

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

### \$30.1M

#### TOTAL SAVED

by Hawai'i students through WICHE Student Access Programs.

### \$28.2M

**SAVED**  
through WUE

### \$667,581

**SAVED**  
through WRGP

### \$1.2M

**SAVED**  
through PSEP

## WESTERN UNDERGRADUATE EXCHANGE



Saves **UNDERGRADUATE** students on out-of-state tuition. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top Hawai'i WUE schools for out-of-state undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (3,379)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Hilo (282)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i-West O'ahu (6)**

Top out-of-state WUE schools for Hawai'i undergraduate students:

- ▶ **University of Nevada, Las Vegas (411)**
- ▶ **Oregon State University (347)**
- ▶ **Washington State University (160)**

## WESTERN REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM



Saves **GRADUATE** students on out-of-state certificate, master's, and doctoral programs. They pay no more than 150% of in-state tuition at partner institutions across the West.

Top Hawai'i WRGP schools for out-of-state graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (411)**
- ▶ **University of Hawai'i at Hilo (21)**

Top out-of-state WRGP schools for Hawai'i graduate students:

- ▶ **University of Arizona (5)**
- ▶ **University of Northern Colorado (5)**
- ▶ **Dakota State University, SD (5)**

## PROFESSIONAL STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM



Helps students pursuing careers in **10 HEALTH FIELDS**. They can enroll in programs in the WICHE region and receive substantial tuition support from their home state/territory.

**51 Hawai'i students paid reduced tuition** for health care studies not offered by public institutions in their home state.

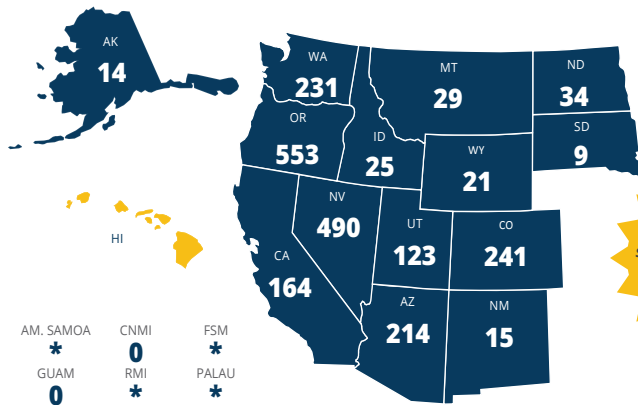
**62% of Hawaii's PSEP graduates returned home** to practice (2012-21). Students are contractually required to return.

**Hawai'i's institutions and their local economies benefit too.** This year, 1 PSEP student enrolled in a program located in Hawai'i. The institution received \$35,700 in support fees to reduce the student's tuition costs.

**2,160% ROI** gained on Hawai'i's WICHE annual dues (\$169,000/FY 2025)

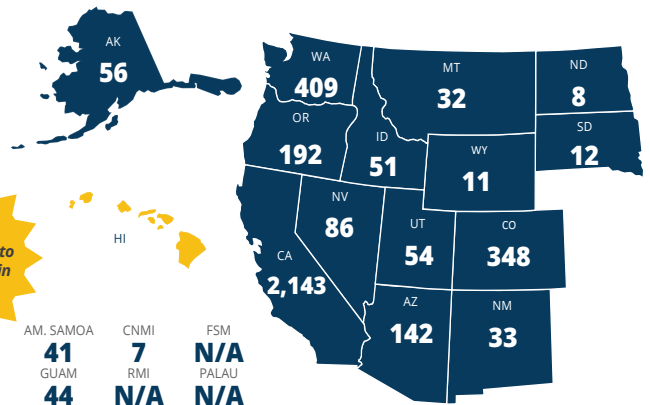
## WUE

WUE STUDENTS **FROM** HAWAII: **2,163**



\* Currently do not have any participating WUE schools.

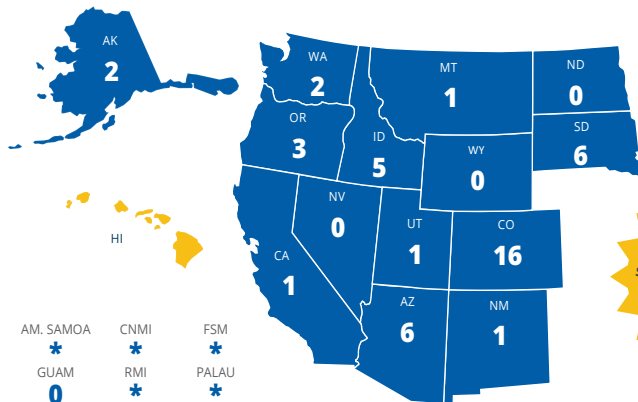
WUE STUDENTS **TO** HAWAII: **3,669**



Note: Students from American Samoa, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and some Guam students are eligible for the University of Hawaii Pacific Islander rate, which is the equivalent of the WUE rate. These students are also reported here as WUE students.

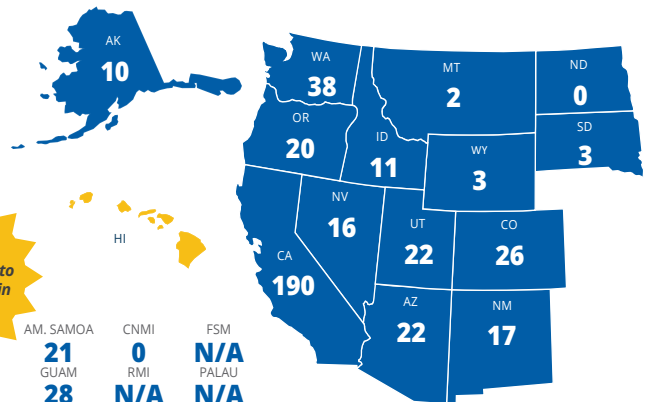
## WRGP

WRGP STUDENTS **FROM** HAWAII: **44**



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WRGP STUDENTS **TO** HAWAII: **429**



## PSEP

FIELD	STUDENTS	FEES PAID
Dentistry	8	\$269,101
Occupational Therapy	5	\$41,667
Optometry	12	\$246,900
Physical Therapy	12	\$206,700
Veterinary Medicine	14	\$460,200
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>\$1,224,568</b>

PSEP students from Hawaii saved \$1,224,568 in tuition

## WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING



“PSEP was instrumental in helping me achieve my goal of becoming a physical therapist. The financial support significantly reduced my financial stress, and I’m forever thankful for the support.”

**BRYSON**, Hawaii resident, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Touro University Nevada

## Regional collaboration

WICHE brings together senior academic leaders to foster dialogue about issues facing individual institutions through its leadership and professional development networks.

### WESTERN ALLIANCE OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE ACADEMIC LEADERS – 2-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ Hawai'i Community College
- ▶ Honolulu Community College
- ▶ Kapi'olani Community College
- ▶ Kaua'i Community College
- ▶ Leeward Community College
- ▶ University of Hawai'i Maui College
- ▶ University of Hawai'i System
- ▶ Windward Community College

Debora Halbert, University of Hawai'i System, is a member of the Alliance executive committee. Kaheleonolani Dukelow, University of Hawai'i System, serves on the Alliance executive committee.

### WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP FORUM – 4-YEAR INSTITUTIONS

- ▶ University of Hawai'i System
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Hilo
- ▶ University of Hawai'i at Mānoa
- ▶ University of Hawai'i, West O'ahu

Debora Halbert, University of Hawai'i System, is a member of the Forum executive committee.

**WESTERN ACADEMIC LEADERSHIP ACADEMY** is a yearlong professional development program for academic leaders aspiring to become chief academic officers in the WICHE region. Two cohort members from Hawai'i institutions have participated in the Academy since its inception in 2015.

WICHE offers student health and technology contracts through a **COST-SAVINGS PROGRAM** with the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) to colleges and universities, K-12 school districts, local and state municipalities, and nonprofit organizations with an education emphasis. Last year, entities that used these contracts saved 9% over what they otherwise would have outside this joint purchasing arrangement. The total savings in Hawai'i was \$56,266.

## Optimal behavioral health care

Two Hawai'i state departments — the Department of Education and the Department of Health —

provide funding to support the WICHE Behavioral Health Program's (BHP) ongoing development and operations of the **HAWAII PSYCHOLOGY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM (HI-PIC)** with numerous sites participating in the internship. A primary goal of the internship is to increase the number of psychologists in Hawai'i and build the state's behavioral health workforce.

The Hawai'i Department of Education also contracts with the WICHE BHP to provide recruitment and contracting of clinical psychologists to ensure all program requirements for supervision and support of staff, students, and program fidelity are maintained for **WEST HAWAII SCHOOL BASED BEHAVIORAL HEALTH (WH-SBBH)** program. The WH-SBBH program has historically faced significant challenges recruiting and retaining professionals for service provision because of the rural and workforce challenges that leave WH-SBBH without the needed professional credentials to supervise and train new SBBH personnel. The Hawai'i Department of Education has also contracted with the WICHE Behavioral Health Program to provide recruitment of School-based Behavioral Health and School Social Worker professionals.

**TOGETHER WITH VETERANS (TWV) – RURAL VETERAN SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM** enlists rural Veterans and local partners to reduce Veteran suicide in their own community. Funded by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and administered by the WICHE BHP, TWV provides individualized coaching, tools, training, technical assistance, and resources, supporting 16 total communities in the WICHE region, representing 11 Western states. The TWV Program has one site in Hawai'i, and has served over 7,270 rural veterans.

## Sound public policy

Hawai'i participates in the **STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT (SARA)** through WICHE. This voluntary agreement provides reciprocity for the state authorization of distance education. WICHE Commissioners have been strong advocates for protecting the state voice in important governance decisions affecting this agreement and staff continue to support participating states and improving student protections while bolstering access.

Created by the WICHE Commission in 1995, the **LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LAC)** works to strengthen state-level postsecondary policymaking across the West. Members are legislators appointed

by each state, territory, or freely associated state in the WICHE region; they meet annually to explore emerging policy issues and develop strategies for interstate collaboration.

**KNOCKING AT THE COLLEGE DOOR** is the leading U.S. resource for projections of high school graduates. Released in December 2024, the newest edition is essential for postsecondary policymakers, planning and workforce efforts, and economic development. Visit [wiche.edu/knocking](https://wiche.edu/knocking) to access reports, interactive dashboards, webinars, presentations, as well as state-level data.

**DATA EXPERTS** WICHE staff provide analysis on finance, financial aid, articulation and transfer, strategic planning, student demographics, and more, as well as host peer-to-peer calls of state, system, and institutional chief academic officers to identify areas of potential collaboration and resource sharing across the West.

**DATA RESOURCES** WICHE offers curated data and policy resources to support better-informed decision-making. WICHE's research projects and collaborations cover postsecondary completion, health workforce development, behavioral health in postsecondary education, open educational resources (OER), state finance, prior learning assessment, and more.

- ▶ **Tuition and Fees in the West** includes tuition, fees, and enrollment data about 350+ public institutions in the West.
- ▶ **Benchmarks: WICHE Region** presents information on the West's progress in improving access to,

success in, and financing of higher education.

- ▶ Data on over 35 indicators in WICHE's **Regional Fact Book for Higher Education in the West**.

**CHIEF ACADEMIC OFFICERS NETWORK** Staff from the University of Hawai'i System office participate in regular collaborative calls with colleagues around the region.

## Innovative solutions

**WCET – THE WICHE COOPERATIVE FOR EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGIES** is the leader in the practice, policy, and advocacy of digital learning in higher education. Its growing membership includes institutions, higher education agencies and systems, nonprofit organizations, government agencies, and corporations in all U.S. states and several Canadian provinces. WCET members include:

- ▶ Kapi'olani Community College
- ▶ University of Hawai'i System
- ▶ University of Hawai'i - West O'ahu

Gloria Niles, University of Hawai'i System, serves on the WCET Steering Committee as vice chair and on the Executive Council.

WICHE has convened the **OERWEST NETWORK**, which is part of a nationwide collaborative to scale the development and adoption of free course materials. Open educational resources (OER) have shown promise in improving student outcomes, particularly for students whom the high cost of textbooks can be a barrier to postsecondary success.

## Hawai'i Commissioners



**Terrence George**  
CEO and President,  
Hawai'i Community  
Foundation



**Wendy Hensel**  
President, University  
of Hawai'i System



**David Lassner**  
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