The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) was established 60 years ago to promote the sharing of higher education resources among Western states. One of the programs WICHE created to meet this goal is the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP).

WRGP is an exceptional educational resource for the West, allowing master’s, graduate certificate, and Ph.D. students who are residents of WICHE’s 15 member states and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to enroll in more than 320 high-quality programs at 56 participating institutions and pay resident tuition. In fall 2012 more than 1,000 students enrolled through WRGP and saved an estimated $15.2 million in tuition; the average savings is estimated at $15,000 per student.

How do I apply for the WRGP resident tuition rate?
Apply for admission directly to the program in which you wish to enroll or to the institution’s graduate studies department. Applicants must meet all of the institution’s admissions requirements and apply within the program’s deadlines. Identify yourself as a "WICHE WRGP” applicant to be considered for the discounted tuition rate. Programs give a limited number of WRGP reduced tuition seats each year, so apply early. For more information about the programs, visit our website.

How do I establish residency for the program?
Normally, you must be a resident of your home state for at least one year before applying for admission as a WRGP student. Determination of residency is made by the institution at which you are enrolling. Residents of Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands are eligible to apply to participating programs and request the WRGP tuition rate.

Can I enroll through WRGP as a part-time student?
Yes. Part-time students are eligible to participate in WRGP.

How are new programs added to WRGP?
WICHE welcomes programs interested in participating in WRGP to submit their nomination. Department heads or graduate deans of programs should contact the WICHE Student Exchange Program office at info-sep@wiche.edu. For more details see the last page of this handout.

Other WICHE Student Exchange Programs

Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE)
The Western Undergraduate Exchange provides an opportunity for residents of participating Western states to enroll in designated public undergraduate programs in other participating WICHE states at resident tuition plus 50 percent, an amount considerably less than regular nonresident tuition.
For more information, visit www.wiche.edu/WUE.

Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)
The Professional Student Exchange Program allows students with to enroll in out-of-state professional programs in 10 healthcare fields and pay reduced tuition. The fields are dentistry, medicine, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, physician assistant, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.
For more information, visit www.wiche.edu/PSEP.

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For general questions, please contact us at (303) 541-0270 or info-sep@wiche.edu.
PARTICIPATING PROGRAMS (BY FIELD)

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture - Integrated Resource Management, MAg, Colorado State University
Food Safety and Quality, MFSQ, Utah State University
Food Science, MS and PhD, Washington State University
Horticulture/Water Efficient Landscaping, MS, Utah State University
Tropical Plant and Soil Sciences, MS and PhD, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

ARCHITECTURE

Community Planning, GRAD CERT, Northern Arizona University
Design and Planning, PhD, University of Colorado Denver
Urban Design, MUD, University of Colorado Denver
Urban and Regional Planning, MA and PhD, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa
Urban Regional Planning, MURP, University of Colorado Denver

AREA, ETHNIC, CULTURAL, AND GENDER STUDIES

American Studies (Interdisciplinary), MA and PhD, University of New Mexico
American Studies (Interdisciplinary), MA and PhD, Washington State University
Latin American Studies, MA, PhD/MBA or MS, University of New Mexico
Northern Studies (Interdisciplinary), MA, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Pacific Islands Studies, MA, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa
Rural Development, MA, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Women’s Studies, MA/JD, University of Arizona
Women’s Studies, PhD, University of Arizona

BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES

Animal Reproduction and Biotechnology Laboratory, MS and PhD, Colorado State University
Biological and Medical Informatics, PhD, University of California, San Francisco
Biological Sciences, PhD and DA, Idaho State University
Biomedical Science: Biotechnology and Stem Cell Science, PSM, San Francisco State University
Biomedical Sciences/Tropical Medicine, MS and PhD, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa
Biostatistics, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Denver
Cancer Biology (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona

Computational Bioscience, PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, PhD, University of Arizona
Entomology, Tropical, MS and PhD, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa
Genetics (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona
Human Physiology, PhD, University of Oregon
Immunology and Infectious Diseases, MS and PhD, Montana State University, Bozeman
Integrative Genomics, MS, Black Hills State University
Modern Human Anatomy, MS, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Neuroscience (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona
Neuroscience (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Utah
Neuroscience (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, Washington State University
Pharmaceutical Sciences and Pharmacogenomics, PhD, University of California, San Francisco
Physiological Sciences (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, University of Arizona
Primate Behavior, MS, Central Washington University
Raptor Biology, MS, Boise State University
Rehabilitation Science, PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Toxicology, MS and PhD, Utah State University

BUSINESS

Business Administration, MBA, Northern Arizona University
Global Supply Chain Management, MS, University of Alaska Anchorage
Hotel Administration, MS, University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Human Resource Management, MS, Utah State University
Management Information Systems, MS/MIS, University of Nevada Las Vegas
Nonprofit Studies, MA, Arizona State University, Downtown Phoenix Campus

COMMUNICATION, JOURNALISM, AND TECHNOLOGY

Communications, MA, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Communication and Information Sciences (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Hawai‘i, Manoa
Communication Studies, MA, Arizona State University, West Campus
A DNP program is not available in my home state of Nevada, which has been one of the hardest hit by the economic crisis. The University of Utah’s ‘distance option’ and the resident WRGP tuition rate allowed me to consider furthering my education. Now I’m pursuing my dream of becoming a pediatric nurse practitioner and making a difference in the lives of the kids of Nevada. I am a first generation college graduate in my family, so years ago I never would have dreamed that I would now be preparing a doctorate. Thank you! “

— Angela, Nevada resident, Doctorate of Nursing Practice, University of Utah

| Communication Studies, MA, University of Montana, Missoula |
| English (Professional Writing Emphasis), MA, Northern Arizona University |
| Environmental Science and Natural Resource Journalism, MA, University of Montana |
| Public Communication and Technology, MS and PhD, Colorado State University |

**COMPUTER AND INFORMATION SCIENCES**

| Computer Science and Information Systems, PhD, University of Colorado Denver |
| Geographic Information Systems, M Eng., University of Colorado Denver |
| Human Language Technology (Interdisciplinary), MS, University of Arizona |
| Media Arts and Computer Science, MA and MS, New Mexico Highlands University |

**EDUCATION**

| Bilingual and Multicultural Education (ESL), MEd, Northern Arizona University |
| Career and Technical Education, MEd, Northern Arizona University |
| Chemical Education, MS and PhD, University of Northern Colorado |
| Chemistry Education, MS, South Dakota State University |
| Deaf Education, MS, Idaho State University |
| Early Childhood Special Education, MA, University of Alaska Anchorage |
| Education, MA, Valley City State University |
| Education and Human Resource Studies (Interdisciplinary), PhD, Colorado State University |
| Education Technology, MEd/GRAD CERT, Northern Arizona University |
| Education-Visually Impaired Learner, MS, Portland State University |
| Educational Linguistics, PhD, University of New Mexico |
| Educational Technology, PhD, University of Northern Colorado |

| Exercise and Sport Science - Sport Pedagogy, MS, University of Utah |
| Higher Education Administration & Leadership, MA and GRAD CERT, Adams State University |
| Human Relations, MEd, Northern Arizona University |
| Mathematics Education, MA, Northern Arizona University |
| Online Teaching and Learning, GRAD CERT, New Mexico State University |
| Science Teaching, MA, Northern Arizona University |
| Special Education-Low Prevalence Disabilities, MA and EdD, University of Northern Colorado |
| Teaching and Teacher Education, PhD, University of Arizona |
| Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL), MA, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs |
| Teaching Science with Certification, MA, Northern Arizona University |

**ENGINEERING**

| Aerospace Engineering Sciences, MS, ME, and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder |
| Bioengineering, PhD, University of California, San Francisco and Berkley |
| Chemical Engineering, ME, MS, and PhD, University of Utah |
| Civil Engineering (Developing Communities), MS/PhD, University of Colorado Boulder |
| Computational Sciences and Robotics, MS, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology |
| Engineering (concentration in Energy Systems), MS, San Francisco State University |
| Engineering with Emphasis in Mechatronics or Railroad Engineering, MS, Colorado State University-Pueblo |
| Engineering Space Operations, MS, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs |
| Engineering Systems, MS, MEng, and PhD, Colorado School of Mines |
| Environmental Engineering Science, MS and PhD, Colorado School of Mines |
| Environmental Sustainability Engineering, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Denver |
| Geological Engineering, MS, ME, and PhD, Colorado School of Mines |
| Geoscience (options in Geology, Geochemistry, Geological Engineering, Geophysical Engineering, Hydrogeology, and Hydrogeological Engineering), MS Montana Tech of The University of Montana |
| Industrial and Systems Engineering, MS, Colorado State University, Pueblo |
Materials Engineering and Science, MS and PhD, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Materials Science and Engineering, PhD, Arizona State University
Metallurgical/Mineral Processing Engineering, MS, Montana Tech of The University of Montana
Mining and Earth Systems Engineering (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, Colorado School of Mines
Petroleum Engineering, MS and PhD, Colorado School of Mines

ENGINEERING: APPLIED SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGIES
Construction Management, MS, Colorado State University
Manufacturing Engineering and Management, MS/MBA, New Mexico State University
Solar Energy Engineering and Commercialization, PSM, Arizona State University, Tempe
Telecommunications, ME/MBA, University of Colorado Boulder

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
Creative Writing, MFA, Eastern Washington University
English-Rhetoric and Composition Studies, MA and PhD, Washington State University
English, MA and PhD, Idaho State University
English/Emphasis in Creative Writing, PhD, University of Utah
English-General English emphasis, MA, Northern Arizona University
English-Rhetoric and the Teaching of Writing emphasis, MA, Northern Arizona University
Rhetoric and Professional Communication (Interdisciplinary), PhD, New Mexico State University
Technical Communication, MSTC, Montana Tech of The University of Montana

FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES
Family Ecology, MS, University of Utah
Gerontology, MA, University of Northern Colorado
Gerontology (Interdisciplinary), MS, University of Utah

FOREIGN LANGUAGES, LITERATURE AND LINGUISTICS
Anthropology-Linguistics, PhD, University of Arizona
East Asian Languages, MA, University of Colorado Boulder
East Asian Languages and Literatures, MA and PhD, University of Hawai’i at Manoa
German Studies, MA/MBA, University of Colorado Boulder
Linguistics, MA and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder
Native American Languages and Linguistics, MA, University of Arizona
Second Language Acquisition and Teaching (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona
Second Language Studies, MA, PhD, University of Hawai’i at Manoa
Second Language Teaching, MSLT, Utah State University
Spanish, MS, New Mexico State University

HEALTH PROFESSIONS AND RELATED CLINICAL SCIENCE

AUDIOLOGY & SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY
Audiology, AuD, University of Colorado Boulder
Audiology, PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Audiology, AuD, Idaho State University
Audiology, AuD, University of Utah
Audiology, AuD, Utah State University
Audiology, AuD, University of Washington
Communication Disorders, MS, Eastern Washington University
Speech-Language Pathology, MA, University of Colorado Boulder
Speech-Language Pathology, MA, University of Northern Colorado
Speech-Language Pathology, MS, Idaho State University
Speech-Language Pathology, PhD, University of Utah
Speech-Language Pathology, MA/MS, Utah State University
Speech-Language Pathology, MS, University of Washington

NURSING
Adult Health Nursing, DNP-AHN, New Mexico State University
Clinical Nursing Informatics, MS, University of Utah
Innovation in LEadership and ADMinistration (i LEAD) in Nursing, MS and GRAD CERT, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Neonatal Nurse Practitioner, DNP, University of Utah
Nurse Educator, MS, University of Wyoming
Nurse Midwifery, MS, University of Utah
Nursing, MS, Northern Arizona University
Nursing, MSN, California State University, Stanislaus
Nursing, PhD, University of Arizona
Nursing, PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Nursing, PhD, University of North Dakota
Nursing, PhD, University of Utah
Nursing Administration, MSN, New Mexico State University
Nursing-Border Health Issues and Disparities, PhD, New Mexico State University
Nursing-Health Care Informatics, MS, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Nursing Practice, DNP, University of Arizona
Nursing Practice, DNP, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Nursing Practice, DNP, Oregon Health Science University
Nursing Practice, DNP, University of Wyoming
Nursing Science, MS, University of Alaska, Anchorage
Nursing Science, PhD, Oregon Health and Science University
Outreach Nurse Practitioner, MS, University of Utah
Public/Community Health Nursing, DNP-P/CHN, New Mexico State University
Teaching Nursing, MS, University of Utah
Women’s Health Nurse Practitioner, MS, University of Utah

PUBLIC HEALTH
Community Health Education, MPH, New Mexico State University
Epidemiology, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Health Services Research, PhD, University of Colorado Denver
Health Services Research, Policy & Administration, MS, University of Colorado Denver
Public Health, MPH and DrPH, University of Arizona
Public Health, DrPH, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Public Health, MPH, jointly offered by Colorado State University, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz, and the University of Northern Colorado
Public Health (with foci in Global Health Studies and Public Health Sciences), GRAD CERT, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Public Health, MPH, University of Nevada Reno
Public Health, MPH, University of Washington

OTHER HEALTHCARE PROGRAMS
Athletic Training, MS, South Dakota State University
Biomedical Informatics, MS and PhD, University of Utah
Chemistry and Chemical Biology, PhD, University of California, San Francisco
Clinical Laboratory Science, MS, University of North Dakota

Dental Hygiene, MS, Eastern Washington University
Environmental Health Sciences, MS and PhD, Colorado State University
Health Administration, MHA, Montana State University Billings
Health and Policy Administration, MHPA, Washington State University, Spokane
Health Informatics, MS, Dakota State University
Human Rehabilitation, PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Interdisciplinary Health Policy, GRAD CERT, Northern Arizona University
Medical Laboratory Science, MS, Idaho State University
Nutrition (Interdisciplinary), PhD, Washington State University
Occupational Therapy, OTD, University of Utah
Radiological Health Sciences, MS and PhD, Colorado State University
Rehabilitation Counseling with the Deaf, MS, Western Oregon University

HISTORY
American Studies/Historic Preservation (Interdisciplinary), MA, University of Wyoming
Historic Preservation (Interdisciplinary), MS, University of Oregon
Historical Resources Management, MA, Idaho State University
History, DA, University of North Dakota
Public History, PhD, Arizona State University
Public History, MA and PhD, Washington State University

MATHEMATICS
Educational Mathematics, PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Mathematics, DA, Idaho State University
Mathematics/Math Ed Option, MS, Montana State University, Bozeman

“One of the biggest worries for prospective and enrolled graduate students is funding. WRGP opens doors by providing out-of-state students with in-state tuition. This makes graduate studies far more affordable and gives students from the West some level of preferential admission. The money I’ve saved by enrolling through WRGP has allowed me to put that savings towards research, attending conferences, and networking; taking advantage of these opportunities is imperative for me to become a successful professional. WRGP has allowed me to pursue my goals of providing mental health services to combat veterans, many of whom I served with in the Iraq War.”

– Christian, U.S. Marine Corps (Combat Veteran), California resident, Clinical Health Psychology, PhD, University of Colorado Denver
NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION

Arid Lands Resource Sciences (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Arizona
Climate Science and Solutions, PSM, Northern Arizona University
Coastal and Watershed Science and Policy, MS, California State University, Monterey Bay
Ecology of the Northern Great Plains, PhD, University of North Dakota
Environment and Natural Resources, Dual Masters, University of Wyoming
Environmental Education, MS, Southern Oregon University ★
Environmental Sciences and Policy, MS, Northern Arizona University
Environmental Sciences, MEM, MS, and PhD, Portland State University
Environmental Studies (Interdisciplinary), MS/MBA, University of Colorado Boulder
Environmental Systems, MS, Humboldt State University ★
Forestry, MF, Northern Arizona University
Land Rehabilitation, MS, Montana State University, Bozeman
Mineral Economics, MS and PhD, Colorado School of Mines
Natural Resources, MS, Humboldt State University
Natural Resources and Environmental Management, MS and PhD, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa
Natural Resources Conflict Resolution, GRAD CERT, University of Montana, Missoula
Resource Management (Interdisciplinary), MS, Central Washington University
Waste Management and Environmental Science, MS, Idaho State University
Water Science and Management (Interdisciplinary), MA/PhD, New Mexico State University ★
Watershed Science (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, Utah State University

PARKS, RECREATION, AND TOURISM; LEISURE, AND FITNESS STUDIES

Athletic Training, MS, Montana State University, Billings
Community Resources and Development, MS/PhD, Arizona State University, Downtown Phoenix Campus ★
Kinesiology and Exercise Science, MA and PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Parks, Recreation and Tourism, MS, PhD, and EdD, University of Utah
Recreation and Tourism, MS, California State University, East Bay ★

PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Philosophy, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder
Philosophy-Asian and Comparative, MA and PhD, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa

PHYSICAL SCIENCES

Applied Chemistry, MS and PhD, Colorado School of Mines
Applied Environmental Geoscience, PSM, Utah State University
Astrophysical and Planetary Sciences, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder
Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder
Atmospheric Sciences, MS and PhD, University of Arizona
Atmospheric Sciences, MS, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Biometeorology, MS and PhD, Utah State University
Chemical Physics, PhD, University of Nevada, Reno
Chemistry, MS and PhD, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Earth Sciences, MS, University of Northern Colorado
Geochemistry, MS, PSM, and PhD, Colorado School of Mines
Hydrologic Sciences, MS and PhD, University of Nevada, Reno
Hydrology (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, Colorado School of Mines
Infrared Astrophysics, MS and PhD, University of Wyoming
Nanoscience, PSM, Arizona State University
Nanoscience and Nanoengineering, PhD, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Natural Science, MNS, Arizona State University, Tempe ★
Oceanography (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, University of Hawai‘i at Manoa
Optical Science and Engineering, MA and PhD, University of New Mexico
Optical Sciences, MS, PhD, and GRAD CERT, University of Arizona
Paleontology, MS, South Dakota School of Mines and Technology
Physics, MS and PhD, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology
Physics (concentration in Space Physics), MS, New Mexico State University
Physics-General, MS and PhD, University of Colorado Boulder
Polymers and Coatings (Interdisciplinary), MS and PhD, North Dakota State University
Upper Atmospheric Physics, MS and PhD, Utah State University
Water Resources Administration, MWR, University of New Mexico

PSYCHOLOGY AND MENTAL HEALTH

Applied Behavioral Analysis for Special Education, MSSEd and GRAD CERT, Montana State University, Billings
Clinical-Community Psychology, joint PhD, University of Alaska Anchorage/University of Alaska Fairbanks
Clinical Counseling (Couples/Family), MA, University of Northern Colorado
Clinical Health Psychology, PhD, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Clinical Psychology, PhD, Idaho State University
Counseling and Human Services, MA, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Counseling Psychology, PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Counseling Psychology, PhD, University of North Dakota
Counselor Education and Supervision, PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Experimental Psychology, PhD, Idaho State University
Family Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, MS, University of Colorado Denver, Anschutz
Mental Health Counseling, MA/MS, Southern Oregon University
Positive Behavior Support, GRAD CERT, Northern Arizona University
Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing, DNP-PMH, New Mexico State University
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, MS, University of Utah
Psychology, MS, Arizona State University, West Campus
Psychology (Psychological Sciences Track), MA, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, MS, Montana State University, Billings
School Psychology, EdS and PhD, University of Northern Colorado
Social Psychology (Interdisciplinary), PhD, University of Nevada, Reno

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND SOCIAL SERVICE PROFESSIONS

Administration, MA, Northern Arizona University
Administration of Justice, MA, University of Alaska Fairbanks
Disability Policy and Practice, GRAD CERT, Northern Arizona University
Public Administration, PhD, Arizona State University
Public Administration, MPA/GRAD CERT, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs

Public Administration and Policy, PhD, Portland State University
Public Administration/Domestic Violence Program Management and Public Policy, MPA, University of Colorado Denver
Public Administration/Nonprofit Management Concentration, MPA, University of Colorado Denver
Public Administration/Public Affairs, PhD, University of Colorado Denver
Public Policy, MPP, University of Utah
Social Work, MSW, University of Alaska, Anchorage
Social Work, MSW and PhD, Arizona State University
Social Work, PhD, University of Utah
Social Work, MSW, University of Wyoming
Social Work/Rural and Changing Communities, MSW, Colorado State University
Social Work/Rural Regional and Small Urban, MSW, Eastern Washington University

SECURITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Executive Leadership Master of Criminal Justice Program, ELMCJ, University of Colorado Denver

SOCIAL SCIENCES AND LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

Anthropology and Business, MA/MBA, University of Colorado Boulder
Anthropology, MA, University of Colorado Denver
Applied Anthropology (focus areas in Archaeology, Linguistic Anthropology, and Sociocultural Anthropology), MA, Northern Arizona University
Applied Geography, MA, University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
Applied Geography-Geospatial Science, MAG, New Mexico State University
Archaeology, MA and PhD, Washington State University
Criminal Justice, MCJ, New Mexico State University
Economic Development, DED, New Mexico State University
Health and Behavioral Sciences, PhD, University of Colorado Denver
Interdisciplinary Studies, MA, Arizona State University, West Campus
Intercultural Youth and Family Development (Interdisciplinary), MA, University of Montana, Missoula
International Affairs & Global Enterprise, MS, University of Utah
Museum Studies, MA, San Francisco State University
Political Science, DA, Idaho State University
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A Note to Graduate Programs and Graduate Studies Departments in the West

WRGP is a western regional tuition reciprocity agreement that helps departments build robust programs by diversifying their student enrollment and filling seats in distinct programs that might otherwise go unfilled. Students can enroll directly in the program through WRGP and are not dependent upon the approval of their home state to participate, because the student’s home state does not provide funding for each individual student. This represents a tremendous opportunity for WICHE states to share distinctive programs (and the faculty who teach them) and build their workforce in a variety of disciplines, particularly healthcare.

To participate in WRGP, programs must agree to charge students no more than resident tuition. The receiving institution/department does not receive additional tuition support for WRGP students from the enrolling student’s home state.

If you know of a particular program that is interested in applying to participate in the WRGP network, have the program chair or graduate studies dean contact WICHE’s director of Student Exchange Programs at 303.541.0214.

What administrators are saying about WRGP ...

“Valley City State University prides itself on a student-centered atmosphere. Participating in WRGP is just one more way we can meet the needs of our students. The education degree we offer through WRGP is online and provides access to teachers who may be working in rural areas. As an institution, we are aware of the indebtedness a graduate student can incur when completing an online degree. WRGP has made our program affordable for those rural students who do not have access to face-to-face programs.”
— Terry Corwin, Vice President for Academic Affairs, Valley City State University

“WICHE’s WRGP has helped our urban design program immensely by expanding our applicant pool and allowing us to recruit top talent from the 15 Western states. These students nearly always cite the WRGP discounted tuition as one of the major reasons they applied to our program and accepted our offer of admission. The program is invaluable and I recommend it to all program administrators!”
— Jeremy Nemeth, Assistant Professor and Director, Master of Urban Design, University of Colorado Denver