

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

\$9.7M

TOTAL SAVED

by Wyoming students through WICHE Student Access Programs

\$6.4M

SAVED
through WUE

\$1.2M

SAVED
through WRGP

\$2M

SAVED
through PSEP

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 Wyoming WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **Laramie County Community College (377)**
- ▶ **Casper College (234)**
- ▶ **Sheridan College (171)**

Top out-of-state WUE schools for Wyoming undergraduate students:

- ▶ **Black Hills State University, SD (280)**
- ▶ **South Dakota School of Mines and Technology (67)**
- ▶ **Valley City State University, ND (59)**

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 Wyoming WRGP school for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Wyoming (5)**

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for Wyoming graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (9)**
- ▶ **University of Colorado Denver (7)**
- ▶ **University of South Dakota (6)**

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.

80 Wyoming students paid reduced tuition for healthcare studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

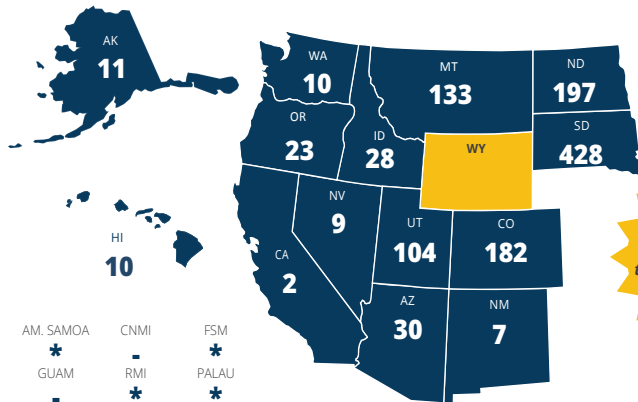
55% of Wyoming's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012-16 for physicians, 2012-21 for all other fields). Students are contractually required to return, except for those studying veterinary medicine.

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.

436% ROI Gained on Wyoming's WICHE annual dues (\$164,000/FY 2024)

WUE

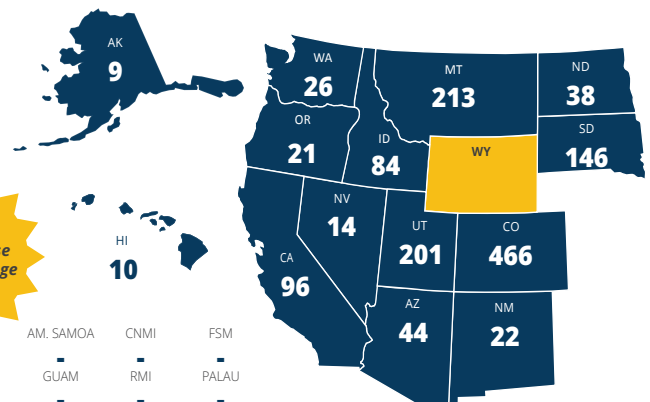
WUE STUDENTS FROM WYOMING: **1,174**



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* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WUE STUDENTS TO WYOMING: **1,390**



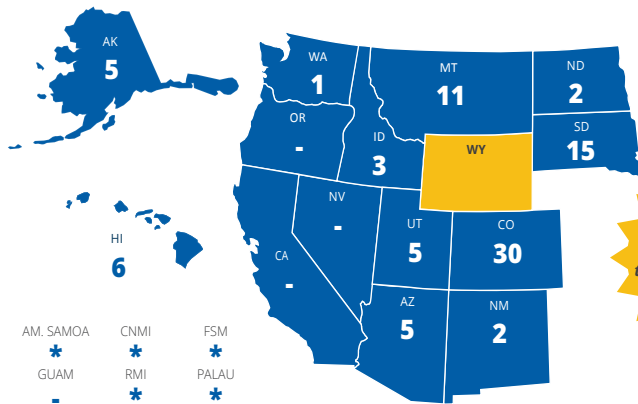
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Note: Students from Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming are eligible for the South Dakota Advantage Program and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

1,390 WUE students chose to attend college in Wyoming

WRGP

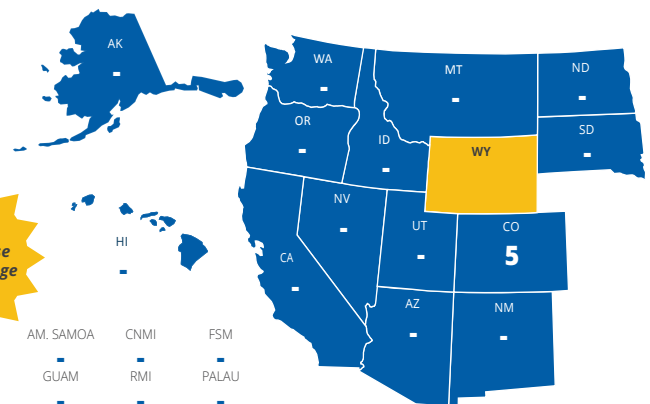
WRGP STUDENTS FROM WYOMING: **85**



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WRGP STUDENTS TO WYOMING: **5**



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5 WRGP students chose to attend college in Wyoming

PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	7	\$204,750
Medicine	9	\$270,863
Occupational Therapy	5	\$66,300
Optometry	8	\$161,000
Osteopathic Medicine	4	\$87,675
Physician Assistant	1	\$19,950
Physical Therapy	20	\$337,000
Podiatry	0	\$0
Veterinary Medicine	26	\$900,900
TOTAL	80	\$2,048,438

PSEP students from Wyoming saved \$2,048,438 in tuition

WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



"PSEP has been a blessing to my family and me. Thanks to PSEP, I can pursue my dream career while not overwhelming myself with substantial debt. I consider myself incredibly lucky to receive help from this wonderful program. Thank you to WICHE and to my great home state of Wyoming."

JAKE, Wyoming resident, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine, Washington 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

- ▶ 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

Kevin Carman, 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. One cohort members from Wyoming institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

NO HOLDING BACK Laramie County Community College is one of 12 WICHE institutions that participated in 2022-23 in analyzing data, policies and practices related to transcript and registration holds, contributing toward tools for other institutions to undertake this work.

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.

Wyoming participates in the **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCAL 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. J O'Brien, Laramie County Community College, is participating in the 2023-25 cohort.

Optimal behavioral health care

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) 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.

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**.

STATE PROJECTS WICHE is providing project management support through the Wyoming Community College Commission for the Wyoming Innovation Partnership. This ambitious statewide effort aims to modernize and develop a resilient state workforce and economy.

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS NETWORK Staff from the University of Wyoming and the Wyoming Community College Commission 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:

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

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

- ▶ University of Wyoming

WICHE has convened the **OERWEST NETWORK**, which is part of a nationwide collaborative to scale the development and adoption of free course materials. Open educational resources (OER) have shown promise in improving student outcomes, particularly for poverty-affected students, for whom the high cost of textbooks can be a barrier to postsecondary success.

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