



Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP)

Memorandum of Agreement

This Memorandum of Agreement (this "Agreement") is entered into effective for the 2021-2022 academic year (the "Academic Year") between the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education ("WICHE") and the undersigned accredited postsecondary public institution located within a WICHE member state or territory (the "Institution"), through which the Institution agrees to participate in the Western Regional Graduate Program ("WRGP"). Additional information regarding WRGP is available at <https://www.wiche.edu/tuition-savings/wrgp/>.

1. The Institution agrees to participate in WRGP for the Academic Year, subject to the terms and conditions set forth below and such other program parameters as WICHE may establish for WRGP from time to time. The Institution acknowledges and agrees that WICHE administers WRGP and establishes the program parameters applicable to institutions from WICHE member states and territories which decide to participate in WRGP.
2. The Institution confirms that it is accredited and in good standing. The Institution agrees to notify WICHE immediately of any known state authorization or accreditation issues, as soon as they become known to the Institution.
3. As a participant in WRGP, the Institution agrees to allow qualified nonresident students from a WICHE member state or territory to enroll in specified graduate programs (masters, doctorate and graduate certificates) offered by the Institution and to charge a reduced nonresident tuition rate equal to no more than 150% of the Institution's regular resident tuition rate for the same designated program (such specified percentage of the regular resident tuition rate utilized by the Institution for the WRGP program is referred to as its "WRGP Tuition Rate", which percentage shall be the same for all of the Institution's designated programs participating in WRGP). Any such qualified nonresident student enrolled in the Institution who receives the WRGP Tuition Rate under the WRGP program is referred to as a "WRGP Student".
4. In determining whether a nonresident student is eligible for a WRGP Tuition Rate (an "Eligible WRGP Applicant"), the Institution shall review such information as it deems necessary to confirm that the student is a resident of a WICHE member state or territory, provided that such determination shall be made in accordance with the Institution's usual and customary practices for determining residency. All Eligible WRGP Applicants will receive equal consideration for a WRGP award from the Institution, regardless of the WICHE member state or territory in which the student resides.
5. The Institution shall establish the criteria that a student must meet to be considered as an Eligible WRGP Applicant (i.e., G.P.A., graduate admissions test scores such as GRE, etc.).
6. The specified graduate programs of the Institution which will be included in WRGP for the Academic Year will be determined by the Institution, in its sole discretion, although the Institution is encouraged to be expansive in selecting the programs eligible for a WRGP Tuition Rate. The Institution may limit the number of new WRGP awards, as it deems appropriate.
7. For each Eligible WRGP Applicant who receives a WRGP award, the Institution agrees that all fees and other expenses charged by the Institution to its students will for such WRGP Student (i) be equal to the same amount charged to all students of the program, if the fee or expense is the same for both resident and nonresident students or (ii) be equal to the amount charged to nonresident students, if the fee or expense is different for resident and nonresident students.
8. Upon the grant of a WRGP award to an Eligible WRGP Applicant (including those WRGP awards granted prior to the date of this Agreement), the Institution agrees that as long as the WRGP Student continues in the

program for which the WRGP award was granted and remains in good academic standing, the WRGP Tuition Rate awarded will not be altered in any way until the WRGP Student has completed the program or exceeded the maximum number of allowable credit hours, as determined by the Institution, for the respective program. For clarity, although as noted in the prior sentence the WRGP Tuition Rate (which is the specified percentage of the regular resident tuition rate utilized by the Institution for the WRGP Student) may not be altered, this does not restrict the Institution's right to impose annual increases in the regular resident tuition rate. The good academic standing of a WRGP Student shall be determined by the Institution according to the usual and customary standards utilized by the Institution for its students. If a WRGP Student exceeds the maximum number of allowable credit hours, as determined by the Institution, for the respective program, the Institution is not obligated to, but may, terminate the WRGP award and thereafter charge such student the full nonresident tuition rate for such program.

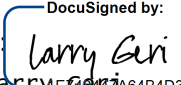
9. A WRGP Student seeking to change his/her designated program will need the approval of the Institution in order to determine the impact on the student's WRGP award. If the WRGP Student changes to a program which is not then included in the Institution's WRGP participation, the Institution is not obligated to, but may, terminate the WRGP award and thereafter charge such student the full nonresident tuition rate for such program.
10. In the event the Institution's participation in WRGP is terminated for any reason, whether during or at the end of the Academic Year, the Institution agrees that each WRGP Student then enrolled at the Institution will continue to receive their WRGP Tuition Rate until their graduation, or if earlier, until such student exceeds the maximum number of allowable credit hours as noted above. Additionally, if the Institution removes a specified program from the Institution's WRGP participation, each WRGP Student then enrolled in the specified program will continue to receive their WRGP Tuition Rate until their graduation, or if earlier, until such student exceeds the maximum number of allowable credit hours as noted above.
11. The Institution understands and accepts that it will not receive any financial support from the WRGP Student's home state, from WICHE or from any other source as a result of granting a WRGP award to and enrolling an Eligible WRGP Applicant at the Institution.
12. The Institution acknowledges that WICHE may modify the reduced tuition rate parameters applicable for all institutions participating in WRGP, but any such change will not apply until the next academic year beginning at least one year from the date of such action by WICHE.
13. The Institution agrees to publicize its participation in WRGP by posting its profile on the WRGP Savings Finder/School and Program Search on WICHE's website. Additionally, the Institution agrees to maintain a web page on its website regarding its participation in WRGP, which includes a description of the program and general instructions on applying for consideration. The Institution shall clearly state, on its website and in written materials, the requirements, deadlines, application procedures and any other relevant information for an Eligible WRGP Applicant to be considered for a WRGP award at the Institution. The Institution shall also specify whether an Eligible WRGP Applicant is automatically considered for a WRGP award, or whether an application must be submitted for consideration. The Institution may establish priority application deadlines for Eligible WRGP Applicants to request consideration for a WRGP award. The Institution's WRGP web page should include a link to the application (if applicable), a list of the specified graduate programs offered by the Institution which are included in WRGP (or a link to the Institution's WRGP Savings Finder where the public can find a list of eligible programs), and such other information as the Institution considers helpful to Eligible WRGP Applicants. The Institution agrees to update its profile on the WRGP Savings Finder/School and Program Search on WICHE's website and its WRGP web page on a regular basis, at least annually, to ensure all information is accurate, including eligible programs and applicable deadlines.
14. The Institution agrees to report to WICHE the number of WRGP Students enrolled at the Institution, including the number of WRGP Students by program and the number of WRGP Students from each WICHE member

state or territory, which information will be reported to WICHE by no later than October 31st of the Academic Year.

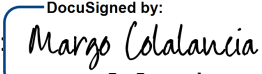
15. The Institution agrees to promptly notify WICHE in the event the Institution decides to discontinue its participation in WRGP; however, the Institution understands that it cannot terminate its participation in WRGP until the end of the Academic Year.
16. The Institution acknowledges and agrees that WICHE has control over the marketing and representation of the WRGP program, including participation, benefits, and responsibilities, as well as use of the WICHE or WRGP logo. WICHE has full right and authority to require modifications to, or to prohibit, communications or use of the WICHE or WRGP logo which WICHE deems inaccurate, misrepresentative, or otherwise inappropriate. The Institution agrees to comply promptly with all directives from WICHE regarding such matters related to WRGP.
17. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, and all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same instrument. This Agreement may be executed and delivered by transmission of an electronic signature (whether by DocuSign or other electronic means), which electronic signature shall be considered an original for purposes of enforcement of this Agreement.

The undersigned authorized representatives of the Institution and WICHE hereby sign this Memorandum of Agreement binding the parties to the terms stated herein, effective as of the date of the last signature provided below.

Evergreen State College

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Signature: 
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Title: Dean of Graduate Programs
Department: Graduate Programs
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Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education

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Title: Director, WICHE Student Access Programs
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