories **invested nearly \$16 million to grow their healthcare workforce and reduced the educational costs of 570 students.**

**134 accredited programs are offered** through PSEP at 64 institutions.

**A student can save between \$38,100 and \$149,000 on tuition** over the lifespan of a professional health degree program, depending on the field of study.

# WICHE Region

**\$703,291,081** = Total student savings through WICHE's Student Access Programs AY 2025-26



**ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**

**\$19.3M**

**TOTAL SAVED**  
by Alaska students through  
WICHE Student Access  
Programs.

**\$18.5M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$782K**

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

- ▶ **University of Alaska Fairbanks (291)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Anchorage (171)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Southeast (66)**

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

- ▶ **Northern Arizona University (117)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (89)**
- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (84)**

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

- ▶ **University of Alaska Anchorage (42)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Southeast (11)**

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

- ▶ **Eastern New Mexico University (7)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (5)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (5)**

**PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**



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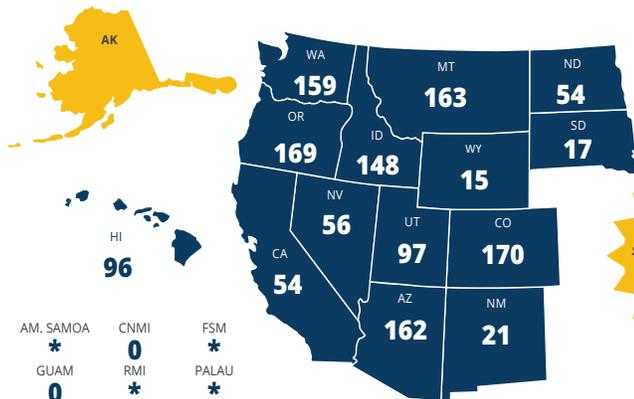
**72% of Alaska's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-21). Students are not contractually required to return.

**Alaska did not have any students enrolled through PSEP** in AY 2025-26. The state of Alaska supports its residents in seven healthcare professions offered through PSEP.

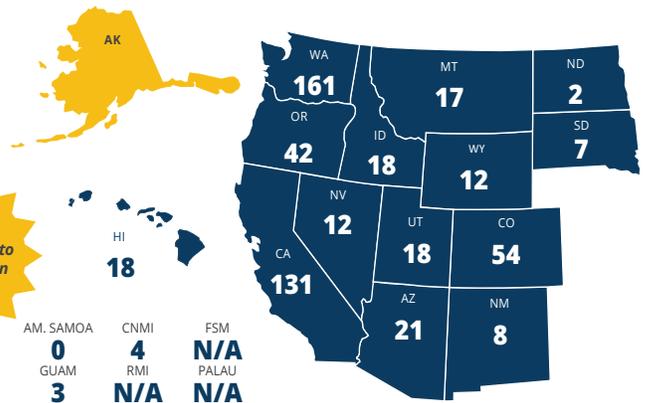
**11,068% ROI** Gained on Alaska's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** ALASKA: **1,381**



WUE STUDENTS **TO** ALASKA: **528**

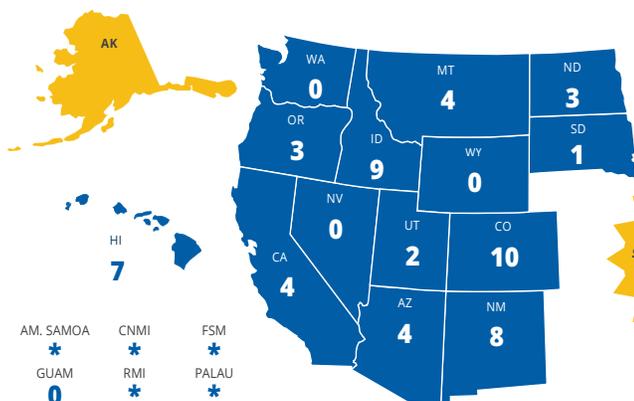


528 WUE students chose to attend school in Alaska

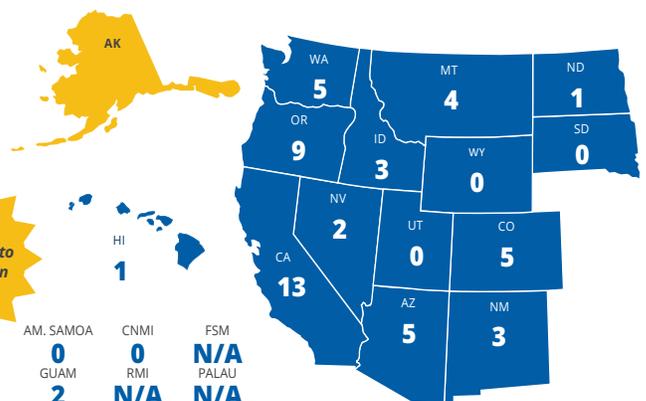
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** ALASKA: **55**



WRGP STUDENTS **TO** ALASKA: **53**



53 WRGP students chose to attend school in Alaska

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

Alaska did not have any students enroll through PSEP during the current academic year. However, Alaska residents can use PSEP for these healthcare professions:

- ▶ Dentistry
- ▶ Occupational Therapy
- ▶ Optometry
- ▶ Pharmacy
- ▶ Physical Therapy
- ▶ Physician Assistant
- ▶ Podiatry

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$34.1M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Arizona students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$27.1M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$3.0M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$3.9M**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

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

- ▶ Northern Arizona University (2,836)
- ▶ Mohave College (353)
- ▶ Arizona State University / West Valley Campus (210)

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

- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno (223)
- ▶ Utah Valley University (172)
- ▶ Colorado State University (151)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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

- ▶ University of Arizona (183)
- ▶ Northern Arizona University (54)
- ▶ Arizona State University (12)

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

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (26)
- ▶ Eastern New Mexico University (20)
- ▶ University of Idaho (20)

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.

**134 Arizona students paid reduced tuition** for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

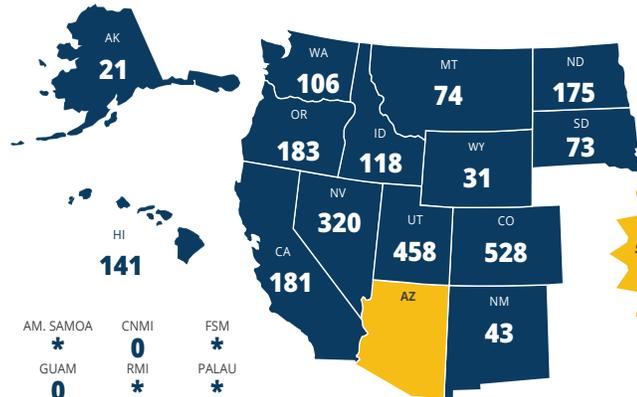
**80% of Arizona's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return.

**Arizona institutions and their local economies benefit, too.** This year, 162 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Arizona. Institutions received \$4.2M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**831% ROI** Gained on Arizona's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

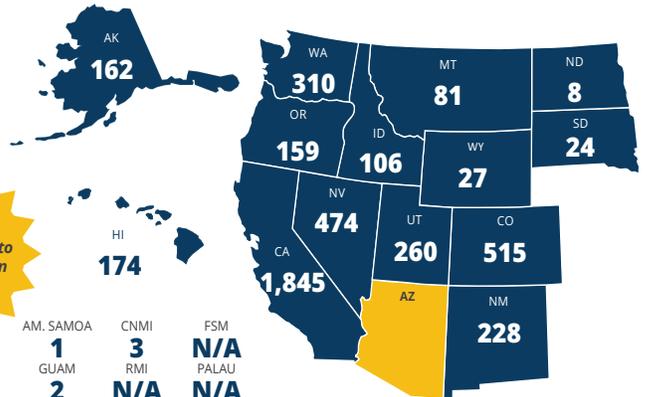
## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM ARIZONA: **2,452**



4,379 WUE students chose to attend school in Arizona

WUE STUDENTS TO ARIZONA: **4,379**

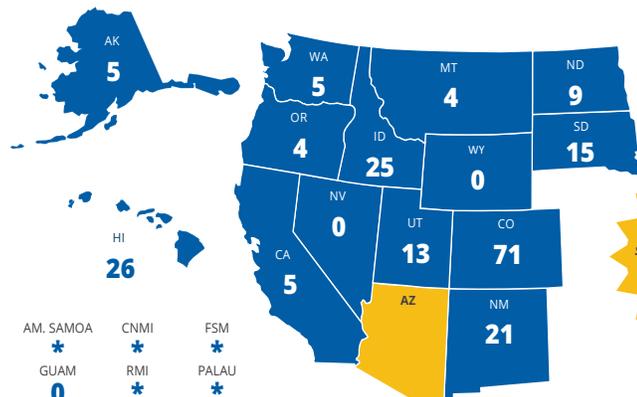


\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from Arizona are eligible for the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition Program at Colorado State University, Pueblo and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

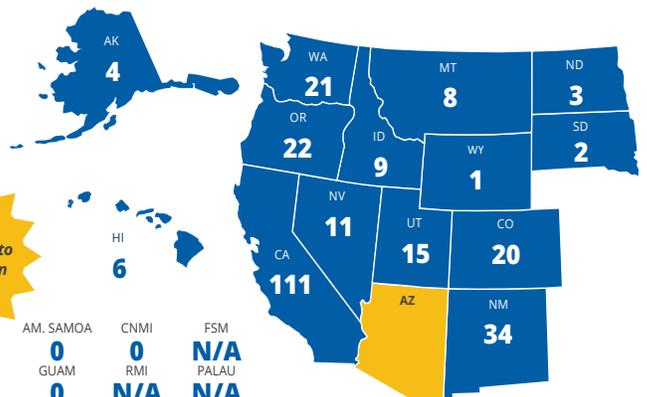
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM ARIZONA: **203**



267 WRGP students chose to attend school in Arizona

WRGP STUDENTS TO ARIZONA: **267**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	50	\$1,601,600
Optometry	17	\$332,862
Osteopathic Medicine	44	\$1,175,900
Podiatry	2	\$37,050
Veterinary Medicine	21	\$775,950
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>\$3,923,362</b>

PSEP students from Arizona saved \$3,923,362 in tuition

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



"WUE made it possible for me to study history at NAU without paying full out-of-state tuition. I've conducted research, presented findings, and studied abroad with NAU scholarships. Working with incredible professors in a collaborative community has helped me grow academically and personally while gaining independence."

**HENRY**, Oregon resident, History, Northern Arizona University

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$260.6M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by California students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$245.7M**

**SAVED through WUE**

**\$14.9M**

**SAVED through WRGP**

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

- ▶ Cal Poly Humboldt (257)
- ▶ California State University, Sacramento (161)
- ▶ Lassen Community College (121)

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

- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno (2,304)
- ▶ University of Utah (2,090)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (2,012)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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

- ▶ San Francisco State University (30)
- ▶ Cal Poly Humboldt (29)
- ▶ California State University, Monterey Bay (6)

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

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (213)
- ▶ University of Arizona (74)
- ▶ University of Idaho (71)

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.

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

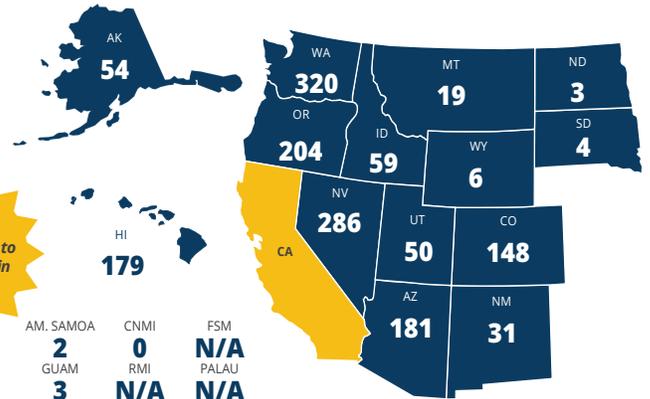
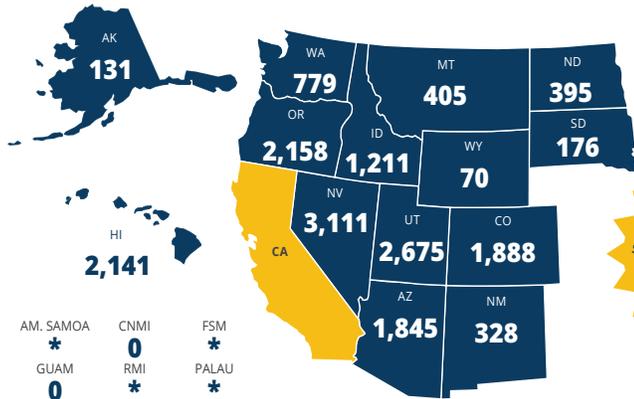
**However, California institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP.** This year, 45 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in California. Institutions received \$1.2M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**149,355% ROI** Gained on California's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM CALIFORNIA: **17,313**

WUE STUDENTS TO CALIFORNIA: **1,549**



1,549 WUE students chose to attend school in California

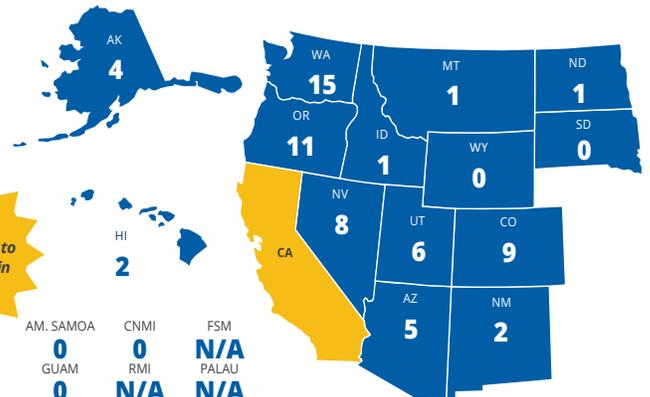
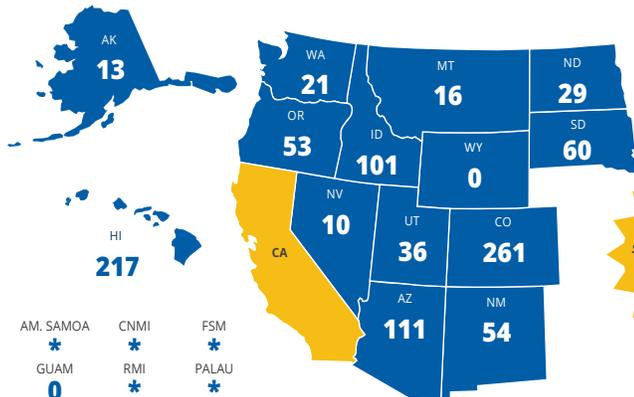
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from California are eligible for the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition Program at Colorado State University, Pueblo and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM CALIFORNIA: **982**

WRGP STUDENTS TO CALIFORNIA: **65**



65 WRGP students chose to attend school in California

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“Receiving an offer from the University of Washington was exciting, but the cost of out-of-state tuition made me hesitant to commit. WRGP eased that uncertainty by making my landscape architecture program financially attainable. I’m grateful to WICHE for supporting my education and helping me move forward with confidence in my academic goals.”

**KAYLIN**, California resident, Landscape Architecture, University of Washington

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$58.4M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Colorado students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$55.3M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$2.8M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$365K**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

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

- ▶ **Colorado State University (2,139)**
- ▶ **Colorado Mesa University (616)**
- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (346)**

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (538)**
- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (390)**
- ▶ **Oregon State University (370)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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

- ▶ **University of Colorado Denver (161)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (109)**
- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (106)**

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

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (28)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (20)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (20)**

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.

**17 Colorado students paid reduced tuition** for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

**80% of Colorado's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return.

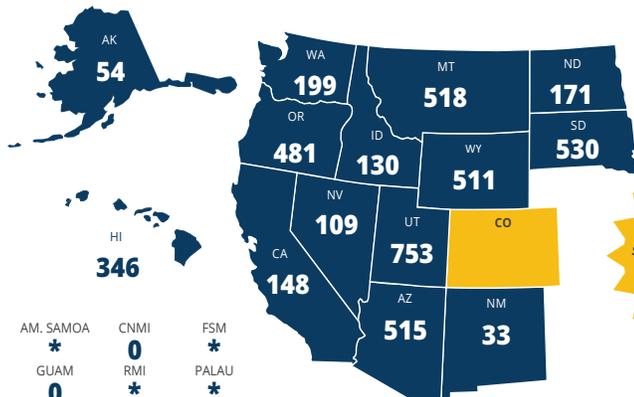
**Colorado institutions and their local economies benefit, too.** This year, 83 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Colorado. Institutions received \$2.7M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**10,831% ROI** Gained on Colorado's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

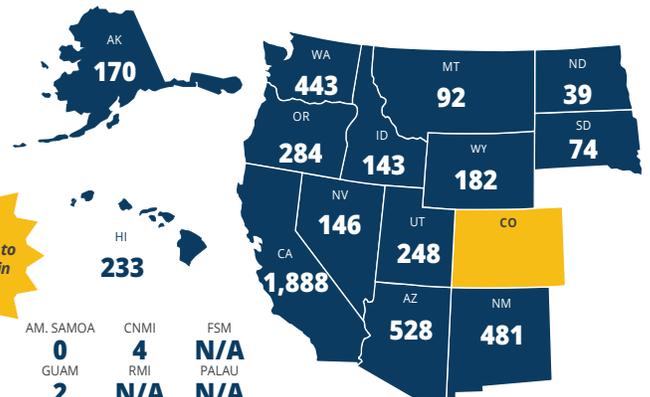
## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM COLORADO: **4,498**

WUE STUDENTS TO COLORADO: **4,957**



**4,957 WUE students chose to attend school in Colorado**



**Note:** Students from Arizona, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming are eligible for the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition Program at Colorado State University, Pueblo. Students from New Mexico are eligible for the New Mexico Reciprocal Tuition Scholarship at Fort Lewis College. Students from those states are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

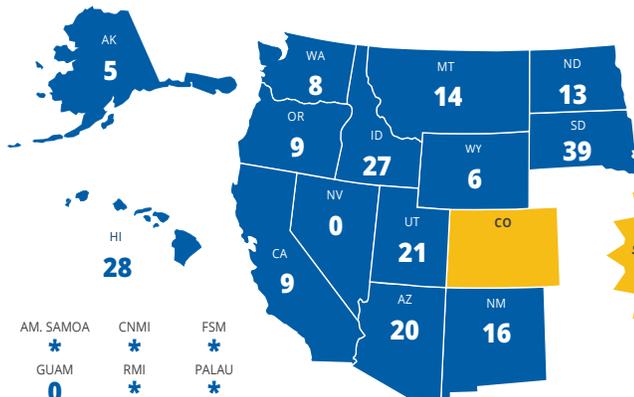
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from Colorado are eligible for the South Dakota Advantage Program and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

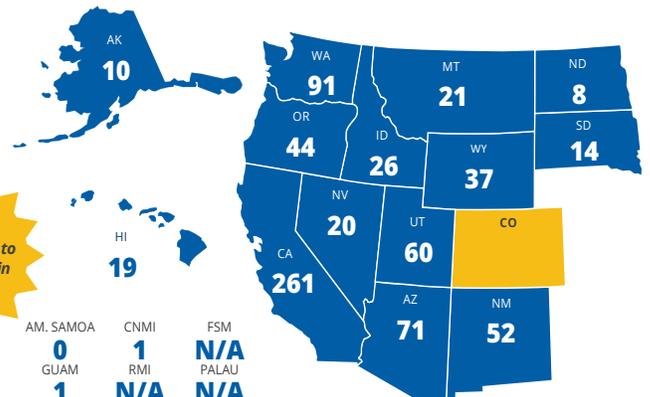
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM COLORADO: **215**

WRGP STUDENTS TO COLORADO: **736**



**736 WRGP students chose to attend school in Colorado**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Optometry	17	\$365,075
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>\$365,075</b>

PSEP students from Colorado saved \$365,075 in tuition



“Thanks to PSEP, I graduated with less debt and was able to open my own practice in a semi-rural community that previously had no full-time eye doctor. Today, our clinic provides essential care to thousands of patients, creates jobs, and strengthens the local economy. Without PSEP, my ability to serve my community would not have been possible.”

**MICHAEL**, Colorado resident, Optometry, Pacific University (Oregon)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$31.5M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Hawai'i students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$29.5M**

**SAVED through WUE**

**\$781K**

**SAVED through WRGP**

**\$1.3M**

**SAVED through PSEP**

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 Hawai'i WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (3,375)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Hilo (250)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu (13)

Top out-of-state WUE schools for Hawai'i undergraduate students:

- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas (408)
- ▶ Oregon State University (382)
- ▶ Washington State University (152)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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 Hawai'i WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (449)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Hilo (19)

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for Hawai'i graduate students:

- ▶ University of Arizona (5)
- ▶ Colorado State University (4)
- ▶ University of Colorado Colorado Springs (4)

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.

**48 Hawai'i students paid reduced tuition** for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

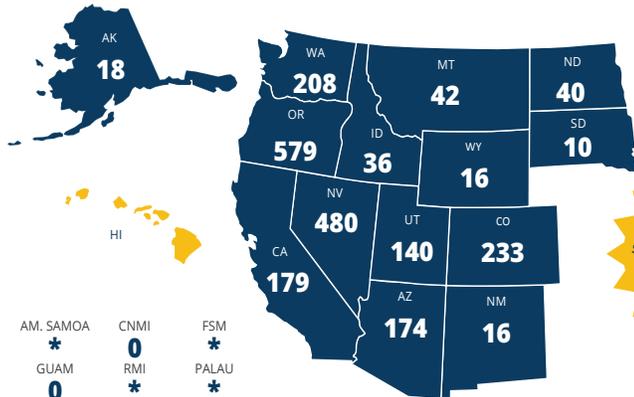
**62% of Hawaii's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

**Hawai'i's institutions and their local economies benefit, too.** This year, one PSEP student enrolled in a program located in Hawai'i. The institution received \$37,250 in support fees to reduce the student's tuition costs.

**2,151% ROI** Gained on Hawai'i's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

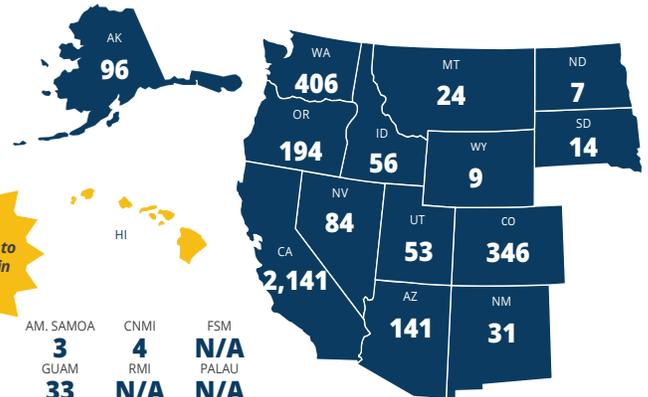
## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM HAWAII: **2,171**



\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

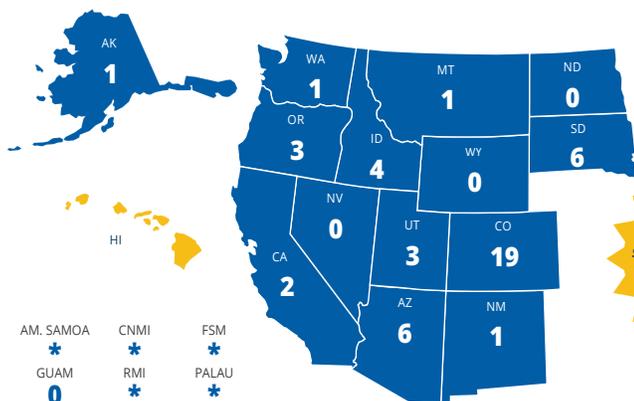
WUE STUDENTS TO HAWAII: **3,642**



Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawai'i Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.

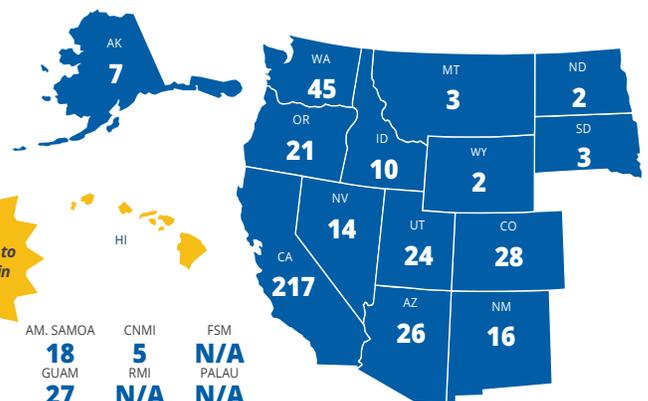
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM HAWAII: **47**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WRGP STUDENTS TO HAWAII: **468**



## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	8	\$291,200
Occupational Therapy	3	\$27,167
Optometry	12	\$257,700
Physical Therapy	10	\$179,750
Veterinary Medicine	15	\$535,775
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>\$1,291,592</b>

PSEP students from Hawai'i saved \$1,291,592 in tuition

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“PSEP significantly reduced my graduate tuition, allowing me to save money and avoid excessive loans. This support ensures I can bring my occupational therapy education back to Hawai'i and the community that shaped me. Without PSEP, this opportunity might not have been possible.”

STACEN, Occupational Therapy, Hawai'i, Pacific University (Oregon)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$29.0M**

**TOTAL SAVED**  
by Idaho students through  
WICHE Student Access  
Programs.

**\$27.3M**  
**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$1.8M**  
**SAVED**  
through WRGP

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



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

- ▶ **Boise State University (2,255)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (1,858)**
- ▶ **Lewis-Clark State College (229)**

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (318)**
- ▶ **Washington State University (153)**
- ▶ **Oregon State University (129)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (354)**
- ▶ **Idaho State University (95)**
- ▶ **Boise State University (13)**

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

- ▶ **Utah State University (15)**
- ▶ **University of Arizona (9)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (8)**

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.

**Idaho 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.

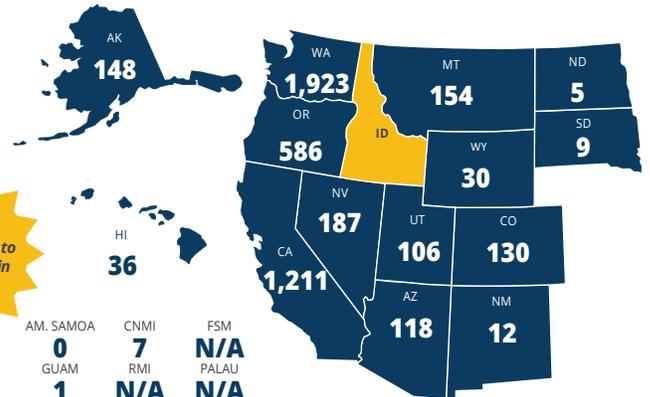
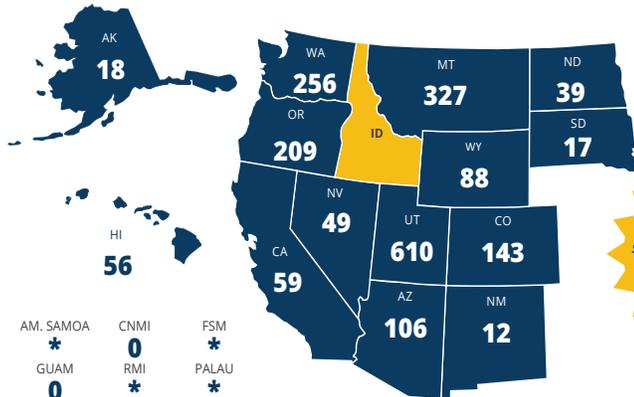
**However, Idaho institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP.** This year, two PSEP students enrolled in a program located in Idaho. The institution received \$42,550 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**16,637% ROI** Gained on Idaho's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM IDAHO: **1,989**

WUE STUDENTS TO IDAHO: **4,663**



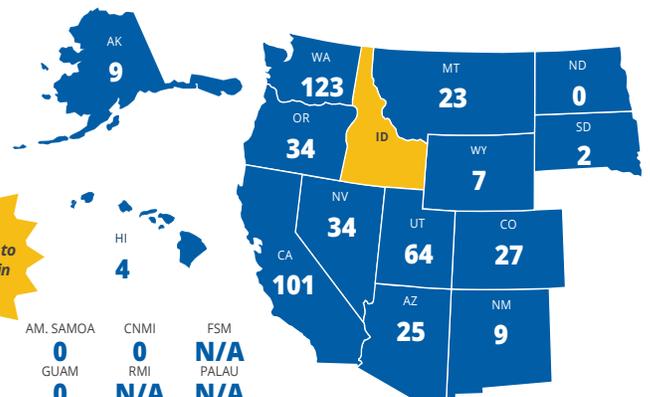
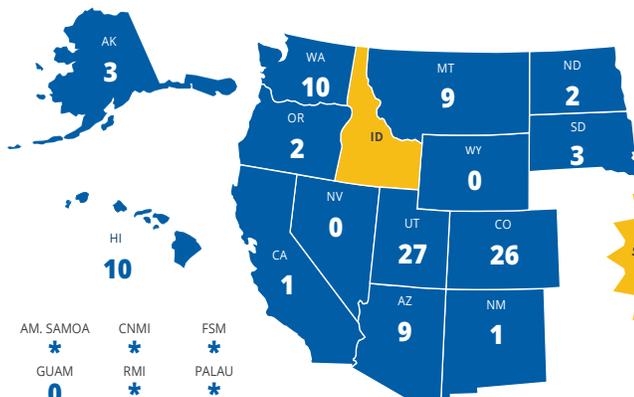
4,663 WUE students chose to attend school in Idaho

\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM IDAHO: **103**

WRGP STUDENTS TO IDAHO: **462**



462 WRGP students chose to attend school in Idaho

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“The Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) program has been instrumental in helping the College of Southern Idaho expand access to higher education for students across the West. By offering affordable tuition to out-of-state students, WUE allows CSI to attract motivated learners who might not otherwise be able to attend college outside their home state.

For our students, WUE has reduced financial barriers, encouraged degree completion, and provided a pathway to explore academic programs uniquely available at CSI. For our institution, it has strengthened regional collaboration, enriched our student body, and contributed to a richer learning environment.

Overall, WUE has been a win-win for both our students and our college community — it helps us live out our mission of expanding opportunity and supporting student success.”

**MONZE STARK**, Administrator, College of Southern Idaho

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**

**\$16.5M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Montana students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$12.2M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$1.5M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$2.8M**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

**WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE**



**WUE**

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

- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (1,519)**
- ▶ **University of Montana (634)**
- ▶ **University of Montana Western (262)**

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

- ▶ **Dickinson State University, ND (267)**
- ▶ **Sheridan College, WY (106)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (95)**

**WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM**



**WRGP**

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

- ▶ **University of Montana (52)**
- ▶ **Montana State University, Bozeman (29)**
- ▶ **Montana State University Billings (7)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (16)**
- ▶ **Minot State University, ND (8)**
- ▶ **North Dakota State University (7)**

**PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**



**PSEP**

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**90 Montana students paid reduced tuition** for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

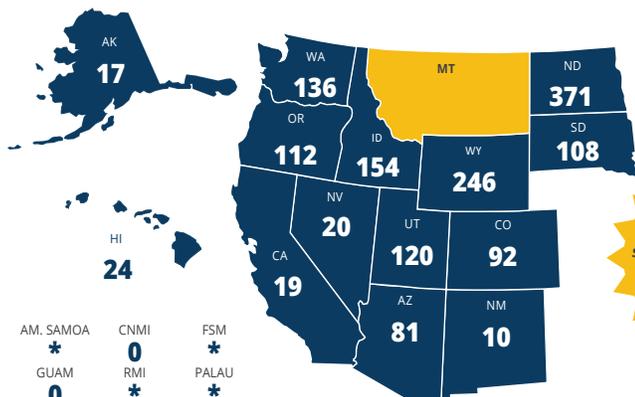
**59% of Montana's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are not contractually required to return.

**Montana's institutions and their local economies benefit, too.** This year, four PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Montana. Institutions received \$80,650 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**550% ROI** Gained on Montana's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

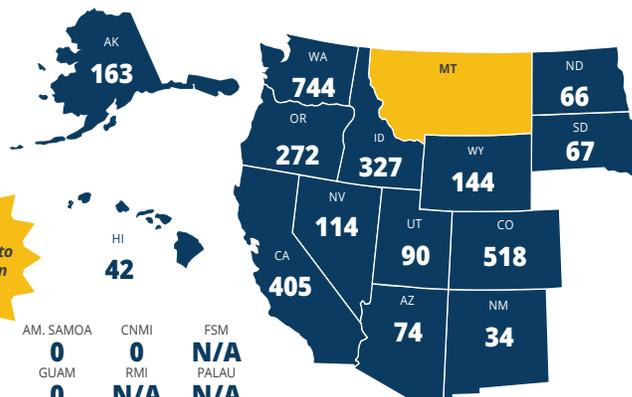
WUE STUDENTS FROM MONTANA: **1,510**



\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

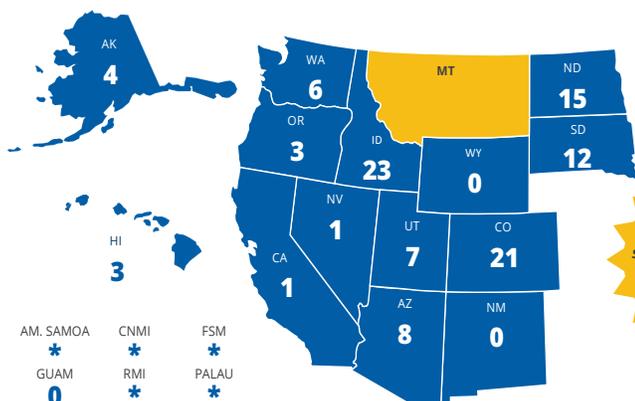
**Note:** Students from Montana are eligible for the South Dakota Advantage Program and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

WUE STUDENTS TO MONTANA: **3,060**



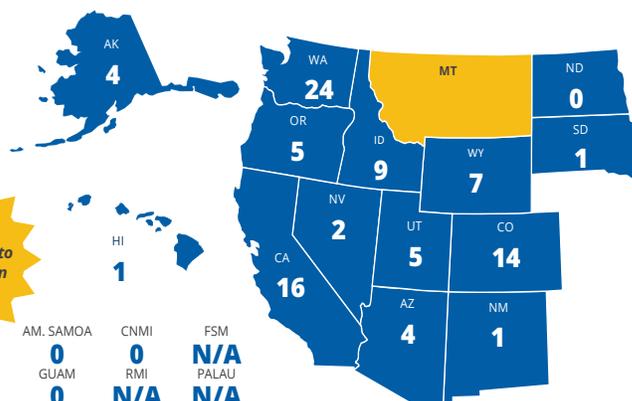
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM MONTANA: **104**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

WRGP STUDENTS TO MONTANA: **93**



## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	16	\$509,600
Medicine (Allopathic)	31	\$1,136,125
Occupational Therapy	6	\$141,268
Optometry	6	\$128,850
Osteopathic Medicine	12	\$320,700
Veterinary Medicine	19	\$591,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>\$2,827,743</b>

PSEP students from Montana saved \$2,827,743 in tuition

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“PSEP significantly reduces my tuition, allowing me to pursue veterinary medicine without the pressure of unmanageable debt. This support makes it possible for me to follow my passion for wildlife or shelter medicine — fields with modest salaries — while staying fully focused on my training.”

**EMMA**, Montana resident, Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$32.3M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Nevada students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$29.5M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$2.0M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$718K**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

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

- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno (2,805)
- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1,484)
- ▶ Truckee Meadows Community College (133)

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

- ▶ Southern Utah University (323)
- ▶ Northern Arizona University (238)
- ▶ University of Utah (219)

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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

- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno (6)
- ▶ Nevada State University (4)
- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1)

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

- ▶ University of Idaho (32)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (14)
- ▶ University of Utah (9)

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.

**38 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.

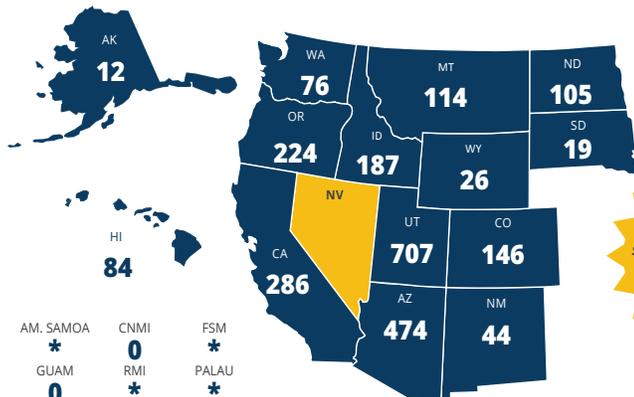
**Nevada's institutions and their local economies benefit, too.**

This year, 36 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Nevada. Institutions received \$826,467 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**3,618% ROI** Gained on Nevada's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

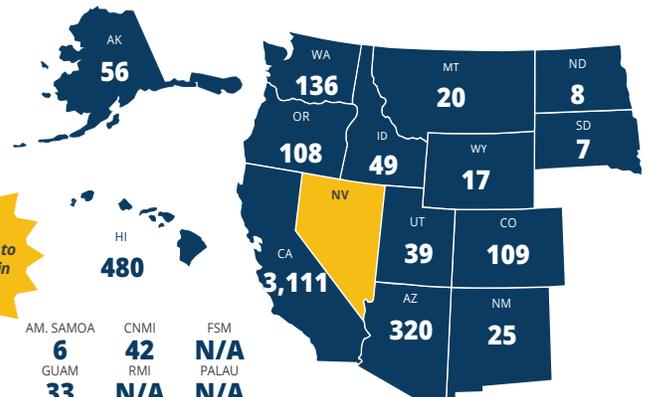
## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM NEVADA: **2,504**



4,566 WUE students chose to attend school in Nevada

WUE STUDENTS TO NEVADA: **4,566**

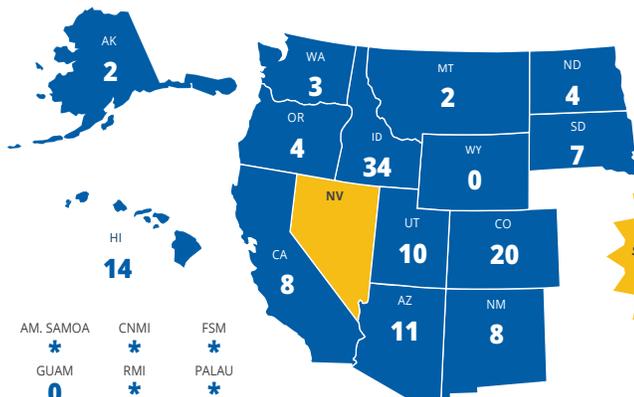


\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from Nevada are eligible for the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition Program at Colorado State University, Pueblo and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

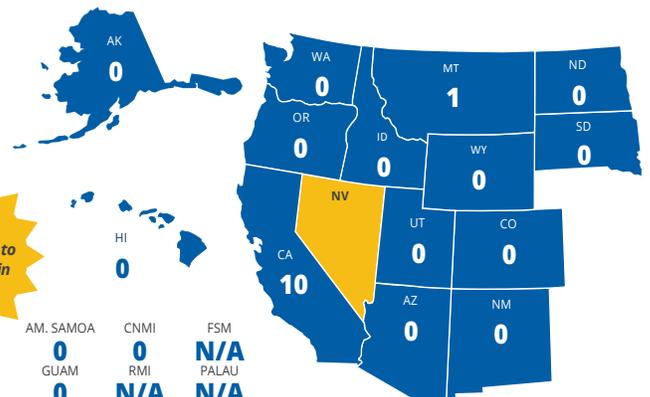
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM NEVADA: **127**



11 WRGP students chose to attend school in Nevada

WRGP STUDENTS TO NEVADA: **11**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Occupational Therapy	7	\$97,801
Pharmacy	10	\$127,000
Physical Therapy	5	\$89,875
Physician Assistant	12	\$255,300
Veterinary Medicine	4	\$147,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$717,776</b>

PSEP students from Nevada saved \$717,776 in tuition

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



"PSEP has significantly reduced my financial burden, allowing me to focus more fully on learning and clinical practice. This support makes it possible for me to pursue my goal of guiding patients through recovery and improving their quality of life.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to advance in a field I'm passionate about."

**SANCHAI**, Nevada resident, Physical Therapy, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Utah

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$16.7M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by New Mexico students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$12.0M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$2.5M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$2.2M**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

### 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 New Mexico WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of New Mexico (358)**
- ▶ **Eastern New Mexico University (162)**
- ▶ **New Mexico State University (118)**

Top out-of-state WUE schools for New Mexico undergraduate students:

- ▶ **Fort Lewis College, CO (154)**
- ▶ **Northern Arizona University (148)**
- ▶ **Colorado State University (130)**

### WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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 New Mexico WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **Eastern New Mexico University (119)**
- ▶ **University of New Mexico (12)**
- ▶ **New Mexico State University (7)**

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for New Mexico graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Arizona (24)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Denver (17)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (10)**

### 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.

**68 New Mexico students paid reduced tuition** for health care 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.

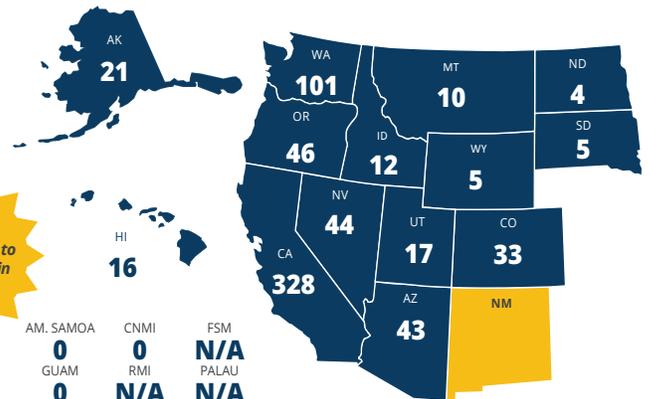
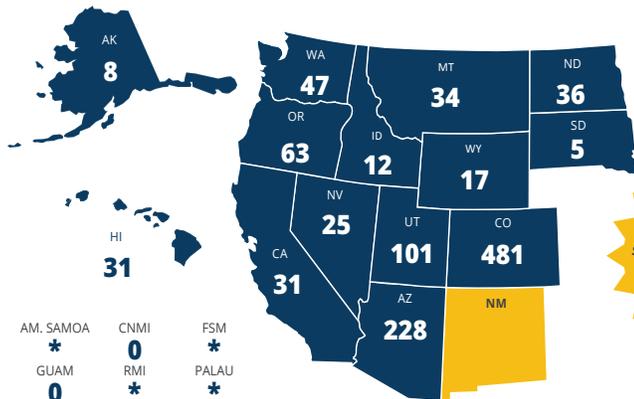
**New Mexico's institutions and their local economies benefit, too.** This year, one PSEP student enrolled in a program located in New Mexico. The institution received \$37,250 in support fees to reduce the student's tuition costs.

**692% ROI** Gained on New Mexico's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM NEW MEXICO: **1,119**

WUE STUDENTS TO NEW MEXICO: **685**



685 WUE students chose to attend school in New Mexico

AM. SAMOA \*  
GUAM 0

CNMI 0  
RMI \*

FSM \*  
PALAU \*

AM. SAMOA 0  
GUAM 0

CNMI 0  
RMI N/A

FSM N/A  
PALAU N/A

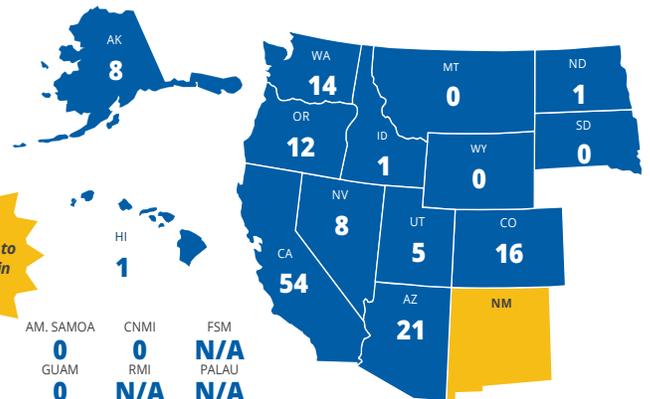
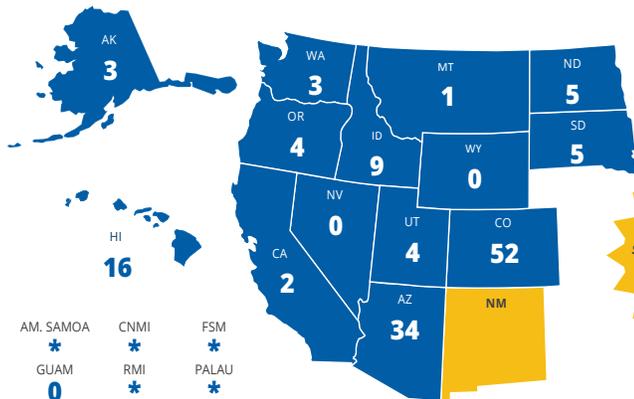
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from New Mexico are eligible for the New Mexico Reciprocal Tuition Scholarship at Fort Lewis College, CO and the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition Program at Colorado State University, Pueblo and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates at those schools. These students are also reported as WUE students.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM NEW MEXICO: **138**

WRGP STUDENTS TO NEW MEXICO: **141**



141 WRGP students chose to attend school in New Mexico

AM. SAMOA \*  
GUAM 0

CNMI \*  
RMI \*

FSM \*  
PALAU \*

AM. SAMOA 0  
GUAM 0

CNMI 0  
RMI N/A

FSM N/A  
PALAU N/A

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	26	\$811,200
Optometry	4	\$85,900
Veterinary Medicine	38	\$1,348,675
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>\$2,245,775</b>

PSEP students from New Mexico saved \$2,245,775 in tuition



"PSEP allows me to serve as a dentist in my rural New Mexico community without the burden of out-of-state tuition. This support is crucial for students who want to provide care in underserved areas. I'm grateful to WICHE for investing in my education and New Mexico's dental future."

**ZACHARY**, New Mexico resident, Dentistry, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$4.3M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by North Dakota students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$2.6M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$547K**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$1.2M**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

### 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 North Dakota WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of North Dakota (519)**
- ▶ **Dickinson State University (483)**
- ▶ **North Dakota State University (341)**

Top out-of-state WUE schools for North Dakota undergraduate students:

- ▶ **South Dakota State University (92)**
- ▶ **Black Hills State University, SD (60)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (58)**

### WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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 North Dakota WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (79)**
- ▶ **Minot State University (37)**
- ▶ **University of North Dakota (8)**

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for North Dakota graduate students:

- ▶ **University of South Dakota (15)**
- ▶ **Dakota State University, SD (7)**
- ▶ **South Dakota State University (5)**

### 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.

**43 North Dakota students paid reduced tuition** for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

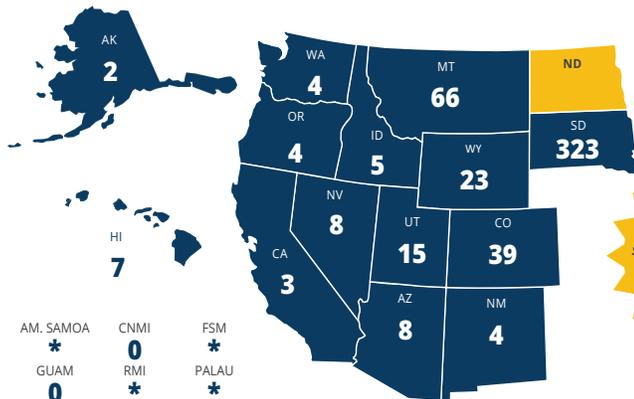
**43% of North Dakota's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-21). Students are not contractually required to return.

**North Dakota's institutions and their local economies benefit, too.** This year, 15 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in North Dakota. Institutions received \$345,459 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**321% ROI** Gained on North Dakota's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

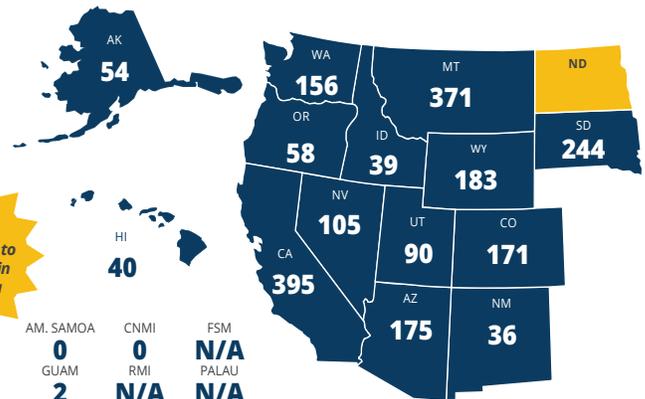
## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM N. DAKOTA: **511**



**2,119 WUE students chose to attend school in North Dakota**

WUE STUDENTS TO N. DAKOTA: **2,119**

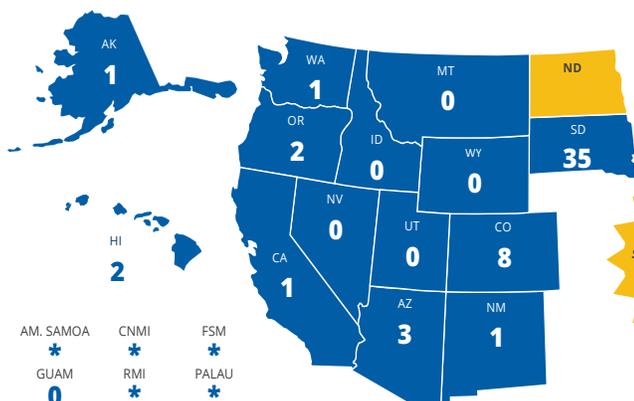


\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from North Dakota are eligible for the South Dakota Advantage Program and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

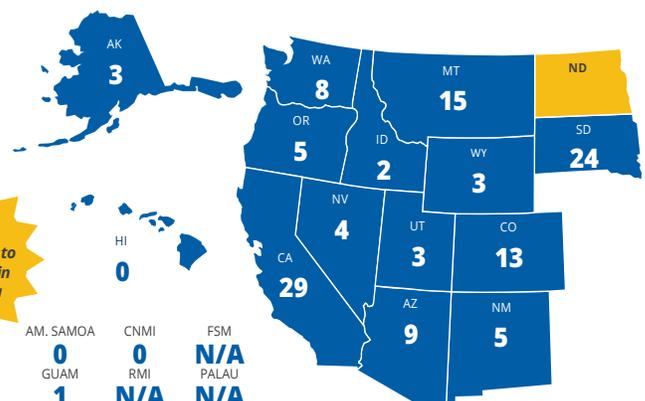
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM N. DAKOTA: **54**



**124 WRGP students chose to attend school in North Dakota**

WRGP STUDENTS TO N. DAKOTA: **124**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	14	\$457,600
Optometry	23	\$472,450
Veterinary Medicine	6	\$221,700
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>\$1,151,750</b>

PSEP students from North Dakota saved \$1,151,750 in tuition

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



"PSEP has been an incredible source of support in my journey to becoming an optometrist. It has made pursuing my professional goals financially feasible and allowed me to focus on my studies and clinical training. I am truly grateful for the opportunities this program has provided."

**BRENDAN**, North Dakota resident, Optometry, Pacific University (Oregon)

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$46.3M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Oregon students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$43.2M**

**SAVED through WUE**

**\$3.1M**

**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 (3,976)
- ▶ Portland State University (740)
- ▶ Southern Oregon University (591)

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

- ▶ University of Utah (379)
- ▶ University of Idaho (265)
- ▶ Boise State University, ID (237)

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 (68)
- ▶ Oregon Health & Science University (32)
- ▶ Southern Oregon University (20)

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

- ▶ University of Idaho (22)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (21)
- ▶ University of Arizona (14)

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.

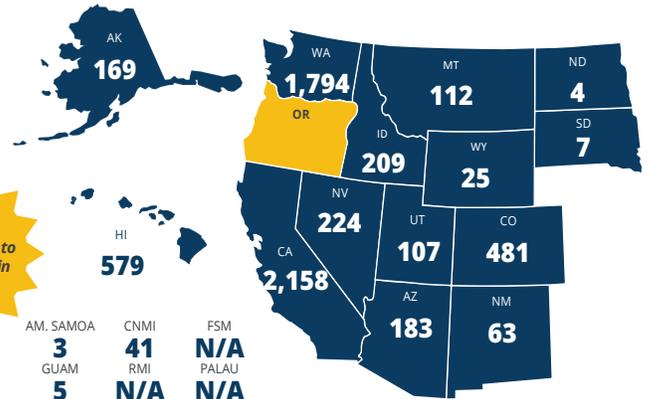
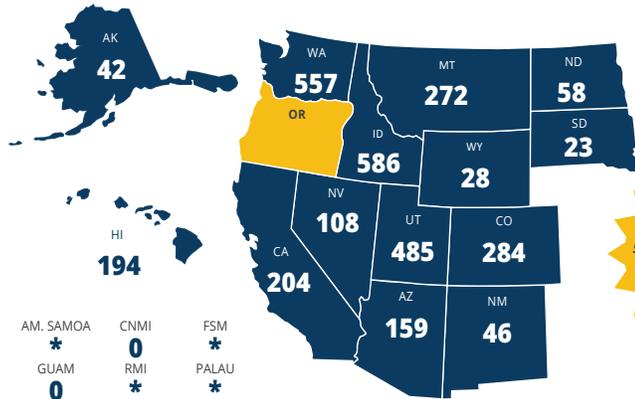
**However, Oregon institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP.** This year, 75 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Oregon. Institutions received \$2M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**26,524% ROI** Gained on Oregon's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM OREGON: **3,046**

WUE STUDENTS TO OREGON: **6,164**



**6,164 WUE students chose to attend school in Oregon**

AM. SAMOA \*  
GUAM 0  
CNMI 0  
RMI \*  
FSM \*  
PALAU \*

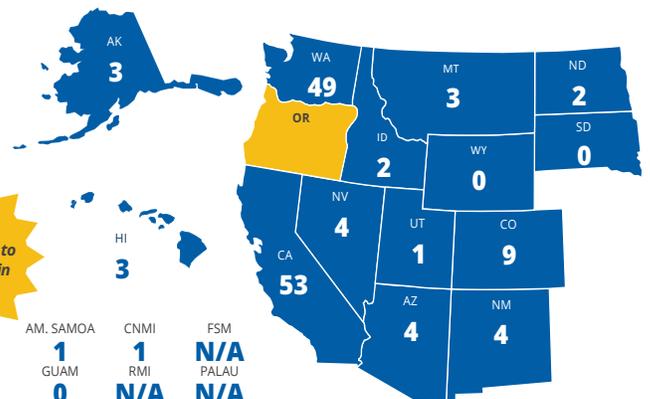
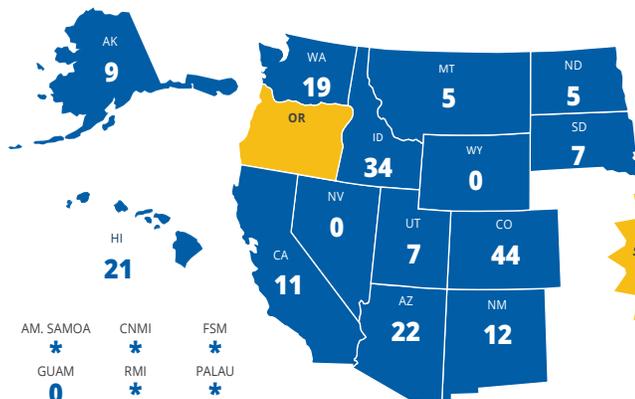
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GUAM 5  
CNMI 41  
RMI N/A  
FSM N/A  
PALAU N/A

\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM OREGON: **196**

WRGP STUDENTS TO OREGON: **139**



**139 WRGP students chose to attend school in Oregon**

AM. SAMOA \*  
GUAM 0  
CNMI \*  
RMI \*  
FSM \*  
PALAU \*

AM. SAMOA 1  
GUAM 0  
CNMI 1  
RMI N/A  
FSM N/A  
PALAU N/A

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ WUE made attending my dream university possible by removing the financial barrier of going out of state. Visiting Oregon State University confirmed it was the right place for me, and with WUE the cost was manageable for my family. It allowed me to pursue the college experience I'd hoped for. ”

**RAEGAN**, Colorado resident, Kinesiology, Oregon State University

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$4.3M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by South Dakota students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$3.8M**

**SAVED  
through WUE**

**\$531K**

**SAVED  
through WRGP**

## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



**WUE**

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Top South Dakota WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (527)**
- ▶ **Black Hills State University (489)**
- ▶ **South Dakota State University (307)**

Top out-of-state WUE schools for South Dakota undergraduate students:

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (186)**
- ▶ **Sheridan College, WY (48)**
- ▶ **Dickinson State University, ND (47)**

## WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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Top South Dakota WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **University of South Dakota (87)**
- ▶ **Dakota State University (67)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (38)**

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for South Dakota graduate students:

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (19)**
- ▶ **Minot State University, ND (5)**
- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (4)**

## PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



**PSEP**

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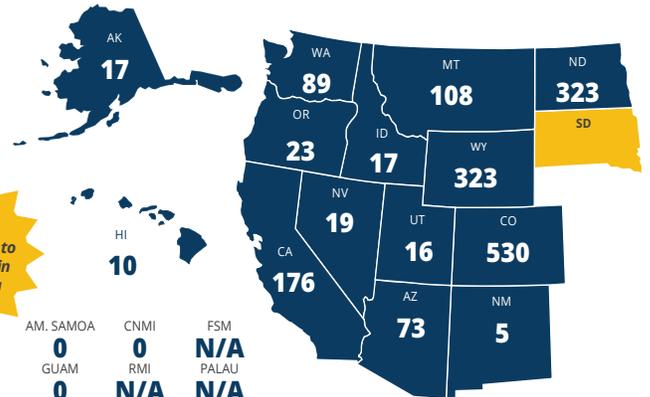
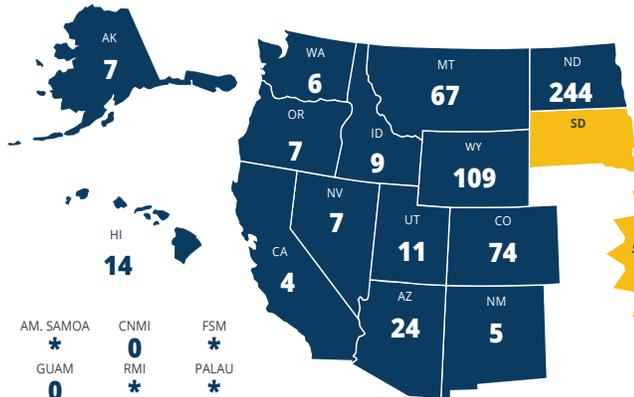
**However, South Dakota institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP.** This year, two PSEP students enrolled in programs located in South Dakota. Institutions received \$17,975 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**2,480% ROI** Gained on South Dakota's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM S. DAKOTA: **588**

WUE STUDENTS TO S. DAKOTA: **1,729**



1,729 WUE students chose to attend school in South Dakota

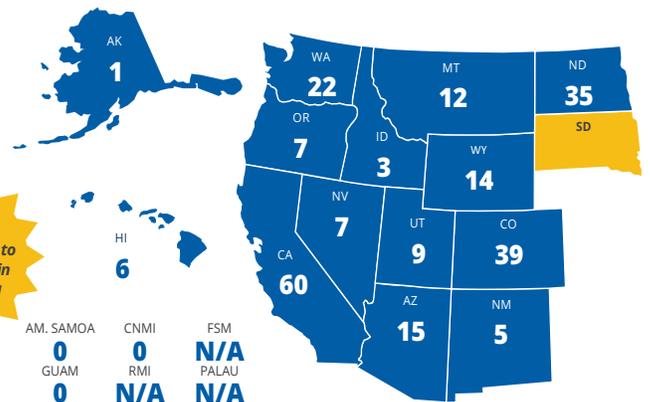
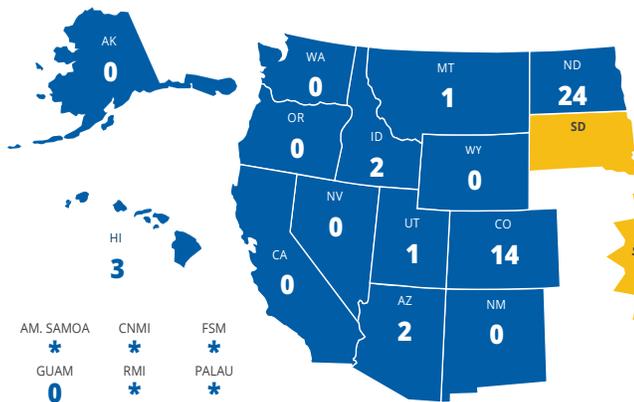
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

Note: Students from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming are eligible for the South Dakota Advantage Program and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM S. DAKOTA: **47**

WRGP STUDENTS TO S. DAKOTA: **235**



235 WRGP students chose to attend school in South Dakota

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“As a member of the Yankton Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, WRGP made pursuing a Ph.D. in creative writing possible and helped me return to my Dakota community. Now, as a faculty member, I teach Dakota/Lakota language and Native American studies, ensuring cultural knowledge continues for future generations.”

**KARLI**, Nevada resident, English: Literary Studies: Creative Writing (Ph.D.), University of South Dakota

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$15.8M**

**TOTAL SAVED**  
by Utah students through  
WICHE Student Access  
Programs.

**\$12.0M**  
**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$3.2M**  
**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$556K**  
**SAVED**  
through PSEP

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (4,512)**
- ▶ **Utah Valley University (813)**
- ▶ **Southern Utah University (599)**

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

- ▶ **Mohave College, AZ (160)**
- ▶ **Western Wyoming Community College (77)**
- ▶ **Colorado Mesa University (73)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**  
Saves **GRADUATE** students  
on out-of-state certificate,  
master's, and doctoral  
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than 150% of in-state tuition  
at partner institutions across  
the West.

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

- ▶ **University of Utah (85)**
- ▶ **Utah State University (35)**
- ▶ **Weber State University (18)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (46)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (24)**
- ▶ **Idaho State University (15)**

PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



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offered by public institutions in their home state.

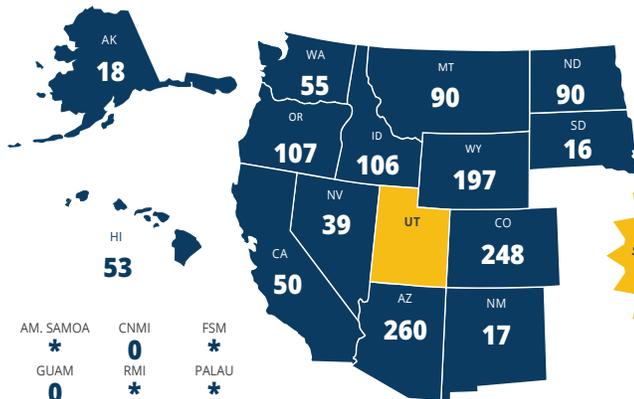
**49% of Utah's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-21).  
Students are not contractually required to return.

**Utah's institutions and their local economies benefit, too.** This year,  
47 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Utah. Institutions  
received \$1.3M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**2,158% ROI** Gained on Utah's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

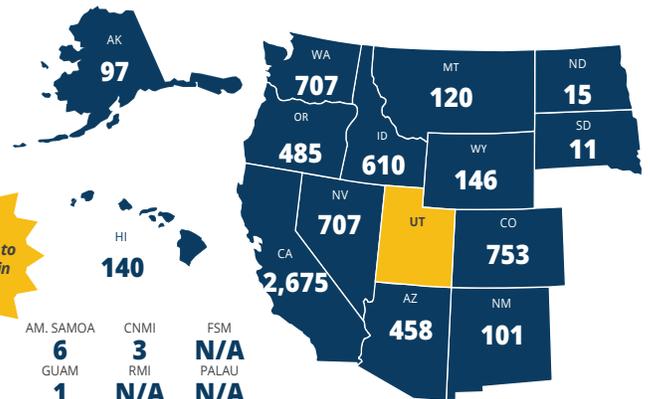
## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM UTAH: **1,346**



**7,035 WUE students chose to attend school in Utah**

WUE STUDENTS TO UTAH: **7,035**

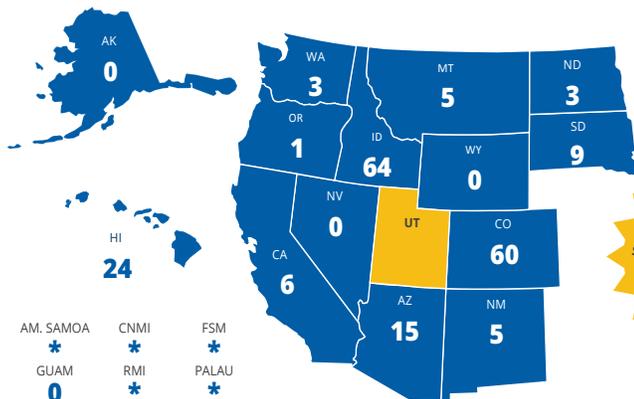


\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from Utah are eligible for the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition Program at Colorado State University and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

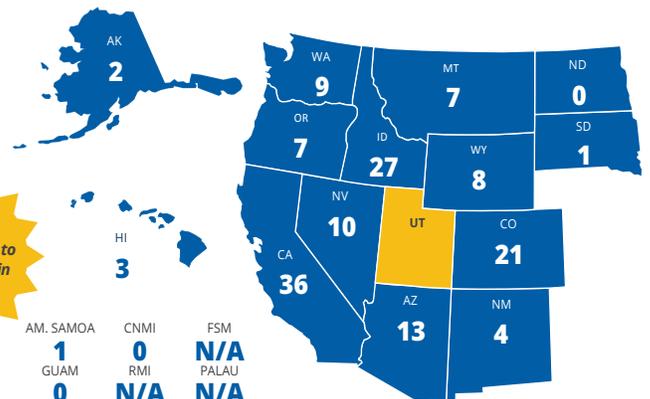
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM UTAH: **195**



**149 WRGP students chose to attend school in Utah**

WRGP STUDENTS TO UTAH: **149**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Optometry	19	\$408,025
Podiatry	9	\$148,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>\$556,225</b>

PSEP students from Utah saved \$556,225 in tuition

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



**“ PSEP has made optometry school financially feasible by lowering tuition costs. This support eased my worries about debt and allowed me to stay focused and driven in my studies. I’m deeply grateful for the opportunity to pursue my academic and professional goals with less financial stress. ”**

**ALISON**, Utah resident, Optometry, A.T. Still University (Arizona)

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$118.3M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Washington students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$111.6M**

**SAVED through WUE**

**\$6.7M**

**SAVED through WRGP**

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

- ▶ **Washington State University (1,340)**
- ▶ **Western Washington University (629)**
- ▶ **Central Washington University (245)**

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

- ▶ **Oregon State University (1,346)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (1,004)**
- ▶ **Boise State University (757)**

### WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

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

- ▶ **Central Washington University (24)**
- ▶ **University of Washington (22)**
- ▶ **Washington State University Spokane (19)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (106)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (43)**
- ▶ **Portland State University, OR (28)**

### 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.

**Washington has elected not to use PSEP for its residents** because it operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.

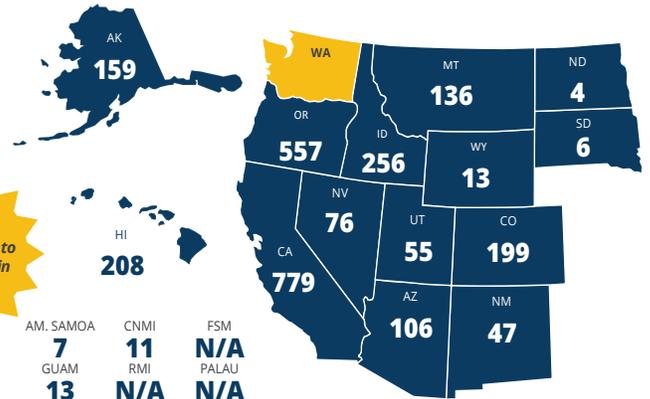
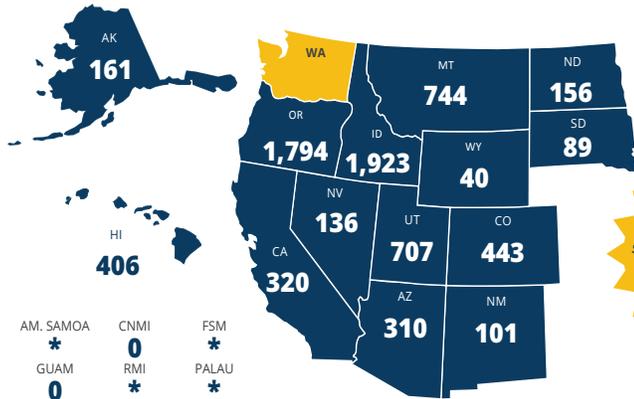
**However, Washington institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP.** This year, 68 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Washington. Institutions received \$2M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**67,771% ROI** Gained on Washington's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM WASHINGTON: **7,330**

WUE STUDENTS TO WASHINGTON: **2,632**



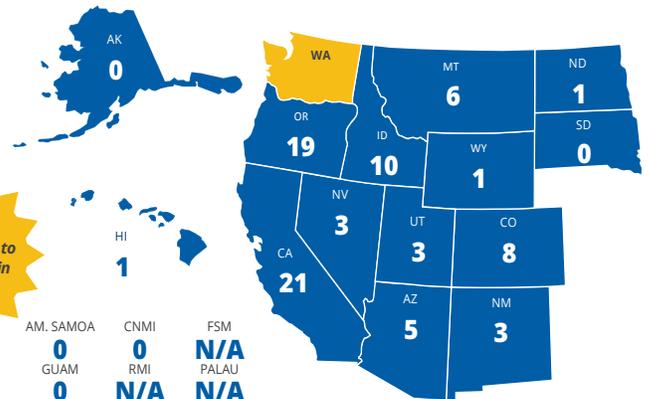
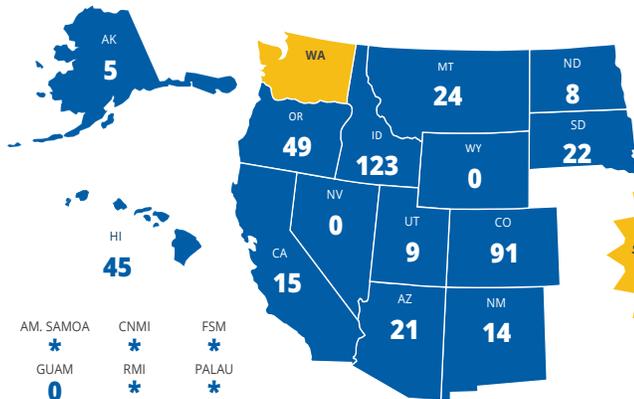
2,632 WUE students chose to attend school in Washington

\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM WASHINGTON: **426**

WRGP STUDENTS TO WASHINGTON: **81**



81 WRGP students chose to attend school in Washington

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“WRGP made pursuing a master’s degree a realistic option by easing the financial challenges that had stood in the way. The program has allowed me to continue my education and pursue my academic and professional goals. WRGP has turned my dreams into reality.”

**EDWARD**, Colorado resident, Geology, Central Washington University

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**

**\$11.7M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Wyoming students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$7.8M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$1.4M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$2.6M**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

**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 Wyoming WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **Laramie County Community College (439)**
- ▶ **Sheridan College (191)**
- ▶ **Casper College (145)**

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

- ▶ **Black Hills State University, SD (163)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (88)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (56)**

**WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM**



**WRGP**

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

- ▶ **University of Wyoming (6)**

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

- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (14)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Denver (10)**
- ▶ **University of Idaho (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.

**99 Wyoming students paid reduced tuition** for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

**55% of Wyoming's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return, except for those studying veterinary medicine.

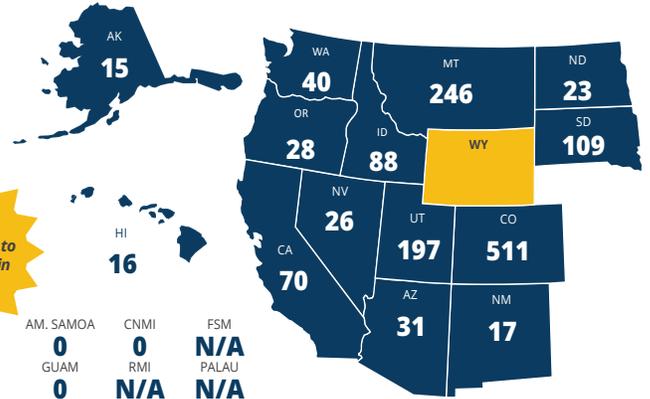
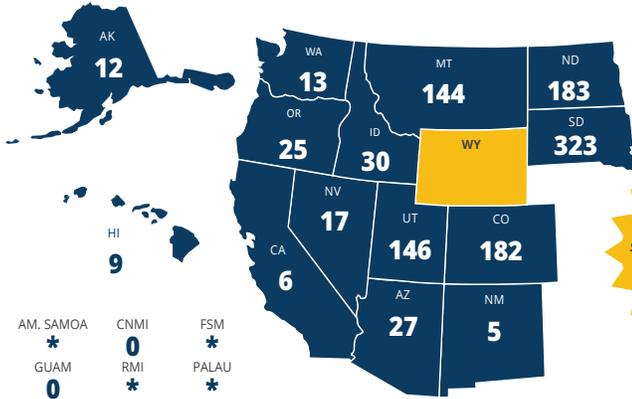
**The University of Wyoming and the local economy can benefit from PSEP.** Its doctor of pharmacy program can enroll students from other WICHE states. Enrolling institutions receive a support fee paid by the students' home states to reduce their tuition costs.

**429% ROI** Gained on Wyoming's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM WYOMING: **1,122**

WUE STUDENTS TO WYOMING: **1,417**



**1,417 WUE students chose to attend school in Wyoming**

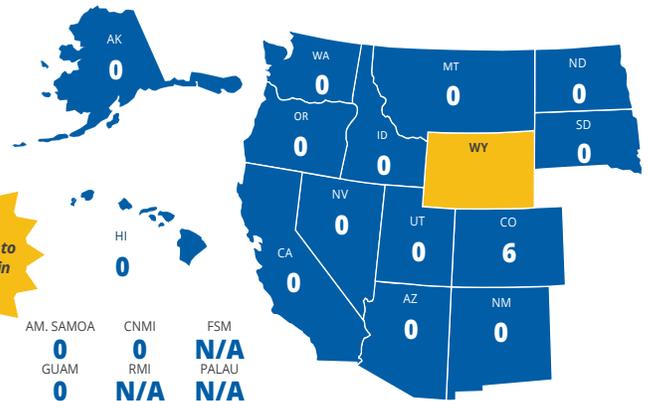
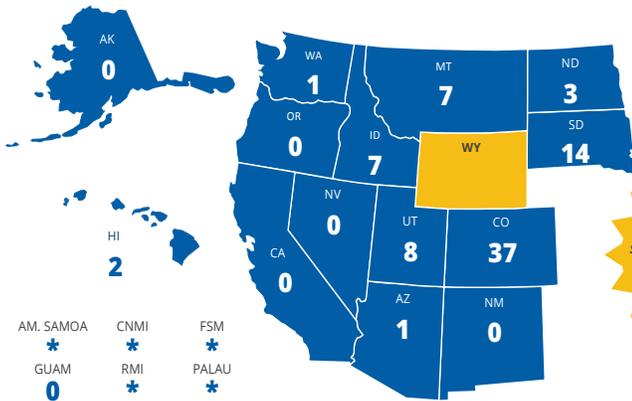
\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from Wyoming are eligible for the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition program at Colorado State University, Pueblo and the South Dakota Advantage Program and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates at those participating schools. These students are also reported as WUE students.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM WYOMING: **80**

WRGP STUDENTS TO WYOMING: **6**



**6 WRGP students chose to attend school in Wyoming**

\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	10	\$312,000
Allopathic Medicine	10	\$372,500
Occupational Therapy	3	\$27,167
Optometry	7	\$150,325
Osteopathic Medicine	6	\$146,987
Physical Therapy	36	\$647,100
Physician Assistant	6	\$127,650
Veterinary Medicine	21	\$775,950
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>\$2,559,679</b>

PSEP students from Wyoming saved \$2,559,679 in tuition



**“**As a first-generation college student from rural Wyoming, PSEP made my dream of becoming a veterinarian possible. This support allows me to focus on my education and prepare to serve animals and communities in need. I'm deeply grateful for the opportunities PSEP has opened for my future. **”**

**RHEAGAN**, Wyoming resident, Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$552K**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by American Samoa students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$351K**

**SAVED through WUE**

**\$201K**

**SAVED through WRGP**

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



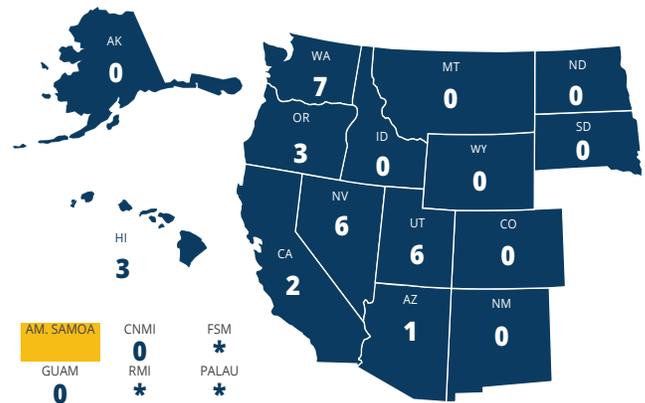
Saves **UNDERGRADUATE** students on out-of-state tuition. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

*Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawai'i Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.*

Top out-of-state WUE schools for American Samoa undergraduate students:

- ▶ **Southern Utah University (6)**
- ▶ **Washington State University (6)**
- ▶ **University of Nevada, Reno (5)**

WUE STUDENTS FROM AM. SAMOA: **28**



\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM

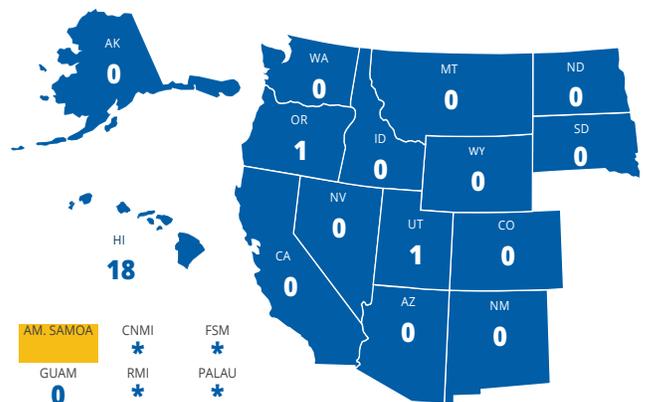


Saves **GRADUATE** students on out-of-state certificate, master's, and doctoral programs. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for American Samoa graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (18)**
- ▶ **Portland State University, OR (1)**
- ▶ **Utah Tech University (1)**

WRGP STUDENTS FROM AM. SAMOA: **20**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2025–26

**\$1.8M**

**TOTAL SAVED**  
by CNMI students through  
WICHE Student Access  
Programs.

**\$1.7M**  
**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$76K**  
**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$37K**  
**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 out-of-state WUE schools for CNMI undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (40)**
- ▶ **Portland State University, OR (34)**
- ▶ **Washington State University (11)**

## 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 out-of-state WRGP schools for CNMI graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (5)**
- ▶ **Portland State University, OR (1)**
- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (1)**

## PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



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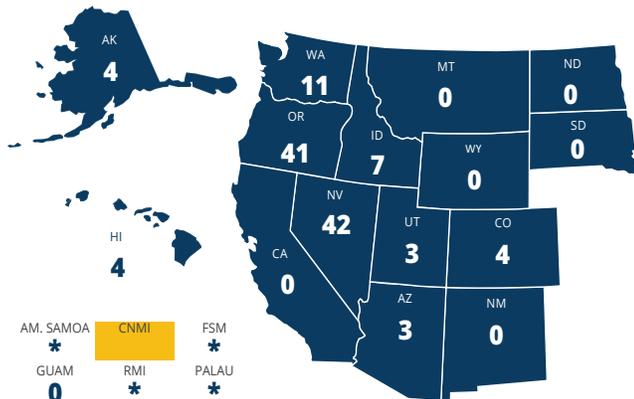
**One CNMI student paid reduced tuition** for healthcare studies not offered by public institutions on the CNMI.

**Residents can access affordable healthcare education** at more than 130 participating programs in the western United States due to legislation passed by the CNMI in 2017.

**CNMI considers applicants** in the fields of allopathic medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physician assistant, physical therapy, and veterinary medicine.

## WUE

### WUE STUDENTS FROM CNMI: 119

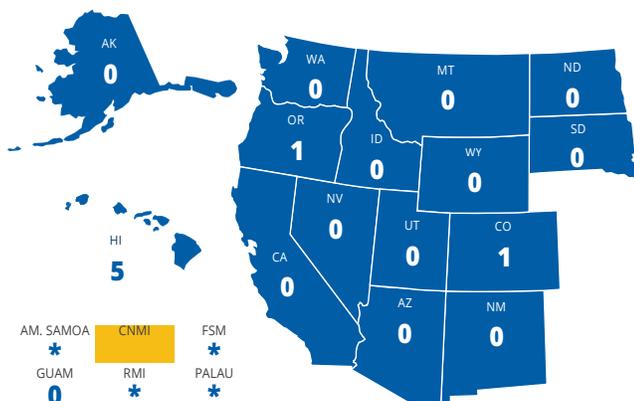


Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawai'i Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.

\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

### WRGP STUDENTS FROM CNMI: 7



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“Pursuing a veterinary degree from Saipan once felt impossible. Although the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) is part of the United States, it is thousands of miles—and more than 25 hours of travel—from the mainland. We have no resident veterinarian for over 40,000 people. This absence threatens environmental health, food security, and public health, while also leaving pets and working animals without access to care. The cost of pursuing education off-island is overwhelming, and our community lacks sufficient resources to support a private practice veterinarian. Without WICHE’s PSEP support, attending Washington State University’s College of Veterinary Medicine would not have been possible for me.

As a non-traditional, older veterinary student and mom, I’ve faced significant barriers: leaving my family and community behind, balancing school with ongoing responsibilities to support animal health back home, and adjusting to life thousands of miles away. Still, the opportunity to train at WSU is transformative. I’ve already applied what I’m learning to help develop animal health programs and humane initiatives in the CNMI, where I founded a nonprofit clinic and now serve as the Animal Health Officer for the Department of Agriculture.

While I am grateful for my time in veterinary school, my greatest motivation is to return home as the first female veterinarian—and the first resident veterinarian in many years. I will serve all needs ranging from regulatory and food animal medicine to pets and wildlife. I am honored to be filling this void and hope to inspire others to do the same.”

**LAUREN**, CNMI resident, Veterinary Medicine, Washington State University

## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Veterinary Medicine	1	\$36,950
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$36,950</b>

PSEP students from CNMI saved \$36,950 in tuition

**ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26**

**\$1.8M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Guam students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$1.4M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$322K**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$55K**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

**WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE**



**WUE**

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

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (32)**
- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (27)**
- ▶ **Washington State University (12)**

**WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM**



**WRGP**

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

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (26)**
- ▶ **University of Alaska Anchorage (2)**
- ▶ **Minot State University, ND (1)**

**PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM**



**PSEP**

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**Guam's legislature signed Bill 158, known as the Biråda Act, on April 7, 2022. The Biråda Act** supports PSEP in Guam as a way to grow its healthcare workforce.

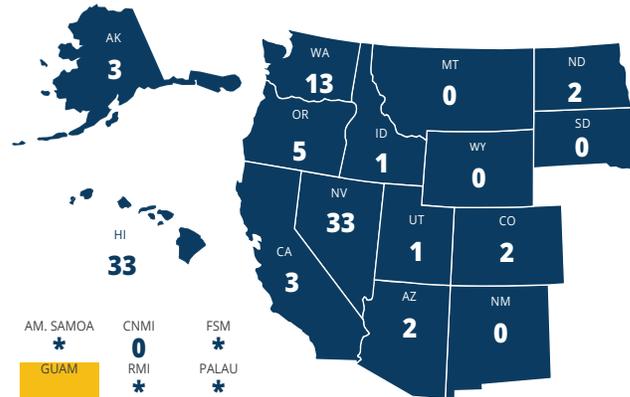
**Four Guam students paid reduced tuition** for health care studies not offered by public institutions on Guam.

**Guam considers applicants** in the fields of allopathic medicine, dentistry, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.

**775% ROI Gained on Guam's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)**

## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM GUAM: **98**

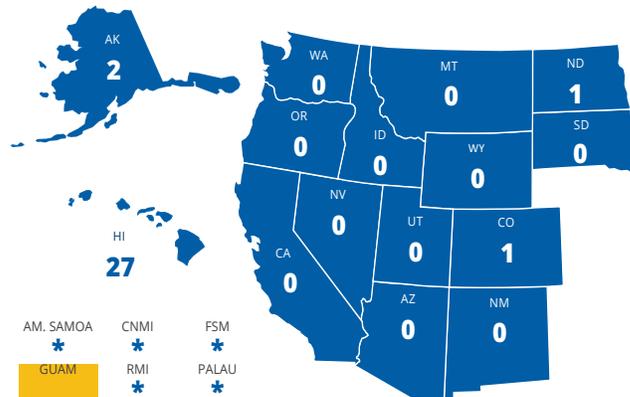


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\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM GUAM: **31**



\* Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.

## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Osteopathic Medicine	1	\$26,725
Pharmacy	3	\$28,575
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>\$55,300</b>

PSEP students from Guam saved \$55,300 in tuition

# CONTACT US

If you reside in the WICHE region, we welcome your participation in our programs. Learn how you can become part of WUE, WRGP, or PSEP at [wiche.edu/tuition-savings](https://wiche.edu/tuition-savings), or contact the Student Access Programs team.



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