

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

\$16.7M

TOTAL SAVED
by New Mexico students
through WICHE's 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.

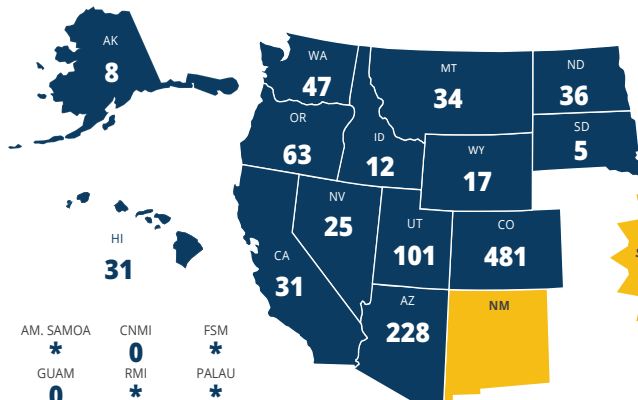
94% of New Mexico's PSEP graduates returned home to practice
(2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

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)

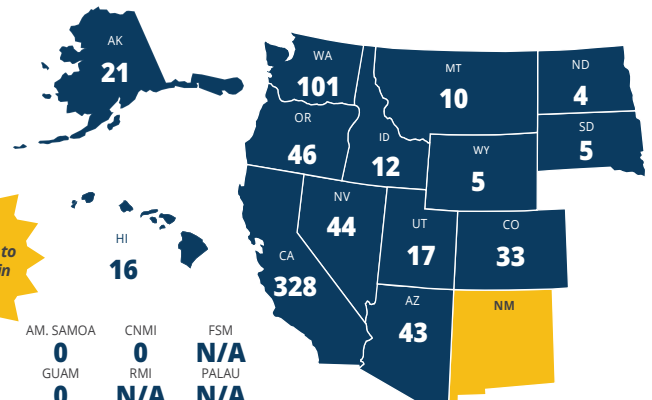
WUE

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



685 WUE
students chose to
attend school in
New Mexico

WUE STUDENTS TO NEW MEXICO: **685**

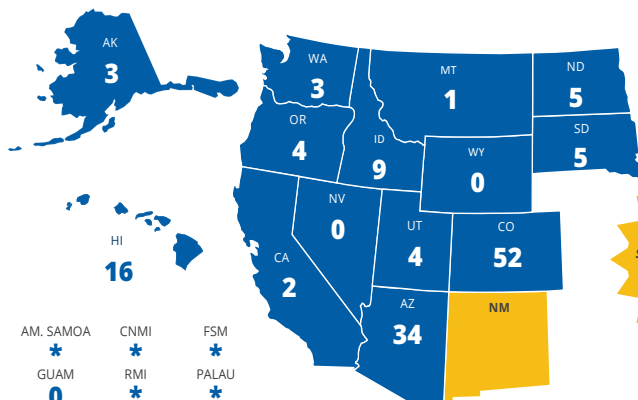


* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

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.

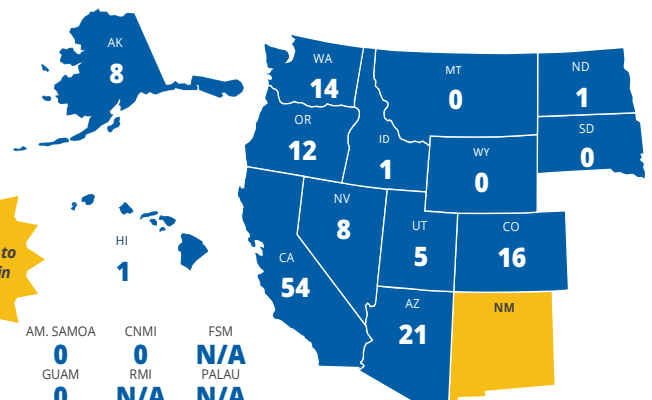
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM NEW MEXICO: **138**



11 WRGP
students chose to
attend school in
New Mexico

WRGP STUDENTS TO NEW MEXICO: **141**



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PSEP

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

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

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



"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

STRENGTHENING NEW MEXICO AND THE WEST

WICHE brings together senior leaders and partners to foster dialogue about issues facing institutions and states through its leadership and professional development networks.

WESTERN ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC LEADERS – 2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Central New Mexico Community College
- ▶ New Mexico Military Institute
- ▶ New Mexico State University Alamogordo
- ▶ San Juan College

Amardeep Kahlon, Central New Mexico Community College, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Eastern New Mexico University
- ▶ New Mexico Highlands University
- ▶ New Mexico State University
- ▶ University of New Mexico
- ▶ Western New Mexico University

Barbara Rodríguez, University of New Mexico, serves on the Forum executive committee.

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

WICHE convenes the **OERWEST NETWORK** as part of a national effort to expand free course materials and other open educational resources (OER) that reduce textbook costs and support student success. WICHE is also conducting a regional landscape analysis examining how textbook price transparency and affordability policies are being implemented across the West.

WICHE's Behavioral Health Program (BHP) works with partner agencies to develop a broad and relevant training program to support the preparation and retention of doctoral-level psychologists through the **NEW MEXICO PSYCHOLOGY INTERSHIP CONSORTIUM (NM-PIC)**. WICHE's BHP facilitates the program's development, ensures it meets American Psychological Association (APA) accreditation standards, and assists in the accreditation process. The NM-PIC is comprised of three sites and is currently working with its fourth cohort of interns.

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

- ▶ **Representative G. Andrés Romero**
- ▶ **Senator Bill Soules** (*Commissioner*)

TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV) – RURAL VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM

enlists rural Veterans and local partners to reduce Veteran suicide in their own community. Funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and administered by WICHE's BHP, TWV provides individualized coaching, tools, training, technical assistance, and resources to establish and support public health suicide prevention programs in rural communities, including one community in New Mexico which has served more than 12,400 Veterans.

WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES

is the leader in the practice, policy, and advocacy of technology-enhanced digital learning in higher education. Its growing membership includes institutions, higher education agencies and systems, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and corporations in all U.S. states and several Canadian provinces. WCET members include:

- ▶ Central New Mexico Community College
- ▶ Eastern New Mexico University
- ▶ Navajo Technical University
- ▶ New Mexico Highlands University
- ▶ New Mexico State University
- ▶ Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute
- ▶ University of New Mexico
- ▶ Western New Mexico University

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

- ▶ Clovis Community College
- ▶ New Mexico State University
- ▶ NMSU-Alamogordo
- ▶ NMSU at Carlsbad
- ▶ Doña Ana Community College
- ▶ NMSU-Grants
- ▶ University of New Mexico

New Mexico Commissioners



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Professor Emeritus and
Visiting Professor of
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Mexico Health Sciences
College of Nursing



Bill Soules
Senator, New Mexico
State Legislature



Patricia Sullivan
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President, Research,
New Mexico State
University

Distance Education Reciprocity

New Mexico institutions save money on out-of-state authorization fees by participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) through WICHE. This voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education, while ensuring meaningful consumer protections for students and reducing regulatory red-tape for institutions.

\$3.5M NEW MEXICO ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS

Cost-savings Partnerships

WICHE offers pre-negotiated student health and technology contracts to colleges and universities, K-12 school districts, state and local governments, and education-related nonprofits through a cost-savings program with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Last year, participating entities saved an average of 9% compared with other purchasing options.

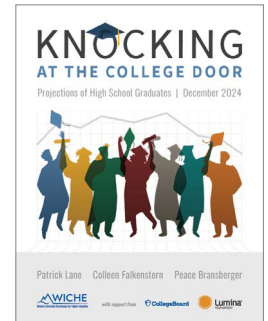
\$33.2k NEW MEXICO ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS

Data and Policy Resources for New Mexico

Policymakers and campus leaders in New Mexico can explore WICHE's data and policy resources to better understand what's happening at home and across the West. These resources provide reliable state-level and regional insights to help make informed, strategic decisions that strengthen postsecondary education and workforce outcomes.

- ▶ **Knocking at the College Door** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of high school graduates. Visit wiche.edu/knocking to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.
- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.
- ▶ With support from the ECMC Foundation, WICHE equips state leaders with analysis and resources on **Completion Strategies in the West** to increase credential completion and improve student success across states.

Our data experts provide research, analysis, and peer collaboration opportunities on key higher education issues, including workforce development, state finance, transfer, student success strategies, and more, to help decision-makers develop evidence-based, effective policy solutions.



About WICHE

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) is a regional interstate higher education compact of 15 Western states and the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States. Since 1953, WICHE has focused on its mission of expanding educational access and excellence for all residents of the West. By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy, WICHE strengthens higher education's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life. Visit wiche.edu.