

SECTION VI

PART K WICHE REGIONAL GRADUATE PROGRAM

1.00 General Description

The WICHE Regional Graduate Program makes it possible for residents of twelve Western States to participate in ninety (90) graduate programs at more than thirty (30) participating institutions. Students pay resident tuition at publicly supported institutions or substantially reduced tuition at private institutions. No fee is required of the students' home state.

2.00 Eligible Institutions

Colorado colleges and universities offering masters and doctoral level programs identified as select and/or unique by the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (WICHE) may nominate those programs for the Western Regional Graduate Program.

3.00 Eligible Participants

Students eligible to pay in-state tuition at a public college or university in Colorado may enroll in eligible programs in other states. Students coming to Colorado must be residents of a state participating in the Western Regional Graduate Program.

4.00 Procedures

4.01 Governing boards may nominate programs at their institutions for inclusion in the Western Regional Graduate Program. Such nomination shall be made directly to the WICHE offices in Boulder, Colorado with copies of the nomination being forwarded to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. The name of the institutional contact shall accompany the nomination.

4.02 Commission staff will notify governing boards of any nomination deadlines established by WICHE.

4.03 Commission staff will review the nominations and notify WICHE offices of endorsement of the programs. Any questions about the nominated program prior to endorsement will be directed to the institutional contact.

4.04 Students interested in the Western Regional Graduate Program shall contact the institution of choice and adhere to procedures established by that institution. There is no student certification requirement set forth by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education. However, should another state require certification, Commission staff will verify the student's residency and notify the other state accordingly.

5.00 Tuition Charges

Upon enrollment, eligible students are to be charged in-state rates and reported as in-state for full-time equivalent (FTE) purposes.

6.00 Reporting Requirements

6.01 Participating institutions shall comply with all reporting requirements set forth by WICHE.

6.02 The Colorado Commission on Higher Education will receive, from WICHE, annual reports of the participation in the Western Regional Graduate Program. Those reports will be used to prepare an annual report to the Colorado General Assembly.