What’s Up At WICHE?

Broadening Access, Building a Western Workforce, and Collaborative Initiatives

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WICHE’s Student Access Programs

- Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
- Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)
- Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)
- WICHE’s Internet Course Exchange (ICE)
Our Student Exchange Programs...

Help states to share higher education resources, reduce the unnecessary duplication of programs, and develop an educated workforce.

Provide students with tuition savings across a range of institutions and professional, graduate, and undergraduate programs.

Enable institutions to increase enrollments when there is available capacity and/or avoid or postpone creating new programs; and partner to create and offer new programs that are relevant to society and the economy.
Western Undergraduate Exchange

- 145+ institutions
- ~24,600 students @ 150% resident tuition
- $173.4 M in tuition savings in AY 2010
- No money exchanged between states
- Helps to balance enrollment demand by utilizing available capacity

Fill excess enrollment  ➔  Diversify student body  ➔  Build local workforce
## Some Significant WUE Programs

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<th>Associate’s or Certificate</th>
<th>Bachelor’s</th>
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<td>- Aviation maintenance</td>
<td>- Healthcare management</td>
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<td>- Equine studies</td>
<td>- Nutrition &amp; food science</td>
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<td>- Fire science</td>
<td>- Environmental resource engineering</td>
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<td>- Fisheries</td>
<td>- Geophysical engineering</td>
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<td>- Power plant technology</td>
<td>- Travel industry management</td>
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<td>- Nuclear power technology</td>
<td>- Marine biology</td>
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<td>- Nursing</td>
<td>- Rangeland resource science</td>
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WUE Enrollment, Fall 2009

- **In Bound Students**
- **Out Bound Students**

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<th>State</th>
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<td>Alaska</td>
<td>534</td>
<td>1,631</td>
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<td>Arizona</td>
<td>3,480</td>
<td>1,032</td>
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<td>California</td>
<td>916</td>
<td>5,698</td>
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<td>Colorado</td>
<td>1,734</td>
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<td>Hawaii</td>
<td>1,968</td>
<td>1,455</td>
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<td>Idaho</td>
<td>2,756</td>
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<td>Montana</td>
<td>1,754</td>
<td>1,257</td>
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<td>Nevada</td>
<td>2,955</td>
<td>1,084</td>
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<td>New Mexico</td>
<td>581</td>
<td>610</td>
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<td>North Dakota</td>
<td>1,466</td>
<td>361</td>
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<td>Oregon</td>
<td>1,626</td>
<td>1,614</td>
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<td>South Dakota</td>
<td>1,303</td>
<td>596</td>
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<td>Utah</td>
<td>757</td>
<td>780</td>
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<td>Washington</td>
<td>890</td>
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<td>Wyoming</td>
<td>1,950</td>
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Western Regional Graduate Program

- ~220 programs at 45 institutions
- 52 healthcare programs: nursing, public health, mental health, and more
- Grad students pay resident tuition
- No money exchanged across states
Professional Student Exchange Program

- Operating since 1953
- Expands access in 10 healthcare fields
- ~$14.3 million state investment (12 states)
- ~700 students in AY 2010

Top three fields:

- Veterinary Medicine (209)
- Dentistry (121)
- Optometry (121)
PSEP (continued)

- Fields of **study not available at public institutions** in their home states
- Student’s home state pays a **support fee** to the admitting schools
- Students pay **reduced tuition**

State determines which fields it will support, and the number of seats funded
# PSEP support fees & supporting states

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<th>FIELD</th>
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<td>Dentistry</td>
<td>$22,700</td>
<td>AK, AZ, HI, MT, NM, ND, WY</td>
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<td>29,300</td>
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<td>15,600</td>
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<td>Osteopathic Med.</td>
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<td>Pharmacy</td>
<td>6,900</td>
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<td>Phys. Therapy</td>
<td>10,700</td>
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<td>Physician Asst.</td>
<td>11,700</td>
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<td>Podiatry</td>
<td>13,500</td>
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<td>Veterinary Med.</td>
<td>29,100</td>
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WICHE Internet Course Exchange

An administrative tool that creates opportunities for institutions to share high quality internet-delivered courses and programs offered by accredited four-year and two-year institutions.
WICHE ICE member institutions

- Adams State College (CO)
- Arizona Universities Network
- Bismarck State College
- Boise State University
- Eastern Washington University
- Idaho State University
- Lewis-Clark State College
- Montana State University Bozeman
- Montana University System
- North Dakota University System Online
- Regis University (CO)
- South Dakota System of Higher Education
- University of Alaska Anchorage
- University of Alaska Fairbanks
- University of Colorado Denver
- University of Nevada Reno
- University of Wyoming
Benefits for students

- Convenience and flexibility
- Access to wider range of courses and programs
- Overcome geographical, financial and scheduling barriers to course enrollment
- Benefit from the expertise of a broader group of faculty
Benefits for higher education institutions

- Expand course and program offerings
- Expedite students’ time to degree
- Achieve cost efficiencies
- Share faculty expertise
- Enhance academic planning
- Keep low enrollment programs viable
Benefits for states and impact on workforce development

- Respond to more quickly to workforce demands
- Address regional workforce issues through collaborative approaches
Current collaborative efforts

- Rural and Frontier Clinical Social Work Certificate
- Engineering Courses
- U.S. & Colorado Depts. of Labor: Health, IT, & Energy
- Math & Science Courses for Secondary Teachers
http://www.wiche.edu/SEP

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