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**To:** Governor Matt Mead, Wyoming State Legislature  
**From:** Amy Brockel  
**Date:** November 13, 2012  
**Re:** Wyoming Investment in Nursing (WyIN) Program  
2011-2012 Annual Report as per Wyoming Statute 21-7-601(n)

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## 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, 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 the 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, 2016.

## SUMMARY:

The table below only represents the time period from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

WYOMING INVESTMENT IN NURSING STUDENT SUMMARY				
	Number of Students	Average Award per Academic Year	Total Awarded	Legislative Appropriation
Undergraduate Student Loans	198	\$3,605	\$713,812	
Graduate Student Loans	6	\$15,896	\$95,373	
			\$809,185	\$987,500 per year*

\* The program's remaining funds have been set aside to support the future semesters for these students. This explains why the total awarded is 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/awarded.

**WYOMING INVESTMENT IN NURSING FACULTY SUMMARY**

	<b>Number Employed</b>	<b>Average Salary &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>Total Awarded</b>	<b>Legislative Appropriation</b>
<b>Associate Degree Nursing (ADN)</b>				
<b>Full time teaching faculty</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>\$68,539</b>	<b>\$1,233,705</b>	<b>\$1,237,000</b>
<b>Part time teaching faculty</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>\$20,325</b>	<b>\$60,976</b>	
<b>Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN)</b>				
<b>Outreach Coordinator</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>\$86,159</b>	<b>\$172,317</b>	<b>\$500,000**</b>
<b>Full time teaching faculty</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>\$64,720</b>	<b>\$64,720</b>	
<b>Health Insurance benefits paid to colleges (paid quarterly)</b>			<b>\$191,234</b>	
			<b>*Total Awarded</b>	<b>Total Appropriation</b>
			<b>\$1,722,952</b>	<b>\$1,737,000</b>

\* The remaining funds in this account will be exhausted due to increased faculty salaries and the projected increases in the cost of health insurance.

\*\* The LPN funds can rollover to help cover ADN requests if not fully exhausted by LPN requests.

**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 (July1, 2003 through June 30, 2011). The information was acquired from Align, the contracted loan servicing agency.

**Status of All Outstanding Loan Commitments & Repayments under WyIN Program**

<b>Paid in full by working as a nurse in Wyoming</b>	<b>305</b>	<b>32%</b>
<b>Employed as a nurse in Wyoming</b>	<b>144</b>	<b>15%</b>
<b>Enrolled in school</b>	<b>128</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Repaid loan in cash</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>8%</b>
<b>Repaying loan in cash</b>	<b>125</b>	<b>13%</b>
<b>Defaulted on WyIN loan</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>11%</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> attempt at State Board of Nursing Licensure</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>7%</b>
<b>Hardship or deferred loan</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Total number of recipients of WyIN loans</b>	<b>964</b>	<b>100%</b>

Align, summary report 6/30/12