

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

\$4.1M

TOTAL SAVED

by South Dakota students through WICHE Student Access Programs

\$3.7M

SAVED through WUE

\$461,438

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

- ▶ **Black Hills State University (636)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (502)**
- ▶ **South Dakota State University (294)**

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

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (183)**
- ▶ **Casper College, WY (46)**
- ▶ **Sheridan College, WY (42)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



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

- ▶ **University of South Dakota (87)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (34)**
- ▶ **Dakota State University (31)**

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

- ▶ **North Dakota State University (31)**
- ▶ **Minot State University, ND (5)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus (4)**

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.

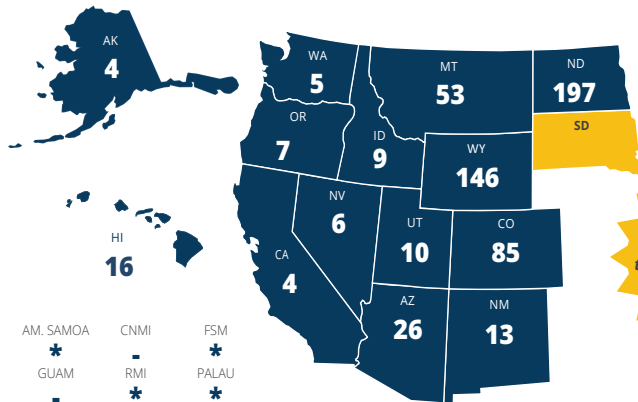
South Dakota doesn't use PSEP for its residents because students typically enroll in the state's public programs for several PSEP fields, or the students enroll in programs in neighboring states where there are existing agreements for programs not offered by South Dakota public institutions.

However, South Dakota institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, 3 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in South Dakota. Institutions received \$32,150 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

2,523% ROI Gained on South Dakota's WICHE annual dues (\$164,000/FY 2024)

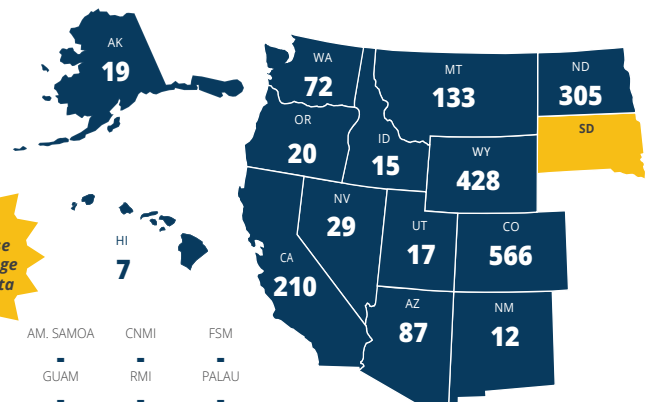
WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** SOUTH DAKOTA: **581**



1,920 WUE students chose to attend college in South Dakota

WUE STUDENTS **TO** SOUTH DAKOTA: **1,920**



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.

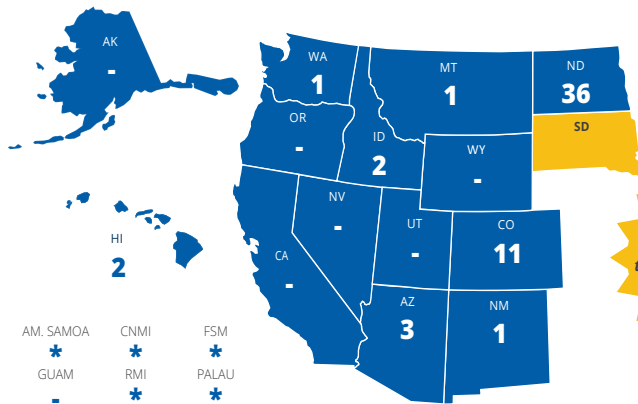
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* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

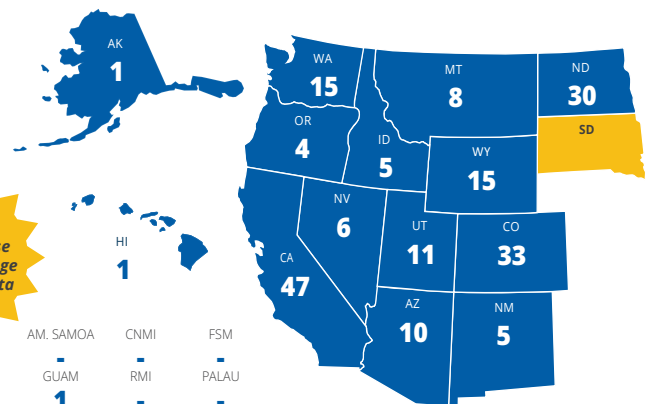
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** SOUTH DAKOTA: **57**



192 WRGP students chose to attend college in South Dakota

WRGP STUDENTS **TO** SOUTH DAKOTA: **192**



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WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“ WRGP has helped me to grow both academically and personally. I am learning from amazing professors and gaining relevant research experience at a top Master of Public Health in Nutrition program. Additionally, WRGP has provided me with new experiences in living in a different part of the country. I am so thankful for WRGP. ”

SABRINA, South Dakota resident, Master of Public Health, Northern Arizona 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

- ▶ Mitchell Technical College
- ▶ Western Dakota Technical College
- ▶ Southeast Technical College
- ▶ Lake Area Technical College
- ▶ South Dakota Board of Technical Education

Barb Kleinjan, Lake Area Technical College, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Black Hills State University
- ▶ Northern State University
- ▶ South Dakota Board of Regents
- ▶ South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
- ▶ South Dakota State University
- ▶ University of South Dakota

Pam Carriveau, South Dakota Board of Regents, 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. Sixteen cohort members from South Dakota institutions have participated in the Academy since 2015.

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 MHEC programs. These include MHECare Student Health Solutions, which provides student health insurance plan options from national carriers and virtual mental health services, and technology contracts that enable 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 cooperative agreements.

South Dakota participates in the **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)** through WICHE. This voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education. WICHE Commissioners have been strong advocates for protecting the state voice in important governance decisions affecting this agreement and staff continue to support participating states and improving student protections while bolstering access.

WICHE ACADEMY FOR LEADERS IN THE HUMANITIES is a leadership development program for aspiring academic leaders with a background in the humanities. The two-year fellowship consists of campus-based and external mentoring, a three-day in-person seminar, and an extended project. Stacey Berry, Dakota State University, is participating in the 2023-25 cohort.

Optimal behavioral healthcare

WICHE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM (BHP) provides consultation and technical assistance to the South Dakota Division of Behavioral Health for its Individualized Mobile Programs of Assertive Community Treatment (IMPACT), as well as the South Dakota Human Services Center to support its focused programming and staffing models.

WICHE BHP is working with the State Hospital and the Lewis and Clark Community Health Mental Health Center in Yankton to develop a **PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM**, initiated in September 2022, and anticipates an initial cohort of up to three interns.

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 – South Dakota State University (two sites).

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.

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS NETWORK Staff from the South Dakota Board of Regents also participate in regular collaborative calls with colleagues around the region.

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:

- ▶ Black Hills State University
- ▶ Dakota State University
- ▶ Northern State University
- ▶ South Dakota Board of Regents
- ▶ South Dakota School of Mines & Technology
- ▶ South Dakota State University
- ▶ Southeast Technical Colleges
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STATE AUTHORIZATION NETWORK (SAN) helps guide institutions through state regulations around online courses and programs. SAN members include:

- ▶ Black Hills State University
- ▶ Dakota State University
- ▶ Lake Area Technical College
- ▶ Mitchell Technical College
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