### WICHE Info Sheet

**WICHE (Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education)** was created to facilitate resource sharing among the higher education systems of the West. Currently, fifteen states (including North Dakota) are members of WICHE. Each state commits to support WICHE’s basic operations through annual dues.

WICHE’s Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) enables students from 12 of the member states (including North Dakota) to enroll in selected out-of-state professional programs usually because those fields of study are not available at public institutions in their home states. Please note that although the states of California, Oregon and South Dakota are members of WICHE, they do not participate as “sending states” in the Professional Student Exchange Program at this time.

These exchange students receive preference in admission. They pay reduced levels of tuition: for most students, resident tuition in public institutions or reduced standard tuition at private schools. The home state pays a support fee to the admitting school to help cover the cost of students’ education.

### Applying to WICHE Professional schools

In order to be accepted at a given professional school as a WICHE student, and to gain the financial benefits of the WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program, resident students will be required to follow certain procedures as dictated by their home state. A general outline of these is listed below:

- Complete the certification process before October 15 of the year preceding admission. State deadlines and requirements vary; please check with your State Certifying Officer.
- Apply to the participating schools of your choice. Inform your Certifying Officer of all the schools to which you are seeking admission.
- IMMEDIATELY inform your State Certifying Officer as you receive offers and when you accept an offer of admission at a participating school.
- Formally decline offers of admission at schools you will not be attending.
- Check directly with your enrolling institution regarding the specific tuition charges that will be required from you.
- Enroll and remain enrolled as a full-time student, and maintain your home state residency.
- Keep your State Certifying Officer posted as to your current address.
- State Certifying Officers inform all students of annual renewal requirements for state certification.

### Applying to Non-WICHE Professional schools

Some states (including North Dakota) have additional arrangements for professional education with schools outside of the WICHE region. Contact your State Certifying Officer directly for the names of these schools and the procedures for applying for support from your state.

### State Certifying Officers

Because procedures may vary from state to state, it is always best to contact your State Certifying Officer **before** you apply to any WICHE or state contracted (non-WICHE) school, for specific information and applications. **The current Certifying Officer for North Dakota is:**

**Peggy Wipf**  
North Dakota University System  
State Capitol, 10th Floor  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Dept. 215  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0154  
Phone: (701) 328-4114  
Fax: (701) 328-2961

### Current State Certifying Officer Information for Other WICHE States

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| **Certifying Officer for Alaska** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Ed  
PO Box 110505  
Juneau, AK 99811-0505  
Phone: (907) 465-6685  
Fax: (907) 465-5616 |

| **Certifying Officer for Arizona** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Arizona Board of Regents  
2020 North Central, Suite 230  
Phoenix, AZ 85004  
Phone: (602) 229-2563  
Fax: (602) 229-2500 |

| **Certifying Officer for Colorado** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Colorado Commission on Higher Ed  
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600  
Denver, CO 80202  
Phone: (303) 866-2723  
Fax: (303) 866-4266 |

| **Certifying Officer for Idaho** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Idaho Board of Education  
P.O. Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0037  
Phone: (208) 332-1574  
Fax: (208) 332-2632 |

| **Certifying Officer for Montana** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Montana University System  
PO Box 203101, 2500 Broadway  
Helena, MT 59620  
Phone: (406) 444-0322  
Fax: (406) 444-1469 |

| **Certifying Officer for Nevada** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Nevada system of Higher Education  
2601 Enterprise Road  
Reno, NV 89118  
Phone: (775) 784-4900 |

| **Certifying Officer for New Mexico** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Commission on Higher Education  
2048 Galisteo Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100  
Phone: (505) 476-8410  
Fax: (505) 476-6511 |

| **Certifying Officer for Oregon** | **Certifying Officer for Washington** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
Higher Education Coordinating Board  
917 Lakeidge Way  
P.O. Box 43430  
Olympia, WA 98504-3430  
Phone: (360) 753-7846  
Fax: (360) 704-6246 |

| **Certifying Officer for Wyoming** | **Certifying Officer for Hawaii** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
100 E. University Ave., Dept. 3432  
Laramie, WY 82071  
Phone: (307) 766-6704  
Fax: (307) 766-6608 |

| **Certifying Officer for Hawaii** | **Certifying Officer for New Mexico** | WICHE Student Exchange Program  
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- **Certifying Officer for Washington**  
Laramie, WY 82071  
Phone: (307) 766-6704  
Fax: (307) 766-6608
Professional Fields Supported by North Dakota

Professional Fields supported by North Dakota through WICHE are listed below. State support and program participation affecting students are subject to change by legislative or administrative action. The number of students supported by each state is determined through state legislative appropriations.

States may also have additional contracts for professional education with schools outside of the WICHE agreements. Names of professional schools having contractual agreements with North Dakota outside WICHE are also listed below.

### Dentistry

**WICHE Schools**

- Arizona School of Dentistry
  - A.T. Still University
  - Mesa, AZ 85206
- Midwestern University
  - School of Dentistry
  - Glendale, AZ
- Loma Linda University
  - School of Dentistry
  - Loma Linda, CA 92350
- University of California
  - School of Dentistry
  - Los Angeles, CA 90025-1762
- University of California
  - School of Dentistry
  - San Francisco, CA 94143

**University of the Pacific**
- School of Dentistry
  - San Francisco, CA 94115

**University of Southern California**
- School of Dentistry
  - Los Angeles, CA 90089-0641

**University of Colorado**
- School of Dentistry
  - Denver, CO 80262

**University of Nevada**
- School of Dental Medicine
  - Las Vegas, NV 89106-4124

**Oregon Health & Science University**
- School of Dentistry
  - Portland, OR 97201-3098

**University of Washington**
- School of Dentistry
  - Seattle, WA 98195

**Non-WICHE or Contract Schools**

- Creighton University
  - School of Dentistry
  - Omaha, NE 68178
- Marquette University
  - School of Dentistry
  - Milwaukee, WI 53201-1881
- University of Minnesota**
  - School of Dentistry
  - Minneapolis, MN 55455
- University of Nebraska Medical Center
  - College of Dentistry
  - Lincoln, NE 68583-0740

*Prior to joining WICHE, North Dakota has separate contracts with the various non-WICHE institutions listed. When North Dakota joined WICHE, WICHE agreed to handle all aspects relative to admission, billing, etc., in the same manner as they do for those WICHE schools listed above except for University of Minnesota.*

**Optometry**

**WICHE Schools**

- Midwestern University
  - Arizona College of Optometry
  - Glendale, AZ
- Southern California
  - College of Optometry
  - Fullerton, CA 92831-1699

**Pacific University**
- College of Optometry
  - Forest Grove, OR 97116

**Non-WICHE or Contract Schools**

- Illinois College of Optometry
  - Chicago, Illinois 60616
- Ohio State University
  - College of Optometry
  - Columbus, Ohio 43218-2342

**Veterinary Medicine**

**WICHE Schools**

- University of California, Davis
  - School of Veterinary Medicine
  - Davis, CA 95616
- Colorado State University
  - College of Veterinary Medicine and Biomedical Sciences
  - Fort Collins, CO 80523-1601

**Oregon State University**
- College of Veterinary Medicine
  - Corvallis, OR 97331-4801

**Washington State University**
- College of Veterinary Medicine
  - Pullman, WA 99164-7012

**Non-WICHE or Contract Schools**

- Iowa State University
  - College of Veterinary Medicine
  - Ames, IA 50011-1250
- Kansas State University
  - College of Veterinary Medicine
  - Manhattan, KS 66506-5601
- University of Minnesota**
  - College of Veterinary Medicine
  - St. Paul, MN 55108

**North Dakota students applying only to the University of Minnesota Schools of Dentistry or Veterinary Medicine DO NOT need to complete the Application for Certification for PSEP, but MUST complete and submit to the North Dakota University System Office a MN/ND Application for Reciprocity Form to receive a break in tuition under the North Dakota reciprocity agreement with Minnesota.**