



# Wyoming Community College Commission

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## Memo

**To:** Governor Dave Freudenthal, Wyoming State Legislature  
**From:** Ed Boenisch  
**Date:** 10/09/07  
**Re:** Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Program  
 2006-2007 Annual Report as per Wyoming Statute 21-7-601(n)

### OVERVIEW:

Wyoming statute 9-2-123 created the Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) program in order to address the state's current and future shortage of qualified nurses. Through the WYIN program, Wyoming residents or graduates of a Wyoming high school who are accepted into a Wyoming licensed practical nurse or registered nursing education program or a baccalaureate degree program in nursing at one of Wyoming's community colleges or the University of Wyoming may be eligible to receive a WYIN loan to help pay the unmet financial need of attendance in the that program. Loans are repaid by working as a nurse in Wyoming. This program also provides funding for nursing faculty to pursue masters or doctoral degrees, as well as funding (salary and benefits) for adding nursing teaching positions at community colleges, making it possible for those institutions to educate more nursing students. This programs' first year of operation was July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004.

### SUMMARY: (July 1, 2006-June 30, 2007)

	Number of Students	Average Award per Academic Year	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Undergraduate Student Loans	138	\$3,674	\$507,021	\$987,500 per year
Graduate Student Loans	2	\$11,593	\$23,186	

	Number Employed	Average Salary and Benefits	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Teaching Faculty	12 Full time 3 Part time	\$59,544 \$10,000	\$744,530	\$737,000*
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Outreach Coordinator Teaching Faculty	2 Full time Coordinators 2 Part time faculty	\$82,077 \$7845	\$202,321	\$250,000*
* The combined appropriation of \$987,000 may be used to fund both LPN and ADN programs.			Total Awarded \$946,851	Total Appropriation \$987,000

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**OUTCOMES:** Outcomes for students reported in the table below include all graduate and undergraduate students that received a WyIN loan since the inception of the program (July 2003 to June 2007). The information was acquired from Western States Learning Corporation, the contracted loan servicing agency.

<b>Status of All Outstanding Loan Commitments and Repayments under WyIN Program</b>		
<b>Paid In Full by Working As Nurses in Wyoming</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>9%</b>
<b>Employed as Nurses in Wyoming</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>27%</b>
<b>Enrolled in School</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>22%</b>
<b>Repaid Loan in Cash</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Repaying Loan in Cash</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>22.5%</b>
<b>Defaulted on WyIN Loan</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> attempt at State Board of Nursing Licensure</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5%</b>
<b>Graduate Students Repaying by Teaching at College or University</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.5%</b>
<b>Total Number of Recipients of WyIN Loans</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>100%</b>

Western States Learning Corporation, summary report, 6/30/07