

**Narrative for the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) FY 2023  
Annual Report**  
(July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023)

**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 2022, Wyoming's representatives were UW Provost Kevin Carmen, 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 2023 General Fund Expenditures: \$2,199,416.

**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**

The annual report published by the WICHE office is available on the web at: <http://www.wiche.edu>. Wyoming highlights are available at <http://wiche.edu/state-highlights/wyoming>.

### ***Professional Student Exchange Program***

Through WICHE's Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP), Wyoming sent 70 students to out-of-state programs in 2022-23 in 9 different fields.

<b>Field</b>	<b># of Wyoming students</b>
Dentistry	3
Medicine	10
Occupational Therapy	8
Optometry	6
Osteopathic Medicine	4
Physical Therapy	19
Physician Assistant	2
Veterinary Medicine	28
Podiatry	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>70</b>

### ***Western Regional Graduate Program***

Wyoming sent 103 students to out-of-state institutions via the Western Regional Graduate Program, while receiving 6.

### ***Western Undergraduate Exchange***

1,111 Wyoming students participated in Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE), attending schools in other WICHE states while 1,524 WUE students attended Wyoming institutions from other WICHE states.

### ***Online Course Exchange***

The University of Wyoming was a member of WICHE's Online Course Exchange (OCE), 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. OCE ceased operations in 2022.

### ***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.