

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
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[Pursuant to W.S. 21-17-119 (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. The three year repayment begins one year after graduation or completion of post-graduate training.

For the academic year 2011-12, eighteen students are enrolled at the Creighton University School of Dentistry, and eighteen at the University of Nebraska. Due to FY 10 statewide budget cuts, only four students were admitted to each school for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years.

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 Joint Labor Health and Social Services 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 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. However, the first class of eight students graduated in the spring of 2011. Four are in grace year prior to payback, and four are in a residency programs.

Legislative Report Fiscal Year 2011

Dental Contracts:

The WyDENT program started in Academic Year (AY) 2007-08 with five students at Creighton and four at University of Nebraska Medical Center. One student at UNMC withdrew from the WyDENT program but not dental school after year one.

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

Creighton

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

UNMC

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

(Note: one student who started during this academic year at Creighton withdrew from both WyDENT and dental school and is repaying the loan for that first year)

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	\$307,190
		<u>\$866,162</u>

UNMC

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

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

AY 11-12: First year [D1], second year [D2], third year [D3]; and fourth year [D4]:

Creighton

D1 students: 4	\$266,484
D2 students: 4	\$266,484
D3 students: 5	\$333,105
D4 students: 4	<u>\$266,484</u>
	\$1,132,577

UNMC

D1 students: 4	\$269,699
D2 students: 4	\$269,699
D3 students: 5	\$337,124
D4 students: 5	<u>\$292,407</u>
	\$1,168,929