

WICHE | WWAMI | WYDENT

ACCESS PROGRAMS TO PROFESSIONAL SCHOOLS FOR WYOMING RESIDENTS

Wyoming residents have the opportunity to certify their Wyoming residency via the WICHE PSEP, WWAMI, or WYDENT programs. All three programs require Wyoming-residency certification through the Certifying Office (housed in the Pre-Health Advising Office at UW). **All three programs require a contractual commitment to return to the state of Wyoming for 3 years of professional practice** upon completion of their professional training or to repay the funds expended by the state of Wyoming for their education, plus interest (veterinary medicine does not require a contract or payback).

CERTIFY YOUR WYOMING RESIDENCY EARLY!

Residency Certification Applications are available online no later than **June 1** of each year through a link at the bottom of this page: <http://www.uwyo.edu/certwy>

If you are interested in becoming eligible to receive funds through one of these access programs, two steps are required *in the year you are actually applying to professional school*:

1. Ensure that your residency is certified **no later than October 15** of the year prior to your anticipated start date in professional school. This is your eligibility to participate in the program.
2. Apply for admission to any school(s) within the WICHE PSEP or WWAMI/WYDENT network through each profession's required application process. *Schools make ALL admissions decisions.*

While these two steps are completed in the same timeframe, they are not linked. You can complete them in any order, but do keep each specific deadline in mind. To talk about your own application timeline for professional school, schedule an appointment with a pre-health or pre-vet advisor!

We recommend that you establish and maintain a personal and professionally named email account (not your university email, since you may graduate around the time of application) for this and all of your applications. List all of the professional schools to which you are applying and certoff@uwyo.edu as safe senders. Be sure to check your junk mail or spam files in this account regularly.

WICHE

The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) is a consortium of fifteen states created to provide educational opportunities for students in the Western United States. It administers three main tuition-savings programs.

The Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) allows certified Wyoming residents to enroll in participating out-of-state professional programs in dentistry, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathic and podiatric medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant, or veterinary medicine. ***Wyoming applicants or their spouses must be residents for one year immediately prior to matriculation to professional school*** (Residents of other WICHE states may be able to participate in PSEP via their home state. Contact your specific certification office for information.) If admitted and offered financial support (support is competitive, and not everyone will receive it), students pay reduced tuition based on the costs at the attending institution. The home state may pay a support fee to the admitting school for educational services. The length of the support varies according to the professional program. Information is available at <http://www.wiche.edu/psep>.

An additional WICHE program that supports some other health career programs (including athletic training and public health) is the **Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)**. For more information, please see <http://www.wiche.edu/wrgp>.

WWAMI

The University of Wyoming participates in a regional, allopathic medical education program with the University of Washington School of Medicine (UWSOM). The program annually reserves seats for up to twenty qualified Wyoming residents. Participants complete the first two years of medical school at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. The third and fourth years are then spent in clinical sites throughout the WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) region. ***Applicants or their parents must be legal residents for five continuous years immediately prior to attending medical school.*** Participants make a contract payment to the University of Wyoming for the four years of medical school, and the state of Wyoming pays the educational costs to the University of Washington for each student.

WYDENT

This is a dental education contract program for certified Wyoming residents with the University of Nebraska College of Dentistry (Lincoln, NE) and Creighton University School of Dentistry (Omaha, NE). Each school reserves seats for up to two qualified Wyoming residents. ***Applicants or their parents must be legal residents for five continuous years immediately prior to attending dental school.*** Participants make a contract payment to the University of Wyoming for the four years of dental school, and the state of Wyoming pays the educational costs to the appropriate dental school for each student.

Although WYDENT is a great program for two different dental schools, we invite applicants to certify their Wyoming residence both for the WYDENT program and for the WICHE PSEP program.

Wyoming Certifying Office

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Want to know more about requirements, expectations, and resources on your journey toward professional education? See <http://www.uwyo.edu/preprof/>!

Exploring possible careers? See <http://www.explorehealthcareers.org/> for useful information on a variety of health care careers!

The Wyoming Department of Health provides loan repayment information for individuals willing to practice in rural areas. See <https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/rural/officeofruralhealth/workforce-development/>.