Plenary Session III:
What’s Up at WICHE? Our Contribution to Improving the Process – Updates on the Interstate Passport Initiative and Predictive Analytics Reporting Framework

The Interstate Passport Initiative is developing a new framework for transfer, one based on learning outcomes and proficiency criteria rather than courses and credits. The initiative is conceived as a series of related projects to be developed over five or more years. In the Phase I pilot project, with funding from the Carnegie Corporation of New York through September 30, institutions in five partner states focused on the lower-division general education core, the common denominator among institutions. The participants worked together to establish a process and an agreement that allows for a cross-border “match” of outcomes-integrated general education cores as a new transfer framework. Sixteen institutions from the states of Hawai‘i, North Dakota, Oregon, and Utah signed the Passport Agreement this past summer. Other WICHE states and institutions may now apply for Passport Phase I status.

This session also provides an overview of the Predictive Analytics Reporting (PAR) Framework, describing progress to date and outcomes achieved since the project’s inception. It will feature a demonstration of dashboards built on PAR’s predictive models; share current efforts that map student success interventions to points of greatest need; and describe plans for the future.

Speakers:
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Ellen Wagner, executive director, WCET

Biographical Information on the Speakers

Patricia (Pat) Shea directs three membership-based academic leadership and innovation organizations for WICHE: the WICHE Internet Course Exchange, the Western Academic Leadership Forum, and the Western Alliance of Community College Academic Leaders. In addition, she directs two projects involving multiple institutions in the WICHE region: the North American Network of Science Labs Online (NANSLO) and the Interstate Passport Initiative. Shea also provides oversight for WICHE’s involvement in the Consortium for Healthcare Education Online (CHEO), funded by the U.S. Department of Labor. Previously, Shea served as the assistant director of WCET. Prior to joining WICHE in 1996, she held several positions in Alexandria, VA, including manager for special projects, technology division, National School Boards Association; director for information services, the Association of Telecommunications Services International; and executive director, the Alexandria Bar Association. Shea hold a master’s degree in educational management and supervision from George Mason University, and she is a former Fulbright Scholar.
Ellen Wagner is the executive director for WCET. WCET is the leading national organization devoted to advancing technology-enhanced higher education working at the intersection of practice, policy, and technology. Wagner continues in her role as partner and founder of Sage Road Solutions, providing advisory oversight for industry intelligence and enablement services and solutions practices. She is the former senior director of worldwide e-learning at Adobe Systems and was senior director of worldwide education solutions for Macromedia. Prior to working in software solutions marketing and product development, Wagner was chief learning officer and director of education for Viviance new education, a Swiss-based e-learning company with offices in 10 North American and European countries. Before joining the private sector, Wagner was a tenured professor and chair of the educational technology program at the University of Northern Colorado (UNC) and held a number of administrative posts, including director of the Western Institute for Distance Education and coordinator of campus instructional and research technologies, academic affairs. She was a visiting scholar with WCET while on sabbatical leave from UNC. Her Ph.D. in learning psychology comes from the University of Colorado, Boulder. Her M.S. and B.A. degrees were earned at the University of Wisconsin, Madison.