



# PSEP

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Student Exchange  
Program

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# THE PROFESSIONAL

## STUDENT

### EXCHANGE & WICHE

The **Professional Student Exchange Program** (PSEP) is one of three exchange programs of the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE). The exchange programs help students in the Western states to enroll in selected out-of-state professional, graduate, and undergraduate programs. Outbound students and their families save money through reduced tuition arrangements. See inside back cover for information about our other exchange programs.

The **Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education**, based in Boulder, Colorado, collaborates with its 15 member states to expand educational access and excellence for all citizens of the West. By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy among states and institutions, WICHE strengthens higher education's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life. Our programs – Student Exchange, WCET, Policy Analysis and Research, and Mental Health – are working to find answers to some of the most critical questions facing higher education today. Member states include: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.

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## PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION IN 10 FIELDS

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### OVERVIEW

Your state may be able to assist you in achieving your professional goals through WICHE, the **Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education**.

WICHE's **Professional Student Exchange Program** enables students in **12 Western states** to enroll in selected out-of-state professional programs, usually because those fields of study are not available at public institutions in their home states. Those fields and the participating institutions are listed on pp. 4-14.

If selected for support, WICHE exchange students pay reduced levels of tuition – usually resident tuition in public institutions or reduced tuition at private schools. The home state pays a support fee to the admitting schools to help cover the cost of the students' education. WICHE students receive some preference in admission.

**Each state determines the fields and number of students they will support.** Fields supported by your state are listed on the chart on page 18 of this brochure. State support and program participation affecting students are subject to change by legislative or administrative action. For current information and application materials for the Professional Student Exchange Program, contact your state certifying officer at the address listed on pp. 18-20.

Other programs coordinated by WICHE that may be of interest to you are the **Western Undergraduate Exchange** and the **Western Regional Graduate Program**. Please turn to the inside back cover for more information or visit our Web site, [www.wiche.edu/sep](http://www.wiche.edu/sep).

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## PSEP CHANGES IN ARCHITECTURE, LIBRARY STUDIES, NURSING AND PUBLIC HEALTH

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In May 2007, WICHE's commissioners approved several changes to the Professional Student Exchange Program. These changes will be effective as of the 2008-09 academic year. As few students were participating in the fields of **architecture** and **graduate library studies**, these will be inactivated; cooperating schools that have distinctive programs will be invited to apply to join the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP). The fields of **public health** and **graduate nursing** will also be inactivated; participating schools in these fields will be strongly encouraged to join WRGP. While programs in the WRGP network are generally required to have distinctive features, commissioners voted to waive this requirement for health care-related graduate programs (which must be accredited to join).

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## PSEP FIELDS & ADMITTING SCHOOLS

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The following programs and institutions are eligible to receive support through WICHE's **Professional Student Exchange Program** (information is correct as of August 2007; updated information is available on our Website, [www.wiche.edu/sep](http://www.wiche.edu/sep)). These institutions charge a reduced level of tuition to PSEP students (augmented by the WICHE support fee paid by the student's sending state). Tuition, which varies by program and institution, may be determined by contacting either the state certifying officer (see

p. 18) or the institutions (check their Web sites – addresses listed below – for contact information).

Each participating state supports students in only some – not all – programs; supporting states are listed under each field. Some states have additional arrangements for professional education with schools in the West or out-of-region. If your state’s name is listed below as having such an arrangement, contact your certifying officer for the names of participating schools and the procedures for applying for your state’s support.

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## DENTISTRY

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Maximum WICHE support in dentistry is limited to four academic years, or three years for accelerated programs.

- **States supporting students in dentistry:**  
Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:**  
Montana, New Mexico, North Dakota, Wyoming (for more information, contact your state certifying officer).

<b>A.T. Still University</b>	DMD
Arizona School of Dental & Oral Health Mesa, AZ	www.asdoh.atsu.edu
<b>Loma Linda University</b>	DDS
School of Dentistry Loma Linda, CA	www.llu.edu
<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>	DDS
School of Dentistry Los Angeles, CA	www.ucla.edu
<b>University of California, San Francisco</b>	DDS
School of Dentistry San Francisco, CA	www.ucsf.edu
<b>University of the Pacific</b>	DDS
School of Dentistry San Francisco, CA	www.uop.edu
<b>University of Southern California</b>	DDS
School of Dentistry Los Angeles, CA	www.usc.edu

<b>University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center</b>	DDS
School of Dentistry Denver, CO	www.uchsc.edu
<b>University of Nevada, Las Vegas</b>	DDS
School of Dental Medicine Las Vegas, NV	dentalschool.unlv.edu
<b>Oregon Health &amp; Science University</b>	DMD
School of Dentistry Portland, OR	www.ohsu.edu
<b>University of Washington</b>	DDS
School of Dentistry Seattle, WA	www.washington.edu

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## MEDICINE

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Maximum WICHE support in medicine is limited to four academic years.

- **States supporting students in medicine:**  
Montana, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:**  
Montana and Wyoming (for more information, contact your state certifying officer).

<b>University of Arizona</b>	DMD
College of Medicine Tucson, AZ	www.arizona.edu
<b>Loma Linda University</b>	DDS
School of Medicine Loma Linda, CA	www.llu.edu
<b>Stanford University</b>	DMD
Stanford School of Medicine Stanford, CA	www.stanford.edu
<b>UC Berkeley-UCSF Joint Medical Program</b>	DDS
Berkeley, CA	www.berkeley.edu
<b>University of California, Davis</b>	DDS
School of Medicine Davis, CA	www.ucdavis.edu
<b>University of California, Irvine</b>	DDS
College of Medicine Irvine, CA	www.uci.edu
<b>University of California, Los Angeles</b>	DDS
School of Medicine Los Angeles, CA	www.ucla.edu

**University of California, San Diego**  
 School of Medicine  
 La Jolla, CA [www.ucsd.edu](http://www.ucsd.edu)

**University of California, San Francisco**  
 School of Medicine  
 San Francisco, CA [www.ucsf.edu](http://www.ucsf.edu)

**University of Southern California**  
 Keck School of Medicine  
 Los Angeles, CA [www.usc.edu](http://www.usc.edu)

**University of Colorado at Denver  
 and Health Sciences Center**  
 School of Medicine  
 Denver, CO [www.uchsc.edu](http://www.uchsc.edu)

**University of Hawaii**  
 John A. Burns School of Medicine  
 Honolulu, HI [www.manoa.hawaii.edu](http://www.manoa.hawaii.edu)

**University of Nevada**  
 School of Medicine  
 Reno, NV [www.unr.edu](http://www.unr.edu)

**University of New Mexico**  
 School of Medicine  
 Albuquerque, NM [www.unm.edu](http://www.unm.edu)

**University of North Dakota**  
 School of Medicine and Health Sciences  
 Grand Forks, ND [www.und.nodak.edu](http://www.und.nodak.edu)

**Oregon Health & Science University**  
 School of Medicine  
 Portland, OR [www.ohsu.edu](http://www.ohsu.edu)

**University of Utah \***  
 School of Medicine  
 Salt Lake City, UT [uuhsc.utah.edu/som/](http://uuhsc.utah.edu/som/)

\* *Special requirements for admission*

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## OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY

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Support is limited to final two professional years plus clinicals.

- **States supporting students in occupational therapy:** Alaska, Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:** None.

**Arizona School of Health Sciences,  
 School of the A.T. Still University** MS  
 Occupational Therapy Program  
 Mesa, AZ [www.ashs.edu](http://www.ashs.edu)

**Midwestern University** (Glendale campus) MS  
 Occupational Therapy Program  
 Glendale, AZ [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu)

**Loma Linda University** MOT  
 Department of Occupational Therapy  
 Loma Linda, CA [www.llu.edu](http://www.llu.edu)

**Samuel Merritt College** MOT  
 Department of Occupational Therapy  
 Oakland, CA [www.samuelmerritt.edu](http://www.samuelmerritt.edu)

**University of Southern California** MA  
 Division of Occupational Science &  
 Occupational Therapy  
 Los Angeles, CA [www.usc.edu](http://www.usc.edu)

**Idaho State University** MOT  
 Occupational Therapy Program  
 Pocatello, ID [www.isu.edu](http://www.isu.edu)

**Touro University Nevada** MOT  
 School of Occupational Therapy  
 Henderson, NV [www.tu.edu](http://www.tu.edu)

**University of New Mexico** MOT  
 Occupational Therapy Program  
 Albuquerque, NM [www.unm.edu](http://www.unm.edu)

**University of North Dakota** MOT  
 Department of Occupational Therapy  
 Grand Forks, ND [www.und.nodak.edu](http://www.und.nodak.edu)

**Pacific University** MOT  
 School of Occupational Therapy  
 Hillsboro, OR [www.pacificu.edu](http://www.pacificu.edu)

**University of South Dakota** MS  
 Occupational Therapy Department  
 Vermillion, SD [www.usd.edu](http://www.usd.edu)

**University of Utah** MOT  
 Division of Occupational Therapy  
 Salt Lake City, UT [www.utah.edu](http://www.utah.edu)

**Eastern Washington University** MOT  
 Department of Occupational Therapy  
 Spokane, WA [www.ewu.edu](http://www.ewu.edu)

**University of Puget Sound** MOT/MSOT  
 Occupational Therapy Program  
 Tacoma, WA [www.ups.edu/ot](http://www.ups.edu/ot)

**University of Washington** MOT  
Division of Occupational Therapy  
Seattle, WA [www.washington.edu](http://www.washington.edu)

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## OPTOMETRY

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Maximum WICHE support in optometry is limited to four academic years.

- **States supporting students in optometry:** Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:** Colorado and North Dakota (for information, contact your state certifying officer).

**Southern California College of Optometry**  
Fullerton, CA [www.scco.edu](http://www.scco.edu)

**Pacific University**  
College of Optometry  
Forest Grove, OR [www.pacificu.edu](http://www.pacificu.edu)

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## OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE

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Maximum WICHE support in osteopathic medicine is limited to four academic years.

- **States supporting students in osteopathic medicine:** Arizona, Montana, New Mexico, Washington, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:** Arizona (for information, contact your state certifying officer).

**Arizona College of Osteopathic Medicine**  
Midwestern University (Glendale Campus)  
Glendale, AZ [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu)

**Touro University California**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Vallejo, CA [www.tu.edu](http://www.tu.edu)

**Western University of Health Sciences**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific  
Pomona, CA [www.westernu.edu](http://www.westernu.edu)

**Touro University Nevada**  
College of Osteopathic Medicine  
Henderson, NV [www.tu.edu](http://www.tu.edu)

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## PHARMACY

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Maximum WICHE support in pharmacy is four academic years.

- **States supporting students in pharmacy:** Alaska, Hawaii, Nevada.
- **States with additional arrangements:** None.

**Midwestern University**  
(Glendale campus)  
College of Pharmacy  
Glendale, AZ [www.midwestern.edu](http://www.midwestern.edu)

**University of Arizona**  
College of Pharmacy  
Tucson, AZ [www.arizona.edu](http://www.arizona.edu)

**Loma Linda University**  
School of Pharmacy  
Loma Linda, CA [www.llu.edu](http://www.llu.edu)

**University of California, San Diego**  
Skaggs School of Pharmacy &  
Pharmaceutical Sciences  
La Jolla, CA [www.ucsd.edu](http://www.ucsd.edu)

**University of California, San Francisco**  
School of Pharmacy  
San Francisco, CA [www.ucsf.edu](http://www.ucsf.edu)

**University of the Pacific**  
Thomas J. Long School of Pharmacy  
& Health Sciences  
Stockton, CA [www.uop.edu](http://www.uop.edu)

**University of Southern California**  
School of Pharmacy  
Los Angeles, CA [www.usc.edu](http://www.usc.edu)

**Western University of Health Sciences**  
College of Pharmacy  
Pomona, CA [www.westernu.edu](http://www.westernu.edu)

**University of Colorado at Denver  
and Health Sciences Center**  
School of Pharmacy  
Denver, CO [www.uchsc.edu](http://www.uchsc.edu)

**Idaho State University**  
College of Pharmacy  
Pocatello, ID [www.isu.edu](http://www.isu.edu)

<b>University of Montana</b>	
College of Health Professions & Biomedical Sciences	
Missoula, MT	<a href="http://www.health.umt.edu">www.health.umt.edu</a>
<b>University of Southern Nevada</b>	
School of Pharmacy	
Henderson, NV	<a href="http://www.usn.edu">www.usn.edu</a>
<b>University of New Mexico</b>	
College of Pharmacy	
Albuquerque, NM	<a href="http://www.unm.edu">www.unm.edu</a>
<b>North Dakota State University</b>	
College of Pharmacy, Nursing, and Allied Sciences	
Fargo, ND	<a href="http://www.ndsu.edu">www.ndsu.edu</a>
<b>Oregon State University</b>	
College of Pharmacy	
Corvallis, OR	<a href="http://www.oregonstate.edu">www.oregonstate.edu</a>
<b>University of Utah</b>	
College of Pharmacy	
Salt Lake City, UT	<a href="http://www.utah.edu">www.utah.edu</a>
<b>University of Washington</b>	
School of Pharmacy	
Seattle, WA	<a href="http://www.washington.edu">www.washington.edu</a>
<b>Washington State University</b>	
College of Pharmacy	
Pullman, WA	<a href="http://www.wsu.edu">www.wsu.edu</a>
<b>University of Wyoming</b>	
School of Pharmacy	
Laramie, WY	<a href="http://www.uwyo.edu">www.uwyo.edu</a>

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## PHYSICAL THERAPY

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Maximum WICHE support in physical therapy is three academic years.

- **States supporting students in physical therapy:** Alaska, Hawaii, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:**  
None.

<b>Arizona School of Health Sciences,</b>	DPT
<b>School of the A.T. Still University</b>	
Physical Therapy Program	
Mesa, AZ	<a href="http://www.ashs.edu">www.ashs.edu</a>

<b>California State University, Fresno</b>	DPT
Physical Therapy Program	
Fresno, CA	<a href="http://www.csufresno.edu">www.csufresno.edu</a>
<b>Chapman University</b>	DPT
Division of Physical Therapy	
Orange, CA	<a href="http://www.chapman.edu">www.chapman.edu</a>
<b>Loma Linda University</b>	DPT
Department of Physical Therapy	
Loma Linda, CA	<a href="http://www.llu.edu">www.llu.edu</a>
<b>Mount St. Mary's College</b>	DPT
Physical Therapy Department	
Los Angeles, CA	<a href="http://www.msmc.la.edu">www.msmc.la.edu</a>
<b>Samuel Merritt College</b>	DPT
Physical Therapy Department	
Oakland, CA	<a href="http://www.samuelmerritt.edu">www.samuelmerritt.edu</a>
<b>University of Southern California</b>	DPT
Division of Biokinesiology and Physical Therapy	
Los Angeles, CA	<a href="http://www.usc.edu">www.usc.edu</a>
<b>University of the Pacific</b>	DPT
Physical Therapy Department	
Stockton, CA	<a href="http://www.uop.edu">www.uop.edu</a>
<b>Western University of Health Sciences</b>	DPT
Department of Physical Therapy Education	
Pomona, CA	<a href="http://www.westernu.edu">www.westernu.edu</a>
<b>University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center</b>	DPT
Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation	
Denver, CO	<a href="http://www.uchsc.edu/pt">www.uchsc.edu/pt</a>
<b>Idaho State University</b>	DPT
Physical Therapy Program	
Pocatello, ID	<a href="http://www.isu.edu">www.isu.edu</a>
<b>University of Montana</b>	DPT
School of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Science	
Missoula, MT	<a href="http://www.health.umt.edu">www.health.umt.edu</a>
<b>University of New Mexico</b>	MPT
Physical Therapy Program	
Albuquerque, NM	<a href="http://www.unm.edu">www.unm.edu</a>
<b>University of North Dakota</b>	DPT
Department of Physical Therapy	
Grand Forks, ND	<a href="http://www.und.nodak.edu">www.und.nodak.edu</a>

<b>Pacific University</b>	DPT
School of Physical Therapy Forest Grove, OR	<a href="http://www.pacificu.edu">www.pacificu.edu</a>
<b>University of Utah</b>	DPT
Division of Physical Therapy Salt Lake City, UT	<a href="http://www.utah.edu">www.utah.edu</a>
<b>University of Puget Sound</b>	DPT
School of Physical Therapy Tacoma, WA	<a href="http://www.ups.edu/pt">www.ups.edu/pt</a>
<b>Eastern Washington University</b>	DPT
Department of Physical Therapy Spokane, WA	<a href="http://www.ewu.edu">www.ewu.edu</a>
<b>University of Washington</b>	DPT
Division of Physical Therapy Seattle, WA	<a href="http://www.washington.edu">www.washington.edu</a>

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## PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

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Maximum WICHE support in physician assistant is two calendar years.

- **States supporting students in physician assistant:** Alaska, Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:**  
None.

<b>Arizona School of Health Sciences, School of the A.T. Still University</b>	MS
Physician Assistant Program Mesa, AZ	<a href="http://www.ashs.edu">www.ashs.edu</a>
<b>Midwestern University</b> (Glendale campus)	MS
Physician Assistant Program Glendale, AZ	<a href="http://www.midwestern.edu">www.midwestern.edu</a>
<b>Loma Linda University</b>	MPA
Physician Assistant Program Loma Linda, CA	<a href="http://www.llu.edu">www.llu.edu</a>
<b>University of Southern California</b>	MPAP
Physician Assistant Program Los Angeles, CA	<a href="http://www.usc.edu">www.usc.edu</a>
<b>Samuel Merritt College</b>	MPA
Physician Assistant Department Oakland, CA	<a href="http://www.samuelmerritt.edu">www.samuelmerritt.edu</a>
<b>Touro University California</b>	MSPAS/MPH
Physician Assistant Studies Program Vallejo, CA	<a href="http://www.tu.edu">www.tu.edu</a>

<b>Western University of Health Sciences</b>	MSPA
Physician Assistant Program Pomona, CA	<a href="http://www.westernu.edu">www.westernu.edu</a>
<b>University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center</b>	MPAS
Child Health Associate/Physician Assistant Program Aurora, CO	<a href="http://www.uchsc.edu">www.uchsc.edu</a>
<b>Idaho State University</b>	MPAS
Department of Physician Assistant Studies Pocatello, ID	<a href="http://www.isu.edu">www.isu.edu</a>
<b>Touro University Nevada</b>	MPAS
School of Physician Assistant Studies Henderson, NV	<a href="http://www.tu.edu">www.tu.edu</a>
<b>Pacific University</b>	MSPA
School of Physician Assistant Studies Forest Grove, OR	<a href="http://www.pacificu.edu">www.pacificu.edu</a>
<b>Oregon Health &amp; Science University</b>	MPAS
Division of Physician Assistant Education Portland, OR	<a href="http://www.ohsu.edu">www.ohsu.edu</a>
<b>University of Utah</b>	MPAS
Physician Assistant Program Salt Lake City, UT	<a href="http://www.utah.edu">www.utah.edu</a>
<b>University of Washington</b>	PA Cert
MEDEX Northwest Physician Assistant Program Seattle, WA	<a href="http://www.washington.edu">www.washington.edu</a>

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## PODIATRY

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Maximum WICHE support in podiatry is limited to four academic years.

- **States supporting students in podiatry:**  
Alaska, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:**  
None.

<b>Samuel Merritt College</b>	
California School of Podiatric Medicine Oakland, CA	<a href="http://www.samuelmerritt.edu">www.samuelmerritt.edu</a>



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## VETERINARY MEDICINE

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Maximum WICHE support in veterinary medicine is limited to four academic years.

- **States supporting students in veterinary medicine:** Arizona, Hawaii, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming.
- **States with additional arrangements:** North Dakota, Utah, Wyoming (for more information, contact your state certifying officer).

### University of California, Davis

School of Veterinary Medicine  
Davis, CA [www.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ucdavis.edu)

### Colorado State University

College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences  
Fort Collins, CO [www.colostate.edu](http://www.colostate.edu)

### Oregon State University

College of Veterinary Medicine  
Corvallis, OR [www.oregonstate.edu](http://www.oregonstate.edu)

### Washington State University

College of Veterinary Medicine  
Pullman, WA [www.wsu.edu](http://www.wsu.edu)

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## HOW TO APPLY

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Twelve of the 15 WICHE states expect to support students through the Professional Student Exchange Program. (California, Oregon, and South Dakota do not support PSEP students.)

States support their students in different fields of study: For instance, Colorado supports students only in the field of optometry, while Wyoming supports students in nine different fields, from dentistry to veterinary medicine. Fields of study in which each state supports students are listed on p. 17.

If the field of study you wish to pursue is supported by your state, **contact your state certifying officer for an application** (contact information is on pp. 18-20). You must be certified by your state of residence to become an exchange student and be seeking enrollment at the first professional degree level. Certification affirms only that you are a resident according to the definition established by your state and are eligible for the exchange if sufficient funds are available in your state. Obtain your certification early because some schools will not consider applications from nonresident students unless they're certified.

In most states, the deadline for receiving completed applications for certification is **October 15** of the year preceding admission. However, a few states have earlier deadlines or accept late applications. **Contact your state certifying officer to find out exactly what your state's deadline is.**

In addition to applying for certification, **you must apply for admission to the schools of your choice** that participate in WICHE's Professional Student Exchange Program (listed by field on pp. 4-14). You are subject to the application deadlines and academic requirements established by each school. When applying for admission, identify yourself as a certified WICHE student (or indicate that you have applied for certification). Be sure to inform your certifying officer of the schools to which you are seeking admission.

You must also **keep your state certifying officer apprised of the offers you receive and of your final decision** about which school you'll attend. In addition, be sure to **keep your certifying officer up to date regarding your address and phone number** while enrolled through the program. This is necessary because agreements between the state, the school, and WICHE must be completed to ensure that you are admitted and funded as an exchange student. You'll also need to formally **decline offers for admission at other schools** so that those places can be offered to other students.

If you encounter difficulty during admission regarding your status as a WICHE exchange student, contact your state certifying officer or ask a school official to call WICHE's Student Exchange Program in Boulder, CO, at (303) 541-0214.

## STUDENT CHECKLIST

- Complete the certification process before **October 15** of the year preceding admission. State deadlines and requirements vary; check with your certifying officer.
- Apply to the participating schools of your choice. Inform your certifying officer of all schools to which you are seeking admission.
- Immediately inform your certifying officer as you receive offers and when you accept an offer of admission at a participating school.
- Formally decline offers of admission at schools you will not be attending.
- Check directly with your enrolling institution regarding the specific tuition charges that will be required from you.
- Enroll and remain enrolled as a full-time student and maintain your home state residency.
- Keep your state certifying officer posted as to your current address. Certifying officers inform all students of annual renewal requirements for state certification.

## SUPPORTED FIELDS OF STUDY BY STATE

	DENT	MED	O T	OPT	OSTEO	PHARM	P T	P A	POD	VETMED
Alaska	●		●	●		●	●	●	●	
Arizona	●		●	●	●			●		●
Colorado				●						
Hawaii	●		●	●		●	●			●
Idaho				●						
Montana	●	●	●	●	●				●	●
Nevada				●		●		●		●
New Mexico	●			●	●				●	●
North Dakota	●			●						●
Utah				●					●	●
Washington				●	●					
Wyoming	●	●	●	●	●		●		●	●

Note: California, Oregon, and South Dakota are not participating as sending states in WICHE's PSEP at this time.

## STATE CERTIFYING OFFICES

Please note: California, Oregon, and South Dakota do not participate as "sending states" in the PSEP at this time.

### ALASKA

*Note: The Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education administers its PSEP participation as a loan program funded by the Alaska Student Loan Corporation.*

Certifying Officer for Alaska  
WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary  
Education  
3030 Vintage Blvd.  
Juneau, AK 99801-7100  
Phone: (907) 465-6776  
Fax: (907) 465-5316  
fred\_tolbert@acpe.state.ak.us

### ARIZONA

Certifying Officer for Arizona  
WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Arizona Board of Regents  
2020 North Central, Suite 230  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Phone: (602) 229-2563  
Fax: (602) 229-2555  
llynch@asu.edu

### COLORADO

Certifying Officer for Colorado  
WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Colorado Department of Higher Education  
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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

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**Q: How do I determine if I can apply for this program?**

**A:** To determine your eligibility, contact the certifying office of the state of your residence (see pp. 18-20 for contact information). Each state determines residency based on legislative requirements.

**Q: Is there a deadline for application?**

**A:** Yes. In most cases, the deadline is **October 15** of the year preceding admission; but some states have earlier or later deadlines. Check with your certifying office directly.

**Q: If I miss the deadline, can I apply anyway?**

**A:** Most states do not accept either late applications or applications from students who are already enrolled in a professional program. However, each state has its own regulations, so check with that office directly.

**Q: Can I apply online for this program?**

**A:** No. Because most states require original signatures on application forms and a notary verification of signatures, you cannot apply for PSEP online at the time of this printing.

**Q: Do I have to live in the state or attend preprofessional school in the state where I am a resident to apply for this program?**

**A:** No.

**Q: How do I get an application packet?**

**A:** Contact your home state certifying office for an application packet.

**Q: If my state does not have the program I want, do they have to provide PSEP assistance?**

**A:** No. Each state determines which fields it wishes to support, usually using a combination of workforce studies and available funding. See the chart on p. 17 for a list of the fields for which your state provides support. No state supports all fields.

**Q: Can I apply to any school for admission?**

**A:** Yes – but you will only be considered for tuition assistance if you attend one of the PSEP cooperating institutions, and if your state has sufficient funds to support you. You can apply to non-PSEP schools as well as those participating in the program; you just can't receive PSEP support if you choose a non-PSEP school.

**Q: Can I apply for assistance to more than one program (i.e., allopathic and osteopathic medicine) at the same time?**

**A:** Yes – but you must notify your certifying office that you will be doing so. Your name is forwarded to cooperating schools, and it must be on both lists.

**Q: If I am certified by my state and accepted to a cooperating institution, do I automatically receive assistance?**

**A:** No. Each state determines how many new students it can assist each year. You should notify your certifying office immediately when you receive acceptances and again when you determine which school you will attend.

**Q: How does a state determine which of the accepted students receives assistance?**

**A:** Most states choose the "most qualified among the accepted students" and offer them assistance first. WICHE asks cooperating schools to rank all accepted students from a given state; that information is compiled

by WICHE, and the results are given to the student's home state.

**Q: Can I get the results of this ranking?**

**A:** No. That information is strictly confidential for the benefit of all concerned.

**Q: Am I required to repay the state for my support?**

**A:** Each state determines requirements for return obligation or payback. Contact your state certifying office for specific information.

**Q: When will I know if I am going to receive assistance?**

**A:** You can expect to receive notification by late spring to early summer. Support is determined when all cooperating schools have had the opportunity to place offers of admission and any necessary ranking requests have been completed. These dates vary, depending upon the program and the timing of your state's budget appropriations.

**Q: Do I have to reapply each year for this assistance?**

**A:** Yes. If you are not accepted into a cooperating program or are not supported due to limited funding, you must reapply each year by the **October 15 deadline**. In most cases, once you receive support, you will continue to do so until you complete the degree program. However, there are limitations, and many states contact students annually to renew support. Make sure you keep your certifying office advised of any address or phone changes.

**Q: If I receive support through this program and run into problems when I enroll, whom do I contact?**

**A:** Have your enrolling institution contact the main WICHE office in Boulder, CO, at (303) 541-0214.

## OTHER WICHE EXCHANGES

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In addition to the Professional Student Exchange Program, other WICHE programs of interstate cooperation are available to residents of some states. For information concerning the following programs, students should contact the state certifying officer in their home state or visit our Web site, [www.wiche.edu/sep](http://www.wiche.edu/sep).

### **Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)**

WUE opens opportunity to residents of participating Western states to enroll in designated public undergraduate programs in the other participating states at resident tuition plus 50 percent, an amount considerably less than regular nonresident tuition. Participating states are Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. For information on participating programs and institutions, visit our Web site, [www.wiche.edu/sep/wue](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wue).

### **Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)**

Residents of 14 Western states are eligible to enroll in more than 175 distinguished graduate programs (both master's and doctoral levels) at 40 institutions at reduced rates. Eligibility is limited to qualified residents of Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. For information on participating programs and application procedures, visit our Web site at [www.wiche.edu/sep/wrgp](http://www.wiche.edu/sep/wrgp).

## DISTANCE EDUCATION OPTIONS

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### **WICHE Internet Course Exchange (WICHE ICE)**

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education's Internet Course Exchange (WICHE ICE) is an alliance of member institutions and university systems that operate with a common set of policies, procedures, and support systems for sharing distance-delivered courses among two-year and four-year institutions in the 15 WICHE member states.

WICHE ICE gives students broader and easier access to high-quality online courses and degree and certificate programs offered by universities other than their own. It benefits participating institutions by making online courses more manageable for administrators and faculty and allows them to share courses with excess capacity more easily.

In addition, when home-campus courses are overenrolled, it serves as a relief valve that gives students access to courses and programs offered by other institutions, allowing students to take their required courses on schedule and remain on track to obtain their degree. More information is available at [www.wiche.edu/prosvcs/ice](http://www.wiche.edu/prosvcs/ice).

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