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**To:** Governor Dave Freudenthal, Wyoming State Legislature  
**From:** Amy Brockel  
**Date:** 10/07/09  
**Re:** Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Program  
 2008-2009 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 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 program's first year of operation was July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. The WyIN program operates under a sunset provision which occurs on June 30, 2011.

**SUMMARY: (July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009)**

	Number of Students	Average Award per Academic Year	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Undergraduate Student Loans	202	\$3,889.91	\$801,321	\$987,500 per year*
Graduate Student Loans	6	\$12,329.17	\$73,975	

\*This program had remaining funds set aside to support the remaining semesters for graduate students which explains why the total awarded is significantly less than the legislative appropriation for the one year period. The funds are not going unused as they are already obligated but not yet disbursed.

	Number Employed	Average Salary & Benefits	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Associate Degree Nursing (ADN) Full time teaching faculty Part time clinical faculty	17 full time 3 part time	\$73,127.91 \$21,998.33	\$1,30,9169.39 \$65,995	\$1,474,000
Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) Outreach Coordinator Full time teaching faculty Part time clinical faculty	2 full time coordinators 1 full time faculty 3 part time clinical faculty	\$102,257.78 \$67,681.72 \$8,530.00	\$204,515.55 \$67,681.72 \$25,590.00	\$500,000

*There will be some funds remaining in the 2007 biennium funds, but due to the increase in faculty requests and the increase in the cost of benefits the budget will likely be short on funds by the end of the 2009 biennium. This portion of the WyIN program currently does not allow roll over from biennium to biennium.	Total Awarded * \$1,606,956.66	Total Appropriation \$1,947,000
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**OUTCOMES:** Outcomes for students reported in the table below include all graduate and undergraduate students that have received a WyIN loan since the inception of the program (July 2003 through June 2009). The information was acquired from Western States Learning Corporation, the contracted loan servicing agency.

Status of All Outstanding Loan Commitments and Repayments under WyIN Program		
Paid In Full by Working As Nurses in Wyoming	132	22%
Employed as Nurses in Wyoming	97	16%
Enrolled in School	135	22%
Repaid Loan in Cash	26	4%
Repaying Loan in Cash	121	20%
Defaulted on WyIN Loan	42	7%
1 <sup>st</sup> attempt at State Board of Nursing Licensure	47	8%
Graduate Students Repaying by Teaching at College or University	4	1%
Hardship or Deferred Loan	9	1%
Total Number of Recipients of WyIN Loans	613	100%

Western States Learning Corporation, summary report, 6/30/09