



WY Program Agreement Fact Sheet

VCSU "Home" - Wyoming "Hosts"

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Casper College - Casper, WY
Central WY College - Riverton, WY
Eastern Wyoming - Torrington, WY
Laramie CCC – Cheyenne, WY

Northwest College - Powell, WY
Western WY College – Rock Springs, WY

Valley City State University has entered into agreements with a number of Wyoming Colleges delivering a four year degree in Education. As a student of VCSU (**the 'home' campus**) students are eligible for consideration for federal aid programs. In order to qualify, a minimum enrollment of six (6) credits is required per semester (**with at least one course/credit from VCSU**) but enrollment can consist of a combination of courses from VCSU and a 'host' campus (the 'host' is defined as the non-degree granting institution delivering the course(s)). Should you need to do a total withdrawal during the semester, you are obligated to notify the VCSU FA Office without delay.

Students will receive consideration for all aid programs **except** VCSU scholarships, tuition waivers or Federal Work-study.

Q: How do I apply for aid?

A: By completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov the institutional code for VCSU is 003008.

Q: What if I will be enrolling for courses from a 'host' institution?

A: If you wish consideration for courses from 'host' institutions, each semester you must file a Consortium Agreement for each 'host'. The agreement can be found at: <http://www.vcsu.edu/documents/vp.htm?p=1294>

Q: Is there a contact I can call or email at VCSU regarding my aid application?

A: First contact: Betty Kuss Schumacher, Director of Financial Aid (701) 845-7412
Email: betty.schumacher@vcsu.edu

Second contact: Marcia Pritchert, Asst. Director of Financial Aid (701) 845-7541
Email: marcia.pritchert@vcsu.edu

Q: Does an aid package consider all my expenses?

A: Yes, students in any of these programs are given consideration for a budget consisting of tuition/fees, room/board, books/supplies, miscellaneous & transportation.

Q: Why don't I qualify for VCSU scholarships?

A: Dollars are limited and currently VCSU scholarship donations are targeted for students taking the majority of their courses 'on-campus'. Should a donor ever specify a fund for 'distance education/on-line' students' you will be notified.

Q: How will I be notified of aid?

A: If you apply for aid when you first apply for admission, a 'paper' offer will be mailed to you. Once you are enrolled, all future information will be available 24/7 through VCSU Campus Connection (on-line). A typical aid package is first considered on the assumption you will be 'full-time'. Any student less than full-time (12 credits) needs to notify the VCSU Financial Aid Office without delay to see if a package adjustment is needed.

Q: Who will pay the 'host' campus(es)?

A: You are responsible for making sure that your bill at the host campus(es) is paid on time.

Q: How will aid be disbursed?

A: Aid will disburse from VCSU approximately 1-2 weeks into each semester.

Q: Will excess aid be sent to me automatically?

A: Since the institution Business Office does not know which students come to campus and which students do not, it is your responsibility to make arrangements with the Business Office for either direct deposit or to have a check sent to you. You need to make arrangement by calling (701)845-7246.

Q: How will I be kept informed of requirements?

A: Your VCSU email account is your first line of communication and should be used often. This is how you will be notified that charges must be paid or arrangements made (to prevent enrollment cancellation). Also if you are selected for verification you will be sent requests for info. Not using your campus assigned email is not an excuse for not responding in a timely manner.