



**Professional Student Exchange Program  
Agreement Between  
Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education  
And  
University of South Dakota/Doctorate of Physical Therapy**

University of South Dakota agrees to participate in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education’s (“WICHE”) Professional Student Exchange Program (“PSEP”) by receiving students in its Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. It is understood that:

1. The following states support PSEP students to study Physical Therapy: Alaska, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Hawaii, Nevada, Wyoming. Continued support is subject to state appropriations. There is no guarantee that these states will continue to appropriate resources to support PSEP students in Physical Therapy. There is no guarantee that PSEP Physical Therapy students will enroll in University of South Dakota’s Doctorate of Physical Therapy program.
2. The administration of this program will be in accordance with the *Professional Student Exchange Program Manual*. The *Manual* is available for consultation by University of South Dakota in PDF format on the WICHE website: [http://wiche.edu/info/publications/PSEP\\_adminManual.pdf](http://wiche.edu/info/publications/PSEP_adminManual.pdf).
3. For each WICHE PSEP student enrolled in the Doctorate of Physical Therapy program, University of South Dakota will be paid the annual support fee payment for Physical Therapy as approved by the WICHE Commission. A PSEP Doctorate of Physical Therapy student will be supported for a maximum of three years in University of South Dakota’s program. The Physical Therapy support payment as approved by the WICHE Commission is as follows:

Academic Year	Support fee
AY 2018	\$15,075
AY 2019	\$15,400
AY 2020	\$15,750

Support fee rates for the coming academic years are determined at the May WICHE Commission Meetings of even years. In May 2020, commissioners will set the support fee rates for AY2021 and AY2022.

4. Support fees are disbursed directly to the institution/school and are not sent to students. Public programs whose resident/nonresident tuition differential is not met by the WICHE support fee may credit the support fee against the full nonresident tuition and charge the student the balance.


WICHE Physical Therapy students enrolled at public programs pay resident tuition when the support fee exceeds the difference between resident and nonresident tuition. If the support fee exceeds the difference between nonresident and resident tuition, the enrolling institution may keep up to 20 percent of the support fee (in excess of the nonresident/resident tuition gap) as an incentive to enroll a PSEP student. Any remaining funds are to be credited to the student’s resident tuition.


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- 5. Effective for the 2019-20 academic year, certified WICHE applicants enrolling in University of South Dakota’s Physical Therapy program will have full eligibility to be *considered* for WICHE support. However, support for admitted students is not guaranteed. To learn more about how PSEP Physical Therapy applicants are selected for support, see [www.wiche.edu/info/publications/HowWICHEselectsPSEPstudents.pdf](http://www.wiche.edu/info/publications/HowWICHEselectsPSEPstudents.pdf).
- 6. WICHE and University of South Dakota’s Doctorate of Physical Therapy program may curtail this agreement upon one year’s advance notification. Students already enrolled in the program shall be grandfathered through PSEP until their graduation.
- 7. University of South Dakota’s Doctorate of Physical Therapy program *is fully accredited, and the accrediting body has not cited any requirements or concerns about the program as of the signing of this agreement.*
- 8. All cooperating WICHE PSEP programs, including those which are fully accredited, are required to *report any changes of status* affecting accreditation. If the change involves a loss of the rights and privileges accorded to graduates, the funding of new PSEP students will be suspended, pending restoration of full accreditation.


*FOR: Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education*

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