

NSHE PREDICTABLE PRICING PROGRAM

HISTORICAL CONTEXT AND REGIONAL LANDSCAPE

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PREDICTABLE PRICING PROGRAM GUIDELINES

Board of Regents' *Handbook*, [Title 4, Chapter 17](#), Section 1.2

- Registration fee and non-resident tuition rates must be updated as of May 1st each year for a minimum of four future academic years.
- Updates must be published no later than June 1st each year in the NSHE *Procedures and Guidelines Manual* ([Chapter 7](#), Section 1).
- Increase is equivalent to the most recent [Higher Education Price Index](#) (HEPI) available, with a 6% cap (example: update for 2026-27 rates was published in Spring 2022 and based on the 2022 HEPI of 5.2%).
- Policy includes a provision for the Chair of the Board “in emergency situations or extreme circumstances” to direct Chancellor to create a committee composed of institutional and student representatives submit recommendations regarding tuition and fees.

PREDICTABLE PRICING PROGRAM BACKGROUND

- In response to June 2018 Regent requests to identify a predictable pricing structure that would allow students and their families plan financially, Chancellor Thom Reilly established the NSHE Guaranteed Tuition Working Group.
- The working group met in Fall 2018 and was comprised of one business officer and one student affairs representative from each campus. The working group coordinated closely with the Nevada Student Alliance.
- Two options were initially presented at the November 29-30, 2018, meeting.
 - Option A – “Registration Fee Guarantee Program,” modeled after the University of Arizona’s “Guaranteed Tuition Program”
 - Option B – “Predictable Pricing Program”
- Option B was approved unanimously at the February 28-March 1, 2019, meeting.

For detailed information on the two proposals: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/BoardOfRegents/Agendas/2018/nov-mtgs/BOR1118.pdf> (Agenda Item 14)

REGISTRATION FEE AND TUITION LANDSCAPE PRIOR TO PREDICTABLE PRICING PROGRAM

- Every odd-numbered year, the Chancellor convened a committee composed of institutional Presidents, business officers, student representatives and system administration staff to make recommendations for tuition and fees
- In its deliberations, Board policy required the Committee to consider:
 - Charges at peer institutions in the western region of the United States
 - Higher education inflation as measured by the Higher Education Price Index or a similarly appropriate index
 - Anticipated state funding
 - Institutional needs and mission
 - Other indices and information as appropriate
- The resulting recommendations could be accepted or revised by the Board

For prior policy, see: <https://nshe.nevada.edu/wp-content/uploads/file/policycentral/03-2014463%20Ref.%20BOR-20.Rev.pdf>



REGIONAL TUITION AND FEE COMPARISONS

WESTERN INTERSTATE COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION (WICHE)



TUITION AND FEE COMPARISON WITH OTHER WESTERN STATES COMMUNITY COLLEGES

2023-24 Resident Tuition and Fees – Public Community Colleges

State	Amount	Rank
California	\$1,380	1
New Mexico	\$2,140	2
Arizona	\$2,836	3
Nevada	\$3,882	4
Hawai'i	\$4,015	5
Idaho	\$4,225	6
Montana	\$4,470	7
Utah	\$4,478	8

State	Amount	Rank
Wyoming	\$4,536	9
Washington	\$5,112	10
Colorado	\$5,266	11
North Dakota	\$5,688	12
Oregon	\$6,497	13
Alaska	\$7,020	14
South Dakota	\$7,170	15

Source: WICHE, [Tuition & Fees in Public Higher Education in the West](#), 2023-24.

*For all states, amounts include tuition (NSHE institutions call this registration fees) plus mandatory fees paid by all students. Does not include course-specific fees such as lab fees, or differential fees.

TUITION AND FEE COMPARISON WITH OTHER WESTERN STATES UNIVERSITIES

2023-24 Resident Tuition and Fees – Public Universities Undergraduate

State	Amount	Rank	State	Amount	Rank
Wyoming	\$6,938	1	Alaska	\$9,325	9
Montana	\$7,333	2	North Dakota	\$9,335	10
Utah	\$7,349	3	South Dakota	\$9,356	11
California State University System	\$7,650	4	Arizona	\$10,873	12
Nevada	\$8,176	5	Washington	\$11,127	13
New Mexico	\$8,197	6	Colorado	\$11,534	14
Idaho	\$8,336	7	Oregon	\$12,461	15
Hawai'i	\$9,203	8	University of California System	\$15,331	16

Source: WICHE, [Tuition & Fees in Public Higher Education in the West](#), 2023-24.

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TUITION AND FEE COMPARISON WITH OTHER WESTERN STATES

GRADUATE

2023-24 Resident Tuition and Fees – Public Universities Graduate

State	Amount	Rank
Nevada	\$8,106	1
Wyoming	\$8,116	2
New Mexico	\$8,614	3
Montana	\$8,753	4
Utah	\$9,006	5
California State University System	\$9,084	6
South Dakota	\$9,178	7
Idaho	\$10,559	8

State	Amount	Rank
North Dakota	\$12,052	9
Arizona	\$13,190	10
Colorado	\$14,161	11
Hawai'i	\$14,366	12
University of California System	\$14,457	13
Alaska	\$14,762	14
Washington	\$15,630	15
Oregon	\$19,183	16

Source: WICHE, [Tuition & Fees in Public Higher Education in the West](#), 2023-24.

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QUESTIONS?