Narrative for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) FY 2021 Annual Report
(July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021)

General Information
WICHE has no administrative staff or director. Administrative support for the agency is provided through staffing at the College of Health Sciences in the University of Wyoming.

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Year Established
The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education was established by statute in 1953.

Statutory References
Wyoming Statutes, Title 21, Chapter 16, Article 2.

Number of Authorized Personnel
There are three WICHE commissioners appointed by the Governor. In FY 2021, Wyoming’s representatives were UW College of Health Sciences Dean David Jones, Laramie; Senator Fred Baldwin, Kemmerer; and Western Wyoming Community College President Kim Dale, Rock Springs.

Organization Structure
WICHE is a separate operating entity funded by state legislative appropriation. The functions of the agency are performed by personnel within the University of Wyoming under the umbrella of the College of Health Sciences.

Clients Served
WICHE serves Wyoming residents from the undergraduate level through graduate and professional programs.

Budget Information
FY 2021 General Fund Expenditures: $2,262,501

Meeting frequency
The WICHE Commission meets twice per year. WICHE Certifying Officers meet once a year.
Mission and philosophy
The mission of WICHE, based upon its enabling legislation, is to provide residents within Wyoming and the other western states within the compact an opportunity to obtain high-quality, cost-effective education without replicating programs in every state.

Major Accomplishments/Efficiencies

Professional Student Exchange Program
Through WICHE’s Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP), Wyoming sent 75 students to out-of-state programs in 2020-21 in 9 different fields.

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Western Regional Graduate Program
Wyoming sent 56 students to out-of-state institutions via the Western Regional Graduate Program, while receiving 5.

Western Undergraduate Exchange
1,025 Wyoming students participated in Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), attending schools in other WICHE states while 1,843 WUE students attended Wyoming institutions from other WICHE states.

Internet Course Exchange
The University of Wyoming is a member of WICHE’s Internet Course Exchange (ICE), an alliance of member institutions and systems that share distance delivered courses among two- and four-year institutions in the 16-state/island WICHE region.

Interstate Passport Program
The Interstate Passport program to block transfer lower division general education courses is under development and will facilitate transfer of students from other Passport institutions.