

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

\$11.7M

TOTAL SAVED

by Wyoming students through WICHE's 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.

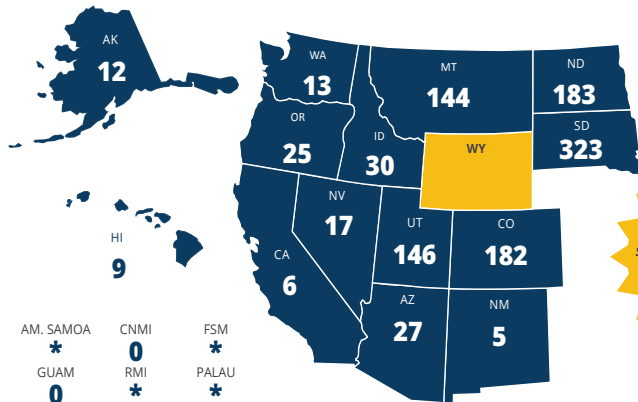
55% of Wyoming's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return, except for those studying veterinary medicine.

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.

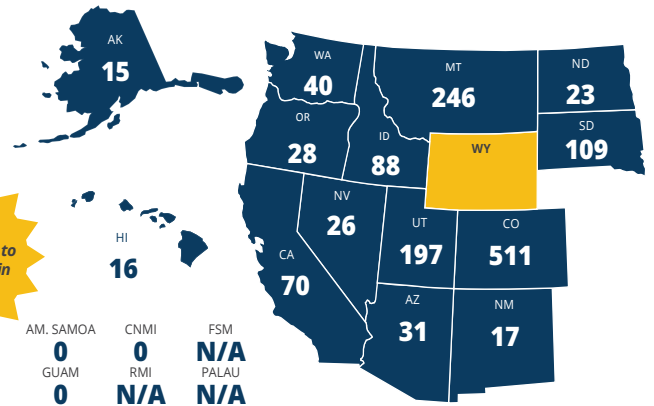
429% ROI Gained on Wyoming's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

WUE

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



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



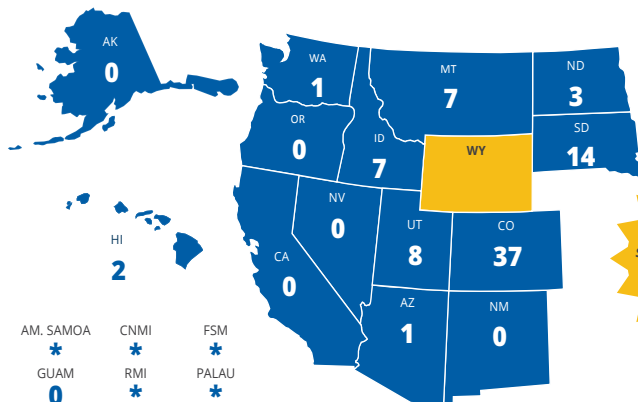
1,417 WUE students chose to attend school in Wyoming

* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

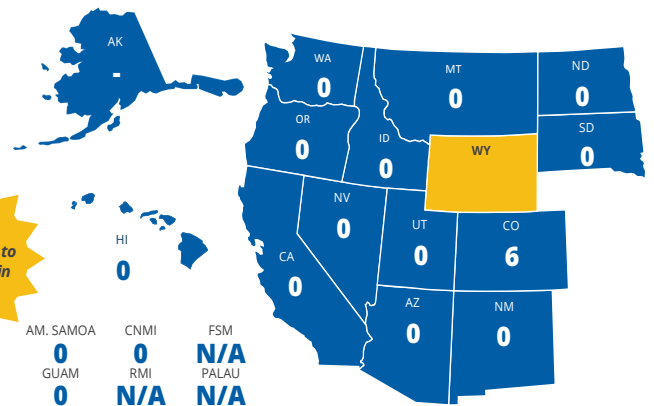
Note: Students from Wyoming are eligible for the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition program at Colorado State University, Pueblo and the South Dakota Advantage Program and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates at those participating schools. These students are also reported as WUE students.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM WYOMING: **80**



WRGP STUDENTS TO WYOMING: **6**



6 WRGP students chose to attend school in Wyoming

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PSEP

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

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

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“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

STRENGTHENING WYOMING 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

- ▶ Eastern Wyoming College
- ▶ Laramie County Community College
- ▶ Western Wyoming Community College

Kari Brown-Herbst, Laramie County Community College, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ University of Wyoming

Anne Alexander, University of Wyoming, 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. Three cohort members from Wyoming institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015. Kari Brown-Herbst, Laramie County Community College, serves as a primary faculty member for the Academy.

TECHNOLOGY AND PARTNERSHIPS FOR TRANSFER SUCCESS PROJECT offers two-year grants to partner institutions to create technology solutions to assist transfer students. In Wyoming, the partnership is between Laramie County Community College (WY) and the University of Northern Colorado (CO).

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.

STATE PROJECTS WICHE is providing project management support through the Wyoming Community College Commission (and working closely with the Wyoming Governor's Office and the Wyoming Business Alliance) for the Wyoming Innovation Partnership. This ambitious statewide effort aims to modernize and develop a resilient state workforce and economy.

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 Landon Brown**
- ▶ **Senator Wendy Schuler**
- ▶ **Representative Art Washut**

MOUNTAIN PLAINS RURAL OPIOID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER (MP ROTAC) develops and shares resources, training, and technical assistance focused on opioid and stimulant misuse in rural areas in Region 8. This is funded through a multiyear grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

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

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:

- ▶ Casper College
- ▶ Central Wyoming College
- ▶ Eastern Wyoming College
- ▶ Laramie County Community College
- ▶ Northwest College
- ▶ University of Wyoming

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

- ▶ University of Wyoming

Wyoming Commissioners



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College



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Distance Education Reciprocity

Wyoming 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.

\$770k WYOMING 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.

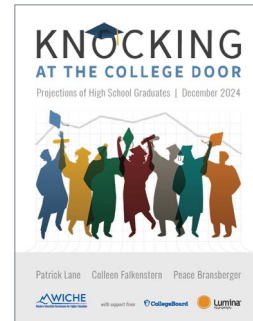
\$225k WYOMING ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS

Data and Policy Resources for Wyoming

Policymakers and campus leaders in Wyoming 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 ECOM 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.