

**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

**WY-DENT Program Report  
(Dental Education Contract Program among the University of Wyoming,  
and  
the College of Dentistry at Creighton University  
and  
the University of Nebraska Medical Center)  
From the College of Health Sciences  
15<sup>th</sup> September 2010  
[Pursuant to W.S. 21-17-199 (f) and (g)]**

To the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

**Program update**

2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 103 (original Senate File 45) established a dental education contract program, informally referred to as WY-DENT. Pursuant to that legislation, the University entered into agreements with Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Medical Center under which the State of Wyoming through UW would pay the cost of attendance for up to five dental students at each institution. The program is patterned after the WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) medical education program. The residency requirement for WY-DENT students is the same as that for WWAMI students. A WY-DENT graduate can repay the payments Wyoming makes to the dental school on the student's behalf by practicing in Wyoming.

Eighteen students are enrolled at the Creighton University School of Dentistry, and seventeen are currently enrolled at the University of Nebraska. (Only four students were enrolled in the 2007 class and one of those dropped out of the program between the first and second year. One student in the 2008 Creighton class dropped out in his first year and is currently repaying). Due to FY 10 statewide budget cuts, only four students were admitted to each school for the 2010-11 academic year.

**Required report**

W.S. 21-17-119 (f) – Under this provision, which is identical to the statutory provision for WWAMI students, the University's Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, may relieve a student from repayment of a loan provided under this section for undue hardship. The provision requires the University to report to the Committee the number of students who have been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan. To date, no student has been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan.

W.S. 21-17-119 (g) – Under this provision, which is identical to the statutory provision for WWAMI students, all loan repayments under this program are credited to an account (Dentistry School Student Account) to be invested by the University and the earnings thereon used

exclusively for scholarships and support for dental students. This provision requires the University to report to the Committee regarding income and expenditures from this account during the preceding fiscal year. Since this is a new program, there have been no loan repayments.

**Legislative Report Fiscal Year 2010**

**Dental Contracts:**

AY 07-08: First year [D1] of the program:

Creighton D1 Students:	5	\$275,000
UNMC D1 Students:	4	\$220,000

AY 08-09: First year [D1] and second year [D2]:

Creighton

D1 Students:	5	\$290,340
D2 Students:	5	<u>\$290,340</u>
		\$580,680

UNMC

D1 Students:	5	\$290,160
D2 Students:	3	<u>\$173,496</u>
		\$463,656

AY 09-10: First year [D1], second year [D2], and third year [D3]:

Creighton

D1 Students:	5	\$309,940
D2 Students:	4	\$249,032
D3 Students:	5	<u>\$307,190</u>
		\$866,162

UNMC

D1 Students:	5	\$314,475
D2 Students:	5	\$296,600
D3 Students:	3	<u>\$177,300</u>
		\$788,375

AY 10-11: First year [D1], second year [D2], third year [D3]; and fourth year [D4]:

Creighton

D1 students: 4	\$321,835
D2 students: 5	\$257,468
D3 students: 4	\$321,835
D4 students: 5	<u>\$257,468</u>
	\$1,158,606

UNMC

D1 students: 4	\$258,176
D2 students: 5	\$322,720
D3 students: 5	\$303,780
D4 students: 3	<u>\$168,066</u>
	\$1,052,742