NEVADA *partner* ***since 1959***

WICHE
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education

ACADEMIC YEAR 2025–26

$32.3M
TOTAL SAVED
by Nevada students through WICHE's 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 health care studies either not offered in their home state or for which there is limited enrollment capacity in their home state.

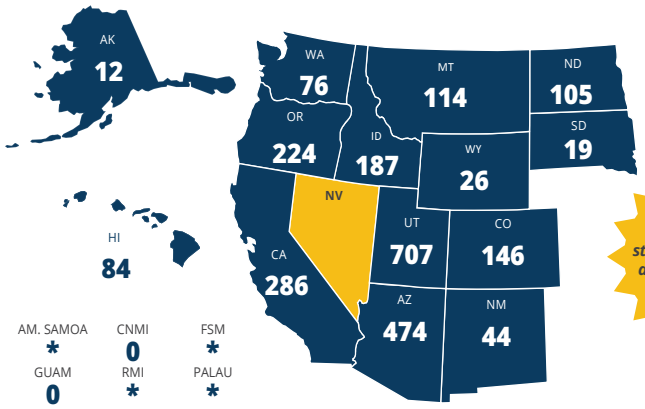
78% of Nevada's PSEP graduates returned home to practice (2012–21). Students are contractually required to return.

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)

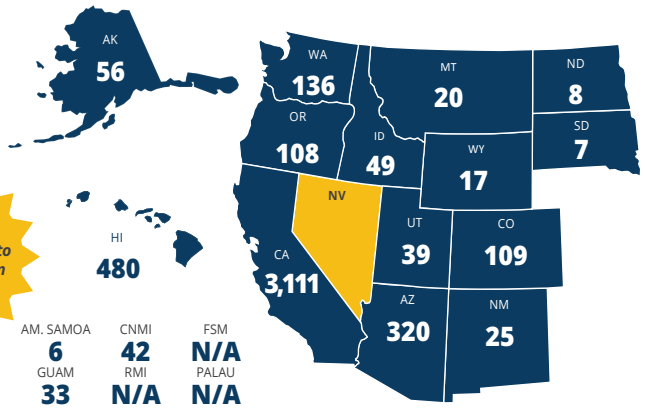
WUE

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



4,566 WUE students chose to attend school in Nevada

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

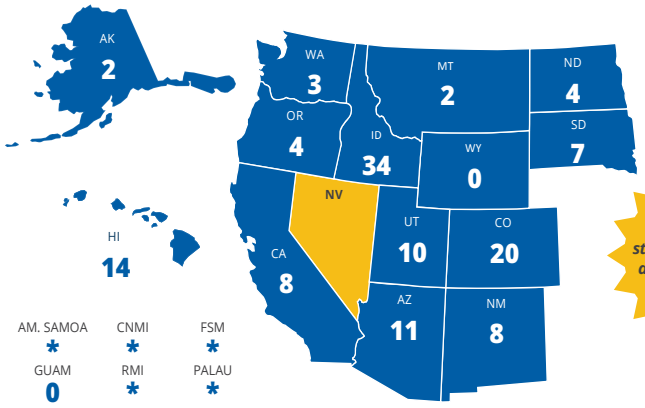


* *Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.*

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.*

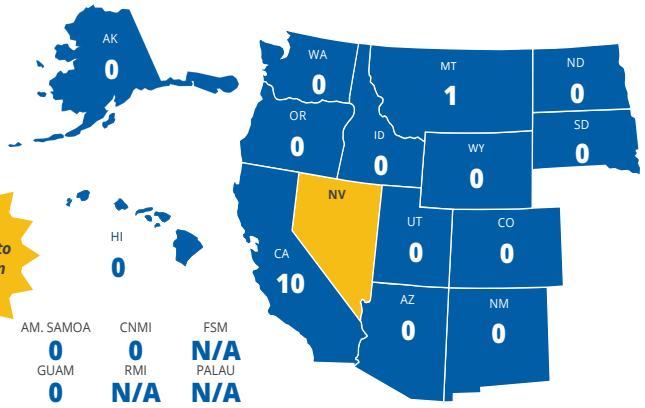
WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** NEVADA: 127



11 WRGP students chose to attend school in Nevada

WRGP STUDENTS **TO** NEVADA: 11



* *Currently do not have any participating WRGP schools.*

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
TOTAL	**38**	**$717,776**

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

STRENGTHENING NEVADA AND THE WEST

WICHE brings together senior leaders and partners to foster dialogue about issues facing institutions and states 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.

WICHE convenes the **OERWEST NETWORK** as part of a national effort to expand free course materials and other open educational resources (OER) that reduce textbook costs and support student success. WICHE is also conducting a regional landscape analysis examining how textbook price transparency and affordability policies are being implemented across the West.

WICHE's Behavioral Health Program (BHP) supports 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.

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

- **Representative Tracy Brown-May**
- **Senator Marilyn Dondero Loop**
- **Senator Melanie Scheible**
- **Senator Robin Titus**

WICHE has provided **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE** to the Nevada System of Higher Education on postsecondary education issues, such as governance and compensation.

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) guides 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

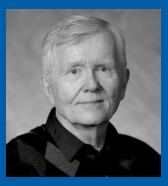
Nevada Commissioners



Patricia Charlton
Vice President Emeritus, College of Southern Nevada



Michelle Johnson
Director of Nursing Education, Nevada State Board of Nursing



Fred Lokken
Professor, Truckee Meadows Community College

Distance Education Reciprocity

Nevada institutions save money on out-of-state authorization fees by participating in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) through WICHE. This voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education, while ensuring meaningful consumer protections for students and reducing regulatory red-tape for institutions.

$1.5M NEVADA ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS

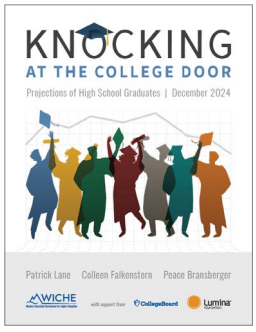
Cost-savings Partnerships

WICHE offers pre-negotiated student health and technology contracts to colleges and universities, K–12 school districts, state and local governments, and education-related nonprofits through a cost-savings program with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC). Last year, participating entities saved an average of 9% compared with other purchasing options.

$363k NEVADA ESTIMATED ANNUAL SAVINGS

Data and Policy Resources for Nevada

Policymakers and campus leaders in Nevada can explore WICHE's data and policy resources to better understand what's happening at home and across the West. These resources provide reliable state-level and regional insights to help make informed, strategic decisions that strengthen postsecondary education and workforce outcomes.



- ***Knocking at the College Door*** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of high school graduates. Visit wiche.edu/knocking to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.
- ***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***.
- With support from the ECMC Foundation, WICHE equips state leaders with analysis and resources on ***Completion Strategies in the West*** to increase credential completion and improve student success across states.

Our data experts provide research, analysis, and peer collaboration opportunities on key higher education issues, including workforce development, state finance, transfer, student success strategies, and more, to help decision-makers develop evidence-based, effective policy solutions.

About WICHE

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) is a regional interstate higher education compact of 15 Western states and the U.S. Pacific Territories and Freely Associated States. Since 1953, WICHE has focused on its mission of expanding educational access and excellence for all residents of the West. By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy, WICHE strengthens higher education's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life. Visit wiche.edu.