

State of Nevada's 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 populations. "Medically underserved" are those individuals or areas in the state that struggle or are unable to receive adequate health care services. Therefore, to assist in meeting the state's health care needs, Nevada WICHE has financial support in the following fields:

ANNUAL SUPPORT AMOUNTS <i>(Amounts are approximate and subject to change)</i>			
Field of Study	AY19-20	AY20-21	Maximum Funding Duration
Pharmacy*	\$8,150	\$8,330	4 Years
	\$ 10,867	\$11,107	3 Years
Physical Therapy*	\$ 15,400	\$15,750	3 Years
Physician Assistant*	\$ 18,250	\$18,650	2 Years

PROGRAMS REQUIREMENTS:

- A.** You must be a **Nevada resident** for at least one (1) year prior to applying.
- B.** The above amounts are *paid directly to the institution* on your behalf and enable you to acquire your education at a reduced rate. You will still be responsible for the balance of any tuition and/or fees as determined by your institution.
- C.** *Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Physician Assistant: Nevada WICHE does not support students attending public in-state programs. Nevada WICHE will support students attending **private in-state programs**.
- D.** You must reside in Nevada and practice in your professional field in a medically underserved region or with a medically underserved population for up to two years upon completion of your education. Defaulting on the program's requirements may result in a penalty of triple principle plus interest of funds.
- E.** You must repay 10% of the total financial support amount within 5-10 years after you graduate. Monthly loan payments commence one year after graduation or termination of studies. Repayment time frames depend upon the total amount owing upon graduation/termination of studies.
- F.** You will be asked to **obtain a guarantee/co-signor signature** for the promissory notes. A parent, guardian, or other responsible party other than a spouse can be a guarantee/co-signor.
- G.** The funds are competitive based upon acceptance by an educational program, availability of state funds, and/or an interview with WICHE.
- H.** Application Deadlines: Currently October 15th of the year prior to school entry. **Late applications will be accepted and placed under "alternate" status.**

If you are interested in further information or would like an application, contact the Nevada WICHE office at:

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