

State of Nevada
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)

HEALTH CARE ACCESS PROGRAM (HCAP)

The State of Nevada is concerned over the growing number of medically underserved people. Medically underserved are those individuals or areas in the state that are unable to receive adequate health care services. Therefore, Nevada WICHE has set aside funding for professionals to assist in meeting health care needs in the following fields:

ANNUAL "SUPPORT FEE" <i>(Amounts are subject to change)</i>			
PROFESIONAL FIELDS	2007	2008	FUNDING DURATION
OUT-OF-STATE PROGRAMS: Application Deadline October 15 of year <u>prior</u> to enrollment			
Nursing – Masters Level	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,900	2 Years
Ph.D. Level	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,600	2 Years
Pharmacy	\$ 6,300 \$ 9,450	\$ 6,500 \$ 9,750	4 Years University of the Pacific – Year 1 & 2
Physician Assistant	\$10,500 \$14,000	\$10,900 \$14,533	2 Years University of Washington MedEx
IN-STATE PROGRAMS: Application Deadline October 15 of <u>current</u> enrollment year			
Nursing - Undergraduate Level	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,900	2 Years
Physical Therapy - UNLV only	\$ 7,500 \$ 6,500 \$ 1,050	\$ 7,800 \$ 6,750 \$ 1,100	1 st Year 2 nd Year 3 rd Year
*LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS: Application Deadline October 15th			
Dentistry	\$14,400	\$14,900	2 years
Mental Health	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,050	2 Years
Nursing	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,450	2 Years

*Except for Loan Repayment, the above amounts are **PAID DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL** in your behalf and enable you to attend participating schools at reduced tuition rates. For Loan Repayment, funds are available upon completion of school and obtainment of state licensure, and are paid to the loan institution.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- A. You must **repay 10% of the total support fee** within 5-10 years after you graduate (Loan Repayment Program exempt). Monthly payments commence one year after graduation or termination of studies. (Repayment time frames depend upon the total amount owing upon graduation or termination of studies.)
- B. **You must work in Nevada and practice in a medically underserved region or with a medically underserved population for two years** (nursing may be exempt from the "underserved" requirement).
- C. Graduate-level nurses must teach within the Nevada System for Higher Education to fulfill their obligation.
- D. You will be asked to **obtain a guarantee/co-signor signature** for the promissory notes. A spouse, parent, guardian, or other responsible party can be a guarantee/co-signor (Loan Repayment exempt).
- E. The programs are competitive, based upon **acceptance by the institutions and/or an interview** with WICHE.

OTHER EXCHANGE PROGRAMS:

Western Undergraduate Exchange Program (WUE): Students may choose from 14 participating states in which to attend school and pay 150% of the resident tuition.

Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP): Masters and Ph.D. level students can attend one of approximately 40 institutions and 118 programs at resident tuition rates.

Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP): A loan forgiveness program in which 25% of funding is loaned and must be repaid, and 75% is forgiven if the student returns to Nevada and practices in their profession for as many years as support was provided. Otherwise, the forgiven portion must be paid back in the same manner as required for repayment of loans.

If you are interested in the WICHE program or would like an application,
 please visit our website at www.wiche.state.nv.us or contact the
 Nevada WICHE office in Reno, Nevada at (775) 784-4900