WYOMING INVESTMENT IN NURSING PROGRAM
CHAPTER 1
DEFINITIONS

Section 1. Authority.

Section 2. Applicability.
This chapter provides definitions utilized in Commission Rules which are not provided in statute.

Section 4. Definitions—Wyoming Investment in Nursing Program.
This section provides definitions related to the Wyoming Investment in Nursing Program.

(a) “ADRN” means Registered Nurse with an Associate’s (2-year) Degree.

(b) “Approved higher education institution” means one of the seven Wyoming community colleges, the University of Wyoming, an institution included in the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education, or a distance nursing education program at a university that is regionally accredited.

(c) “Board of Directors” or “Board” mean the members of the Community College Commission.

(d) “Board of Nursing” is the Wyoming agency which examines, licenses, renews, relicenses, and reactivates the licenses of duly qualified individuals to practice nursing within the state of Wyoming.

(e) “BSN” means Baccalaureate of Science in Nursing.

(f) “Community college” means any of the seven 2-year institutions of higher education in Wyoming recognized by the Wyoming Community College Commission.

(g) “Cost of Attendance” means tuition and fees; on-campus room and board or a housing and food allowance for off-campus students; allowances for books, supplies, transportation, loan fees, and, if applicable, dependant care; and costs related to disability.

(h) “Distance learning” means an educational program delivered primarily through means other than on-site instruction.

(i) “FAFSA” means Free Application for Federal Student Aid.

(j) “Federal financial assistance” means grants from the United States Department of Education or other federal agencies.

(k) “Financial aid officer” means a financial aid officer of the University of Wyoming or of the seven designated colleges.

(l) “Financial institution” means any banking corporation or institution engaged primarily in lending or investing funds and authorized to do business in the state.
(m) “Licensure examination” means the test required before the Wyoming Board of Nursing grants an individual a license to practice nursing.

(n) “LPN” means Licensed Practical Nurse.

(o) “Nurse aide” means an individual, certified by the Wyoming Board of Nursing, to whom a licensed nurse may delegate nursing or nursing-related activities or who assists licensed nursing personnel in the provision of nursing care, and who is not otherwise licensed as a health care professional.

(p) “Nursing program” means a series of courses leading to an LPN certificate or an ADRN degree provided through a Wyoming community college; or a BSN degree or a Master’s degree provided through the University of Wyoming; or, in the case of a candidate for a doctoral degree, provided through an institution offering the required nursing education courses under contract with the WICHE, or in a distance nursing education program provided through a university that is regionally accredited.

(q) “Qualified work” means employment in Wyoming as an LPN or RN who practices nursing or a nurse educator who teaches at a nurse education program at a Wyoming community college or the University of Wyoming.

(r) “RN” means Registered Nurse.

(s) “Total and permanent disability” means the inability to work and earn money because of an injury or illness that is expected to continue indefinitely or to result in death.

(t) “Unencumbered license” means a permit to practice nursing without restrictions imposed by the Wyoming Board of Nursing.

(u) “Unmet need” means the total amount of financial need as determined by the FAFSA process as administered by the school minus the following:
   (i) Any Pell or other federal grant;
   (ii) Any employer-based financial assistance received by the applicant; and
   (iii) Any other public or private financial aid that is provided to the applicant as a scholarship or grant.

(v) “WICHE” means Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education.