

ACADEMIC YEAR 2023-24

\$38.8M

TOTAL SAVED

by Oregon students through WICHE Student Access Programs

\$35.8M

SAVED
through WUE

\$3M

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

- ▶ Oregon State University (1,861)
- ▶ Portland State University (786)
- ▶ Southern Oregon University (723)

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

- ▶ University of Idaho (237)
- ▶ Washington State University (211)
- ▶ University of Utah (190)

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 Oregon WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ Oregon Health & Science University (56)
- ▶ Portland State University (54)
- ▶ Oregon State University (15)

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

- ▶ University of Idaho (22)
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (19)
- ▶ University of Colorado Denver (15)

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.

Oregon doesn't use PSEP for its **residents** because it operates public programs in most PSEP fields, with the exception of occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, and podiatry.

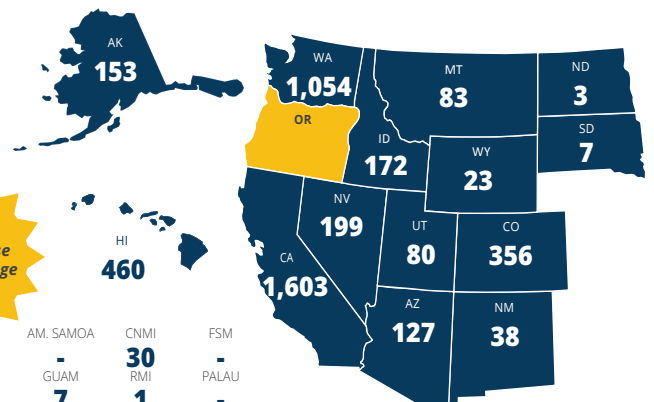
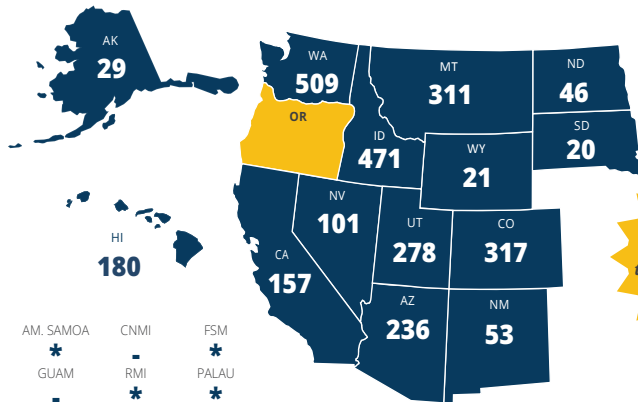
However, Oregon institutions and their local economies still benefit from PSEP. This year, 77 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Oregon. Institutions received \$1.9M in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

23,653% ROI Gained on Oregon's WICHE annual dues (\$164,000/FY 2024)

WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM OREGON: **2,729**

WUE STUDENTS TO OREGON: **4,396**



4,396 WUE students chose to attend college in Oregon

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GUAM -
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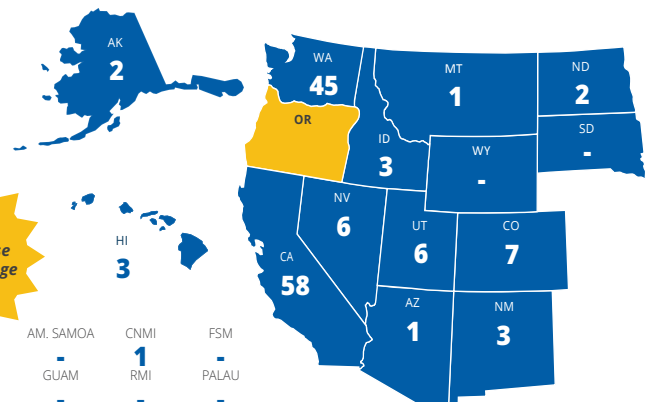
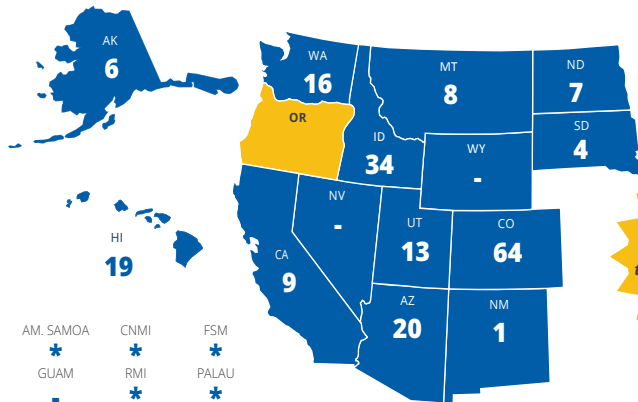
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PALAU -

* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM OREGON: **201**

WRGP STUDENTS TO OREGON: **138**



138 WRGP students chose to attend college in Oregon

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WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“WRGP has greatly reduced the costs of my degree. It has allowed me to assume less debt and has eased some of the stress of graduate school. Thank you!”

BENJAMIN, Oregon resident, Master of Environmental Studies, The Evergreen State College

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

- ▶ Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission

Donna Lewelling, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Eastern Oregon University
- ▶ Oregon Institute of Technology
- ▶ Oregon State University
- ▶ Portland State University
- ▶ Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission
- ▶ Western Oregon University

Veronica Dujon, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, 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. Seven cohort members from Oregon institutions have participated in the Academy since 2015.

Veronica Dujon, Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission serves as a primary faculty member for the Academy.

NO HOLDING BACK Eastern Oregon University and Portland State University are two 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.

Oregon 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.

Optimal behavioral health care

WICHE Behavioral Health Program (BHP) continues to assist the **OREGON STATE HOSPITAL PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP TRAINING** Program by providing support for the internship website.

TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV) – RURAL VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM is a national program that enlists rural Veterans and local partners to join forces to reduce Veteran suicide in their own communities. Funded by the U.S. 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 38 rural communities as far east as New Hampshire and as far west as Guam, and of those, supports 18 rural communities in the WICHE region. The TWV Program supports two communities in Oregon, Clatsop County and Deschutes County, and both have served nearly 1,500 rural veterans..

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. In Oregon, RCORP supports six grantees: Oregon Washington Health Network; Adapt Integrated Health Care; Northeast Oregon Network (NEON); Mid-Valley Healthcare; North Sound Behavioral Health; and Samaritan North Lincoln Hospital.

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**.

CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS NETWORK Staff from the Higher Education Coordinating 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:

- ▶ Central Oregon Community College
- ▶ Chemeketa Community College
- ▶ Eastern Oregon University
- ▶ Lane Community College
- ▶ Oregon Institute of Technology

- ▶ Oregon State University
- ▶ Portland Community College
- ▶ Portland State University
- ▶ Southern Oregon University
- ▶ University of Oregon

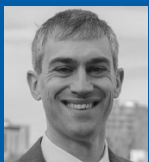
Karen Watté of Oregon State University and Heather Guevera of Portland Community College serve on the WCET Steering Committee. Lorraine Pai Schmitt formerly of Portland Community College serves on the WCET Executive Council.

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

- ▶ Oregon State University
- ▶ Portland Community College

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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