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Financial assistance is available to Arizona residents wishing to pursue careers in Dentistry, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Osteopathic Medicine, Podiatric Medicine and Veterinary Medicine through the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) Professional Student Exchange Program.

The Arizona Board of Regents WICHE Professional Student Exchange Program enables some Arizona students to enroll in certain professional programs in other states, or at instate private institutions, since these educational opportunities are not available at Arizona's public universities. The State pays a support fee to the school receiving the student to help cover the cost of education. The student pays the difference between the WICHE support fee and the standard tuition at the enrolling school.

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The deadline to apply for WICHE certification for training to commence in the fall of 2016 is October 15, 2015. Applicants must be United States citizens and residents of the State of Arizona for at least the five years immediately prior to the commencement of training. Notices to students who obtain funding through this program are distributed during late spring. Recipients are obligated to return to Arizona to practice one-year for each year of support, or repay their support plus interest.

For further information or to request an application, please contact Louise Lynch, Director WICHE Student Exchange Programs, Arizona Board of Regents, 2020 North Central Avenue, Suite 230, Phoenix, Arizona 85004 or phone (602) 229-2500, or visit the website at: www.azregents.edu. Click on Special Programs and Initiatives, click on WICHE, and click on Professional Student Exchange Program.