How to Apply?

- Applications are accepted beginning July 1 through October 15 of the year prior to enrollment in a professional school.
- Deadline to apply is October 15th.
- All PSEP application forms are PDF-writable on our website.
  - WICHE-Hawaii PSEP Application Form
  - WICHE-Hawaii Transmittal Form
  - Two (2) copies (both with original signatures) of the Consent and Waiver Form
  - A short autobiographical statement.
  - Veterinary Medicine applicants only (in addition to the documents above), submit:
    - Statement of Understanding
    - Statement of Intent Forms
- Send copies of acceptance letters from your professional school(s) to WICHE-Hawai‘i Certifying Office.

For more information and application forms, visit our website: http://www.hawaii.edu/wiche/howtoapply

Funding

- Funds for WICHE-Hawaii are appropriated by the state Legislature and allocated by the Governor annually. Certified WICHE students who are accepted by a participating school cannot be guaranteed support until the number of WICHE seats that can be supported in each profession are determined.
- If the number of students with admission offers exceeds the number of seats in each field that the state is able to support, the WICHE headquarters coordinates a ranking of the students to select the most qualified applicants.
- For more information, see “How WICHE’s Professional Student Exchange Programs (PSEP) Determines Which Applicants Will Receive Support” at https://www.wiche.edu/sep/psep/HowWICHEselectsPSEPstudents.pdf
- The annual amount of the “support fee” are determined by the WICHE Commissioners (after examining the average educational costs in the region) and is negotiated between WICHE and the cooperating programs.
- Continuing students do not need to reapply each year, however continued support is subject to annual legislative appropriations and allocations, as well as student’s continuous maintenance of Hawaii residency status and good academic standing and making satisfactory academic progress toward their designated professional degree program.
- There is a maximum number of years/academic terms that a student can receive WICHE PSEP support.

For more information, visit our website:

http://www.hawaii.edu/wiche/funding/

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**WICHE’s Professional Student Exchange Program**

**What is WICHE?**

The **Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)** is a regional organization created by the Western Regional Education Compact in the 1950s. The compacting Western states cooperatively agree to provide acceptable and efficient educational facilities to meet the needs of the Western Region and formed WICHE. WICHE was created to facilitate resource sharing among the higher education systems of the West. WICHE’s mission is to improve access to higher education for students in the Western Region via student exchange programs.

WICHE’s student exchange programs offer a broad range of higher education options for Hawai‘i residents at the undergraduate, graduate and professional levels. WICHE’s exchange programs include the Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) Program, the Western Regional Graduate Program (WRGP) and the Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP). These programs provide Hawai‘i residents access to programs at participating WICHE institutions at a reduced tuition rate.

Hawai‘i supports the following professional healthcare fields:

- Dentistry
- Optometry
- Occupational Therapy
- Pharmacy *
- Physical Therapy
- Veterinary Medicine

*The State of Hawai‘i now offers a fully accredited Pharmacy program through UH Hilo, therefore will no longer provide PSEP support for new Pharmacy students, but will continue to support continuing Pharmacy PSEP recipients.

**Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP)**

WICHE’s Professional Student Exchange Program (PSEP) enables residents from the WICHE participating states to enroll in selected out of state professional healthcare programs at participating WICHE institutions when such programs are not available at a public institution in their home state.

Through PSEP, selected students pay a reduced level of tuition at the WICHE participating institution. The home state pays a negotiated “support fee” designed to cover the cost of the students education. This fee is paid directly to the enrolling program’s institution. No payment is made directly to the student.

For complete list of schools, visit WICHE’s website: [http://www.hawaii.edu/wiche/](http://www.hawaii.edu/wiche/)