

Since 1953, WICHE has been strengthening higher education, workforce development, and behavioral health throughout the West.

2021-22 ACADEMIC YEAR | WICHE.EDU/TUITION-SAVINGS

WICHE Student Access Programs Saved Students

\$560.6M

\$503
MILLION
SAVED THROUGH
WUE

\$43.8
MILLION
SAVED THROUGH
WRGP

\$13.7
MILLION
SAVED THROUGH
PSEP

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.

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE

49,700

Students
chose WUE schools
in the West

\$10,896

Average savings
for undergraduate
students

WRGP

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

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM

2,947

Students
chose WRGP schools
in the West

\$14,872

Average savings
for graduate
students

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.

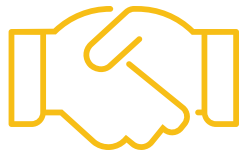
PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

10 WICHE states and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands **invested \$13.7 million to grow their healthcare workforce and reduced the educational costs** of 543 students.

More than 130 accredited programs are offered through PSEP at 60 institutions.

A student can save between \$34,000 and \$133,600 on tuition over the lifespan of a professional health degree program, depending on the field of study.

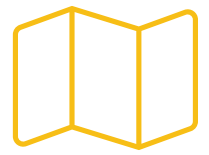
Resource sharing



Thanks to collaboration with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), one of four U.S. regional higher education compacts, WICHE-region educational institutions, nonprofits, and public education entities can benefit from:

- **THE MASTER PROPERTY PROGRAM**, a property insurance and asset protection program securing broad insurance coverage to meet member-institution needs, now jointly serves 165 campuses throughout the United States, including 30 in the WICHE region.
- **MHECARE STUDENT INSURANCE SOLUTIONS**, provides campuses that offer school-sponsored plans the flexibility to tailor the plans for student needs with national carrier UnitedHealthcare StudentResources.
- **MHECTECH**, enables more than 1,600 WICHE-region institutions and organizations (including K-12 districts, government entities, and education nonprofits) to buy hardware, software, and IT services through competitively bid master purchasing agreements.
- **CYBER INSURANCE**, provides institutions in the WICHE region with the right mix of risk transfer and advisory solutions for campuses to assess, manage, and respond to their risk.

Regional collaboration



WESTERN ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC LEADERS (ALLIANCE) – 2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS / WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM (FORUM) – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

WICHE provides two peer networks for academic leaders to connect and explore ways to better serve students and stakeholders.

STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCAL AGREEMENTS (SARA)

A voluntary initiative designed to establish comparable standards for U.S. states and territories regulating postsecondary distance education. WICHE coordinates the membership of SARA states in the West to collaboratively address issues and develop promising practices related to state oversight of distance education.

INTERSTATE PASSPORT NETWORK®

Enables block transfer of lower-division general education courses, reducing the frustration and barriers of students who transfer across state lines.

Approximately
70,000
students have earned
a Passport

671 institutions in
21 states



Innovative solutions

WCET - THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES is the leader in the practice, policy, & advocacy of digital learning in higher education and supports advancing learner access and success through postsecondary digital learning for a more equitable world.

WCET houses **EVERY LEARNER EVERYWHERE**, a network centered on the transformation of digital learning in postsecondary institutions to advance equity in higher education and improve student outcomes for Black, Latinx, Indigenous students, low-income students, and first-generation students.

With the goal of reducing the cost of higher education using **OPEN EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES (OER)**, WCET works with the four regional higher education compacts, state agencies, and higher education systems to conduct research, design grant programs and initiatives, and provide guidance on OER policy and projects.

The **STATE AUTHORIZATION NETWORK (SAN)** provides its members access to experts, networking opportunities, and collaborative resources that ensure they understand the laws and regulations around compliance for interstate digital learning activities at their institutions.

The **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM (BHP)** partners with seven states and one territory to develop psychology internship programs to build their behavioral health workforces by providing training for advanced graduate students. On average, 60 percent of graduates from the internships continue their professional work in the states in which they completed their training.

The BHP co-administers the **MOUNTAIN PLAINS MENTAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER (MHTTC)**, a collaborative network that provides free training, resources, and technical assistance to individuals serving persons with mental

health disorders. Particular attention is given to serving providers with limited access to service delivery systems with attention paid to rural and agricultural communities.

To address the growing issue of veteran suicide, especially in rural areas, WICHE co-administers **TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV)**, an evidence-based program that works with community partners to provide suicide prevention action plans.



Sound public policy

The **LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** improves state-level policymaking in the West by providing a forum for legislative leaders to share valuable insights on trends and promising practices and build partnerships throughout the region.

BENCHMARKS, an interactive online dashboard, features the most recent data available on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and the financing of higher education.

TUITION AND FEES IN PUBLIC HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE WEST provides annual interactive and comprehensive data through online dashboards about the tuition and fees prices published by public higher education institutions in the West, including changes over one-, five-, and 10-year periods.

KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR, WICHE's quadrennial report on public high school graduation projections, provides a profile and datasets on national, regional, and state trends.

WICHE Region

\$ = Total student savings through WICHE's Student Access Programs AY 2021-22



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