

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

**\$32.3M**

**TOTAL SAVED**

by Nevada students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

**\$29.5M**

**SAVED**  
through WUE

**\$2.0M**

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

**\$718K**

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



**WUE**

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

- ▶ **University of Nevada, Reno (2,805)**
- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1,484)**
- ▶ **Truckee Meadows Community College (133)**

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

- ▶ **Southern Utah University (323)**
- ▶ **Northern Arizona University (238)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (219)**

WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



**WRGP**

Saves **GRADUATE** students on out-of-state certificate, master's, and doctoral programs. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

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

- ▶ **University of Nevada, Reno (6)**
- ▶ **Nevada State University (4)**
- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (1)**

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

- ▶ **University of Idaho (32)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (14)**
- ▶ **University of Utah (9)**

PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



**PSEP**

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.

**38 Nevada students paid reduced tuition** for healthcare studies either not offered in their home state or for which there is limited enrollment capacity in their home state.

**78% of Nevada's PSEP graduates returned home to practice** (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

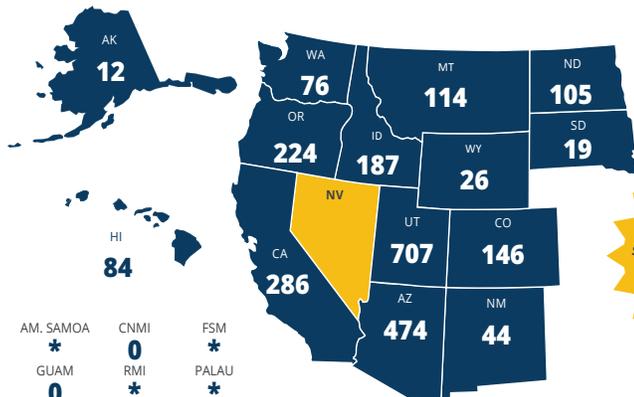
**Nevada's institutions and their local economies benefit, too.**

This year, 36 PSEP students enrolled in programs located in Nevada. Institutions received \$826,467 in support fees to reduce the students' tuition costs.

**3,618% ROI** Gained on Nevada's WICHE annual dues (\$174,500/FY 2026)

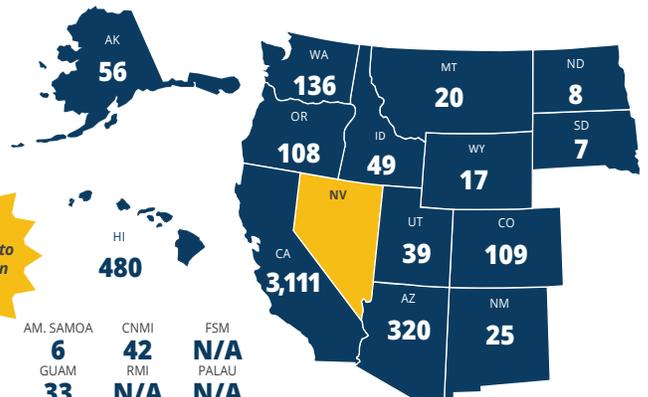
## WUE

WUE STUDENTS FROM NEVADA: **2,504**



**4,566 WUE students chose to attend school in Nevada**

WUE STUDENTS TO NEVADA: **4,566**

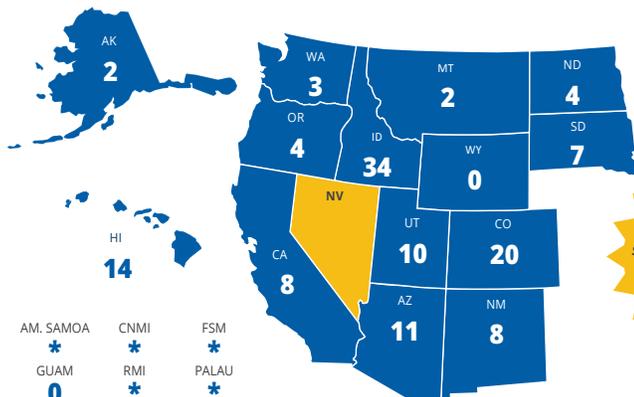


\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

**Note:** Students from Nevada are eligible for the Regional In-State Equivalent Tuition Program at Colorado State University, Pueblo and are assessed resident on-campus tuition rates. These students are also reported as WUE students.

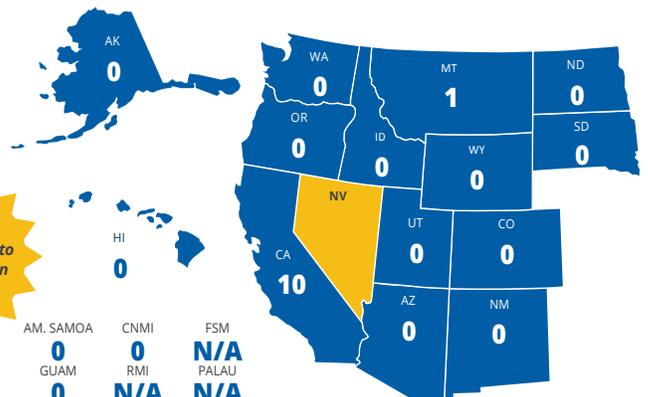
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS FROM NEVADA: **127**



**11 WRGP students chose to attend school in Nevada**

WRGP STUDENTS TO NEVADA: **11**



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## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Occupational Therapy	7	\$97,801
Pharmacy	10	\$127,000
Physical Therapy	5	\$89,875
Physician Assistant	12	\$255,300
Veterinary Medicine	4	\$147,800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>\$717,776</b>

PSEP students from Nevada saved \$717,776 in tuition

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



"PSEP has significantly reduced my financial burden, allowing me to focus more fully on learning and clinical practice. This support makes it possible for me to pursue my goal of guiding patients through recovery and improving their quality of life.

I'm grateful for the opportunity to advance in a field I'm passionate about."

**SANCHAI**, Nevada resident, Physical Therapy, Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions in Utah

## Regional collaboration

WICHE offers student health and technology contracts through a **COST-SAVINGS PROGRAM** with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) to colleges and universities, K-12 school districts, local and state municipalities, and nonprofit organizations with an education emphasis. Last year, entities that used these contracts saved 9% over what they otherwise would have outside this joint purchasing arrangement. **The total savings in Nevada was \$363,425.02.**

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

- ▶ Great Basin College
- ▶ Truckee Meadows Community College

Melissa Deadmond, Truckee Meadows Community College, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

### WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Nevada State University
- ▶ Nevada System of Higher Education
- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno
- ▶ Western Nevada College

Gwen Sharp, Nevada State University, 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. Eight cohort members from Nevada institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

## Optimal behavioral health care

WICHE Behavioral Health Program's (BHP) continues to support the Nevada Division of Public and Behavioral Health for the ongoing operations and accreditation of the **NEVADA PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP CONSORTIUM (NV-PIC)**, which aims to

increase the number of psychologists in Nevada and build the state's behavioral health workforce.

## RURAL COMMUNITIES OPIOID RESPONSE PROGRAM (RCORP)

is a multiyear initiative supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to identify treatment barriers and best practices for preventing and treating substance use disorder. In Nevada, the RCORP program supports one grantee.

## Sound public policy

Nevada 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.

Created by the WICHE Commission in 1995, the **LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)** works to strengthen state-level postsecondary policymaking across the West. Members are legislators appointed by each state, territory, or freely associated state in the WICHE region; they meet annually to explore emerging policy issues and develop strategies for interstate collaboration.

**KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of high school graduates. Released in December 2024, the newest edition is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit [wiche.edu/knocking](http://wiche.edu/knocking) to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

**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.

**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** is an opportunity for state and system staff to participate in regular collaborative calls with colleagues around the region.

**STATE PROJECTS** WICHE has previously provided technical assistance to the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents for efforts to examine postsecondary education governance.

WICHE continues to convene 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 students whom the high cost of textbooks can be a barrier to postsecondary success. WICHE is also conducting a landscape scan across the West to better understand the implementation process for textbook price transparency and affordability policies.

**COMPLETION STRATEGIES** As states across the region explore how to enhance the value proposition of higher education, it has become clear that credential completion is a critical component of delivering a valuable postsecondary experience. WICHE has analyzed state strategies and produced a series of policy briefs that highlight various postsecondary completion strategies across the

region. The briefs include selected examples that demonstrate the variation in state approaches to implementing these strategies.

## Innovative solutions

**WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES** is the leader in the practice, policy, and advocacy of technology-enhanced digital 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:

- ▶ College of Southern Nevada
- ▶ Great Basin College
- ▶ Nevada State University
- ▶ Nevada System of Higher Education
- ▶ Truckee Meadows Community College
- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno
- ▶ Western Nevada College

Commissioner Fred Lokken serves on the WCET Executive Council.

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

- ▶ College of Southern Nevada
- ▶ Nevada State University
- ▶ Nevada System of Higher Education
- ▶ Northwest Career College
- ▶ Roseman University of Health Sciences
- ▶ Sierra Nevada College
- ▶ University of Nevada, Las Vegas
- ▶ University of Nevada, Reno
- ▶ Western Nevada College

## Nevada Commissioners



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