

**UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**  
**WYDENT Program Report**  
**From the College of Health Sciences**  
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[Pursuant to W.S. 21-17-119 (f) and (g)]

To the Joint Labor, Health and Social Services Interim Committee

### **Program update**

2007 Wyoming Session Laws, Chapter 103 established a dental education contract program, informally referred to as WYDENT. Pursuant to that legislation, the University entered into agreements with Creighton University and the University of Nebraska Medical Center under which the State of Wyoming through UW would pay the cost of attendance for up to five dental students annually at each institution. The program is patterned after the WWAMI (Washington, Wyoming, Alaska, Montana, and Idaho) medical education program. The residency requirement for WYDENT students is the same as that for WWAMI students. A WYDENT graduate can either practice in Wyoming for three years or repay the funds expended by Wyoming on the student's behalf. The loan repayment begins after one year after graduation or completion of post graduate training, practice repayment can start immediately.

For the academic year 2012-13, 16 students are enrolled at the Creighton University School of Dentistry and 17 at the University of Nebraska's College of Dentistry. Due to FY 10 statewide budget cuts, only four new students were admitted to each school for the 2010-11 and 2011-12 academic years. For this year, the University of Nebraska admitted four new students and Creighton University admitted only 3 of their allocated 4 students.

Most of the UW students have excelled in these schools and have thus competed well in applying to programs to continue their education as residents or to specialize in areas of dentistry, such as orthodontics and pediatrics. Most of the remaining 2011 graduates who did not continue with their education have established practices or joined existing ones in Casper/Glenrock, Cheyenne, Evanston and Alpine/Afton. One is living in South Dakota for a year while her husband completes medical school.

2012 graduates are starting practices in Casper (2), Douglas and Green River/Rock Springs and three are in post-graduate training (residencies). Since they graduated just a couple of months ago, a handful of others are still exploring where to establish an office, perhaps in Casper, Laramie, and Cheyenne. Two are not sure yet about practicing in the state.

### **Required reports**

W.S. 21-17-119 (f) – Under this provision, the University's Board of Trustees, upon the recommendation of the President of the University, may relieve a student from repayment of a loan for undue hardship. The provision requires the University to report to the Joint Labor Health and Social Services Interim Committee the number of students who have been relieved of the obligation to repay the loan. To date, no student has been relieved of this obligation.

W.S. 21-17-119 (g) – Under this provision, which is identical to the statutory provision for WWAMI students, all loan repayments under this program are credited to an account (Dentistry School Student Account) to be invested by the University and the earnings used exclusively for scholarships and support for dental students. This provision requires the University to report to the Committee regarding income and expenditures from this account during the preceding fiscal year. The first class of 8 students graduated in the spring of 2011. Two of them are in payback (joining the 2 who withdrew from the program), 3 are practicing in the state, and 3 are in residency programs. Each of the second class of 9 is in the grace year; 3 of those are in residency programs.

## **FY12 – Fiscal Report**

### Corpus in Dental School Loan Fund

Beginning balance	\$931,870
Collections	382,429
Net gain to corpus	-0-
Total in corpus	<u>\$1,314,299</u>

### Total Earning (expendable)

Unexpended balance	\$5,826
FY12 earnings	7,214
Total available for expenditure	<u>13,040</u>
FY12 Expenditures	-0-

## **FY12 and FY13 Dental Contracts:**

FY12: First year [D1], second year [D2], third year [D3]; and fourth year [D4]:

### Creighton

D1 students: 4	\$266,484
D2 students: 4	\$266,484
D3 students: 5	\$333,105
D4 students: 4	\$266,484
	<u>\$1,132,577</u>

### UNMC

D1 students: 4	\$269,699
D2 students: 4	\$269,699
D3 students: 5	\$337,124
D4 students: 5	\$292,407
	<u>\$1,168,929</u>

**Total FY12: \$2,301,506**

FY13: First year [D1], second year [D2], third year [D3]; and fourth year [D4]:

Creighton

D1 students: 3	\$208,176
D2 students: 4	\$277,568
D3 students: 4	\$277,568
D4 students: 5	<u>\$346,960</u>
	\$1,110,272

UNMC

D1 Students: 4	\$278,564
D2 students: 4	\$278,564
D3 students: 4	\$278,564
D4 students: 5	<u>\$321,010</u>
	\$1,156,702

**Total FY13: \$2,266,974**