

2022-23 ACADEMIC YEAR

\$3.82M TOTAL SAVED

by North Dakota students
in AY 2022 through WICHE
Student Access Programs

\$2.25M
SAVED
through WUE
AY 2022

\$523,411
SAVED
through WRGP
AY 2022

\$1.05M
SAVED
through PSEP
AY 2022

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

- ▶ **Black Hills State University (79)**
- ▶ **South Dakota State University (72)**
- ▶ **Northern State University (66)**

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

- ▶ **University of North Dakota (549)**
- ▶ **North Dakota State University (340)**
- ▶ **Minot State University (327)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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.

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

- ▶ **University of South Dakota (12)**
- ▶ **University of Arizona (5)**
- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (5)**

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

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (85)**
- ▶ **Minot State University (27)**
- ▶ **University of North Dakota (14)**

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 healthcare 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.

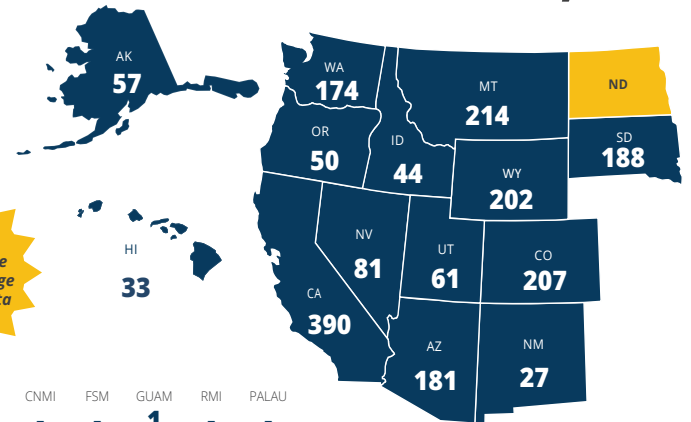
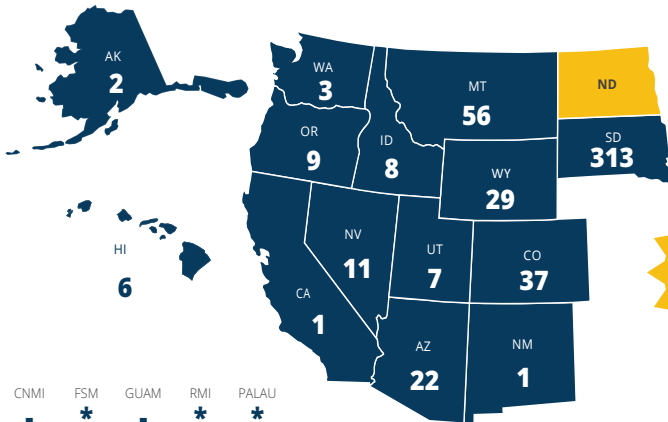
North Dakota institutions and their local economies benefit, too. This year, 6 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in North Dakota. The institution received \$169,700 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

316% ROI gained on North Dakota's WICHE membership dues (\$159,000/FY 2023)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** NORTH DAKOTA: **505**

WUE STUDENTS **TO** NORTH DAKOTA: **1,910**



1,910 WUE students chose to attend college in North Dakota

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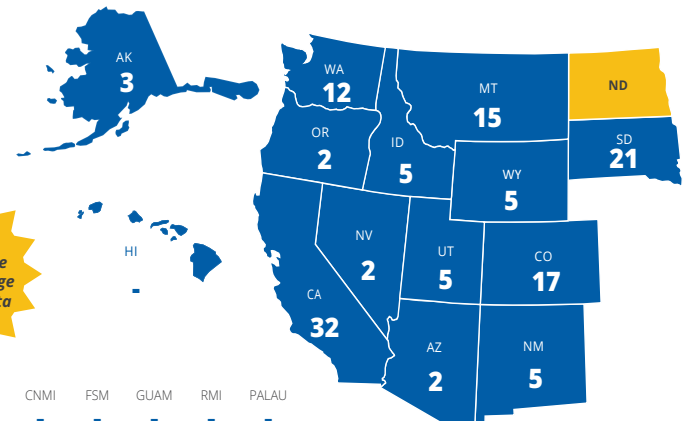
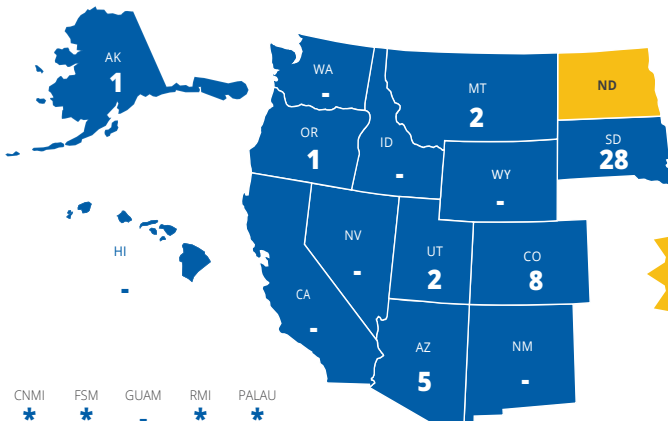
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WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** NORTH DAKOTA: **47**

WRGP STUDENTS **TO** NORTH DAKOTA: **126**



126 WRGP students chose to attend college in North Dakota

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PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS ENROLLED	SUPPORT FEES PAID
Dentistry	16	\$458,000
Optometry	22	\$428,550
Veterinary Medicine	5	\$169,500
TOTAL	43	\$1,051,050

PSEP students from North Dakota saved \$1,051,050 in tuition ↗

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ WICHE’s PSEP cut the student loans I need in half. I am looking forward to having a manageable student debt load when I graduate, so that I can maintain a healthy work/life balance and have the reasonably paced veterinary career that I’ve always envisioned. ”

MORGAN North Dakota resident, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Oregon State University

Regional collaboration



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

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

- ▶ Bismarck State College
- ▶ Dakota College at Bottineau
- ▶ Williston State College

Kaylyn Bondy, Bismarck State College, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Minot State University
- ▶ North Dakota University System
- ▶ University of North Dakota
- ▶ Valley City State University

Eric Link, University of North Dakota, serves on the Forum executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY is a year-long professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region. Six cohort members from North Dakota institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

INTERSTATE PASSPORT® is a national network of institutions that simplifies the transfer process, as well as saves students time and money as they successfully complete their degree. Network members include Lake Region State College and North Dakota State College of Science.

COSTS-SAVINGS PROGRAMS 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 three programs: MHECtech, which provides competitively bid purchasing contracts for an array of hardware, software, and technology services; MHECare, which provides a student health insurance plan and teletherapy services; and a MHEC Cyber Insurance Program, which offers risk transfer and advisory solutions.

Optimal behavioral healthcare



WICHE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM (BHP) worked with the leadership of Sanford Health to begin a doctoral psychology internship program. Sanford has a large national footprint, and they are a leading agency in the advancement of integrated health services (physical and behavioral health). The internship development began primarily with Sanford's integrated health sites in North Dakota. Sanford's application to APPIC has been approved, and they are in the process of identifying an initial cohort of three interns beginning in August of 2023.

WICHE BHP, in partnership with the University of North Dakota College of Education and Human Development, and with funding from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), co-administers the **MOUNTAIN PLAINS MENTAL HEALTH TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CENTER (MP-MHTTC)**. The MP-MHTTC provides comprehensive training, resources, and technical assistance to mental health providers and other practitioners in the SAMHSA Region 8. Region 8 is comprised of Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming.

In October 2022, WICHE BHP was awarded a multiyear grant from SAMHSA to establish the **MOUNTAIN PLAINS RURAL OPIOID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE (MP ROTAC)**. The MP ROTAC develops and disseminates resources, training, and technical assistance that focuses on opioid and stimulant misuse in rural areas throughout SAMHSA's Region 8.

WICHE BHP also administers the **RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (RCORP)**, a multiyear initiative supported by the Health Resources & Services Administration to identify treatment barriers and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorder, including opioid use and psychostimulant use disorders. The RCORP program supports one grantee in North Dakota – City County Health District.

TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV) – RURAL VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM enlists rural Veterans and local partners to join forces to reduce Veteran suicide in their own community. Funded by the US Department of Veterans Affairs and administered by the WICHE BHP, TWV provides communities with individualized coaching, tools, training, technical assistance, and resources to implement the program in their own communities. The BHP supports 35 rural communities as far east as New Hampshire and as far west as Guam, and of those, supports 11 rural communities in the WICHE region. The TWV program has one established program in Minot, North Dakota, which to date has served approximately 450 rural veterans.

Sound public policy



KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR is the leading U.S. resource for projections of college-ready students. *Knocking*, which includes a quadrennial publication with additional analysis, is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit knocking.wiche.edu to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

DATA RESOURCES WICHE offers curated data and policy resources to support better-informed decision-making. WICHE's research projects and collaborations cover postsecondary completion, health workforce development, behavioral health in postsecondary education, open educational resources (OER), state finance, prior learning assessment, and more.

- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** Includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to, success in, and financing of higher education.
- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.

DATA EXPERTS WICHE staff provide analysis on finance, financial aid, articulation and transfer, strategic planning, student demographics, and more, as well as host peer-to-peer calls of state, system, and institutional chief academic officers to identify areas of potential collaboration and resource sharing across the West.

Innovative solutions



WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES is the leader in the practice, policy, and advocacy of technology-enhanced 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:

- ▶ Bismarck State College
- ▶ Dickinson State University
- ▶ Lake Region State College
- ▶ Mayville State University
- ▶ North Dakota University System
- ▶ University of North Dakota
- ▶ Valley City State University
- ▶ Williston State College

STATE PROJECTS WICHE staff have provided research, analysis, and presentations to North Dakota interim higher education committees, focusing on policies to promote workforce development in high-need occupations, such as teaching and health.

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