

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE PARTNERSHIPS

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

INSTITUTION WIDE

University of Wyoming: This partnership results in a University of Wyoming regional center on the EWC Torrington campus, as well as use of facilities at EWC's 12 outreach sites. The university offers 9 bachelor's degrees, 1 minor, 11 master's degrees, four endorsement programs, and five certificate programs supported by the U.W. Eastern Regional Outreach office. Facilities and equipment are shared. There are 40 graduate students and 43 undergraduate students taking university classes within the EWC service area under this arrangement. Building Partnerships is a statewide non-credit community education group that developed in 2008 to share information and partner as appropriate.

Eastern Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES): Eastern Wyoming has BOCES agreements with seven school districts in the six county service area. The purpose is to provide communities with additional opportunities for educational services including post-secondary education and adult education. The emphasis on community enrichment activities for rural communities resulted in a non-credit headcount of 3,481 for this year.

Wyoming Postsecondary Education Options Program: Thirteen high schools have agreements with EWC to enhance learning opportunities for qualified high school juniors and seniors by offering concurrent enrollment courses in the high schools. The high schools in the EWC service area include Torrington, Southeast, Lingle-Fort Laramie, Douglas, Wheatland, Guernsey, Glenrock, Lusk, Newcastle, Moorcroft, Upton, Sundance, Chugwater, Glendo, and Hulett. EWC provided 150 courses within these 15 high schools.

Goshen County Community Theater: This partnership provides opportunities for EWC students and staff to collaborate with community members in producing several theatrical performances each year. Community theatre performances involved 120 artists and volunteers this year.

Eastern Wyoming Fine Arts Council: This partnership resulted in sponsorship of six Fine Arts performances on the EWC Torrington campus. There were 176 artists and 68 volunteers involved in the performances.

WYLD (Wyoming Libraries Database): All 23 county libraries and the community college libraries joined together under the auspices of the Wyoming State Library as the WYLD Network to purchase an electronic integrated library system from SIRSI. The WYLD Network has also entered into agreements to purchase an on-line encyclopedia, as well as various full-text periodical databases. Participation in the WYLD Network has allowed the library to acquire a far more sophisticated system than it would be able to afford as a single entity. Network participation has enabled the EWC Library to provide expanded electronic resources for students and faculty, as well as providing easier access to other library resources within the state.

The Wyoming Distance Education Consortium (WyDEC): The WyDEC is a group of representatives from the seven Wyoming community colleges, the University of Wyoming, and the Wyoming Community College Commission collaborate to provide a common website that lists all of the distance education courses available in Wyoming. This site allows students who are looking for distance education courses more options for finding the course that they need to continue their education. All Wyoming higher education students benefit from this program.

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program: This program provides a variety of classes to assist limited resource families and individuals in eating better for less through a partnership with the UW Cent\$ible Nutrition Program, Wyoming's Cooperative Extension Services, and the State Department of Family Services.

Experience Works: This partnership provides collaboration in funding part-time staff positions in Douglas and Torrington.

Banner Health Services: This agreement provides physical therapy for athletes.

Douglas Community Theater: This arrangement supports community theater and the use of college facilities for performances.

Workforce Alliances: EWC and DWS have formed a workforce alliance in Goshen County that includes many community partners from agencies and businesses. They hold monthly meetings to discuss workforce issues.

Workforce Development: Eastern Wyoming College provided customized non-credit training for 72 local businesses last year.

Torrington Senior Center: A grant helps fund the senior citizen use of the EWC Fitness Center. Silver Sneakers, an aerobic class for seniors, was also implemented.

Douglas Peak Fitness: This partnership facilitates offering physical education classes off site at no additional rental cost to the college.

University Transfer Articulation Agreements: EWC has agreements to facilitate student transfer to four-year colleges (University of Wyoming, Chadron State College, South Dakota School of Mines, Black Hills State College, University of Great Falls, Upper Iowa University).

Wyoming Department of Employment Research Division: EWC has partnered with the Research Division of the Department of Employment to share data on program completers. This partnership results in employment market analysis data provided to the college about its program completers. All students completing EWC programs of study are involved in this partnership.

Veterans Affairs Office: The EWC Veterans office works with the Department of Veterans Affairs to facilitate educational opportunities for eligible veterans.

Wyoming National Guard: This partnership facilitates the tuition assistance program for guard members.

Wyoming Council for the Humanities: Through this program, EWC sponsored 8 community book discussion groups throughout the EWC service area; 28 people participated.

Wyoming Black Hills Leadership Institute: EWC was part of a planning team that organized and provided community leadership training for residents in Crook and Weston County.

Crook County Cares: This partnership supports after-school tutoring for 150 students in Crook County.

Wyoming High School Academic Challenge: EWC hosts this competition each February, promoting academic accomplishment and involvement. Seventy participants representing up to 18 high school teams participated this year.

Partnerships With 12 High Schools: Service-area high schools provide facilities and support for college credit and noncredit classes.

Regional High Schools: EWC participates in high school career fairs to provide post-secondary information to high school students, parents, and counselors.

Torrington Telegram: A staff member serves on the local newspaper advisory board.

Goshen County School District: EWC faculty and staff members serve on numerous committees for the school district.

Converse Area New Development Organization (CANDO): This is a collaboration with the Douglas Outreach site for workforce and computer classes.

Chambers of Commerce: In Torrington and the outreach communities, EWC works with the Chambers to promote economic development and cosponsor programs for businesses. Staff members and outreach coordinators serve on the Chamber.

Torrington Lions Club: This partnership results in joint sponsorship of a community craft fair each fall; some of the proceeds are used for EWC scholarships.

Torrington Rotary Club: This partnership supports community literacy and promotes vocational service.

Cooperative Extension Services Master Gardener Programs: This provides training, space, and scheduling services to host the Master Gardeners Programs in Crook, Weston, and Campbell Counties.

Goshen County Economic Development: In partnership with Goshen County Economic Development, St. Joseph's Children's Home, Care and Share, and Banner Health Care, a TANF grant (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) was received to help with the educational costs for welders, nursing assistants, and business office students. Ten students benefited during the 2007-2008 academic year.

Wyoming Child and Family: Torrington Learning Center is located on the EWC Campus and provides students/staff with child care and support as appropriate and a faculty member serves on the board.

Corporate Contracts: These agreements are business contracts for use of the EWC Fitness Center–Banner Health Care, Torrington Telegram, and Goshen County School District.

GEAR-UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a partnership with the University of Wyoming, the seven community colleges and local school districts. The program focuses on students from low-income schools to help build an education pipeline for students to realize their college dreams. The EWC GEAR-UP program will service six counties: Goshen, Platte, Niobrara, Converse, Weston and Crook counties.

Wyoming National Guard: EWC works with the Wyoming Youth ChalleNge program in Guernsey to assist with student assessment, course development, and GED testing.

PCPC (Prison Community Partnership Committee): one administrator and one faculty member serve on this key community committee. The committee facilitates interaction, discussion, and problem-solving as they prepare for the opening of the Wyoming Medium Security Institution in Torrington.

Torrington Office Supply: In a new agreement, Torrington Office Supply will partner with EWC community education to offer scrapbooking community education classes.

Pinnacle Bank: In partnership with EWC, the Pinnacle Bank Citizen's Club advertises and participates in community education trips.

City of Torrington: The EWC Community Education office partners with the City of Torrington to expand community education offerings. A notable interest this year was the Centennial celebration for Torrington.

PROGRAM-SPECIFIC PARTNERSHIPS

Practicum Sites for Veterinary Technology: The Veterinary Technology Program worked with more than 20 veterinary practices to provide practicum sites for veterinary technology students.

Practicum Sites for Criminal Justice: The Criminal Justice Program worked with two law enforcement agencies to provide practicum sites for criminal justice students.

Practicum Sites for Education: The Education Program worked with three schools in Torrington and schools in Newcastle, Douglas, Guernsey, Wheatland, Rawlins, and Sheridan to provide practicum sites for education majors.

Practicum Sites for Early Childhood Education: The Early Childhood Education Program worked with childcare centers in Cheyenne, Rawlins, Newcastle, Douglas, Laramie, Torrington and Upton to provide practicum sites for Early Childhood education majors.

Practicum Sites for Computer Networking: The Computer Networking Program worked with three Torrington community businesses for practicum sites for program majors.

Practicum Sites for Business: The Business Office Technology Program and Business Administration Program work with Torrington community businesses to provide practicum sites for program majors. Businesses in Douglas and Newcastle also provide practicum sites. Twelve sites were used this year.

Practicum Sites for Agriculture: The Agriculture Program works with community businesses and the UW Extension Center to provide practicum sites for program majors.

Lancer Club: This organization promotes participation in and support for EWC athletics.

Wyoming Law Enforcement Academy: The EWC Criminal Justice Program works collaboratively with WLEA to provide credit courses for law enforcement personnel.

Banner Health Services: This collaboration provides practicum sites for the nursing assistant courses.

Memorial Hospital of Converse County: This partnership provides practicum sites for health classes in Douglas.

ABE-GED-ESL PROGRAMS

Pro-Literacy of America: Provides literacy services at the EWC Douglas campus.

Wyoming Job Services: Provides testing and assessment for clients.

EvenStart: Cooperation in providing ABE/GED/ESL instruction.

University of Wyoming EOC: Local office facilitates interest inventories and FAFSA assistance for GED graduates.

Department of Workforce Services (DWS): Formal Memorandum of Understanding between DWS and EWC to allow a mutual exchange of client information. DWS was the parent agency to coordinate statewide ABE/GED services.

STUDENT SERVICES PARTNERSHIPS

STUDENT SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

Campus Ministry: Local churches support this ministry which provides dorm dinners, Bible study, picnics, activities, recreation and support for EWC students.

City/County Judges: Presentations for the EWC New Student Orientations.

Goshen County Public Health Department: Provides health services for EWC students and volunteers for EWC New Student Orientation.

Daniels Fund: Supported a college preparation program for qualified high school students. There were 15 participants in the final year of support for this program by Daniel's Fund.

Wyoming Relay: TTY telephone services for deaf or hearing-impaired students.

Department of Transportation: Adopt-A-Highway volunteer clean-up by the EWC Student Senate.

Goshen County Taskforce on Family Violence & Sexual Assault, Banner Health, Goshen County Victims Assistance, GCSD#1, the EWC Foundation and Mary Lou Atkins: Educational programming on domestic violence and related topics.

ACT: Provides COMPASS assessment and support for course placement of new students and CAAP assessment for graduating transfer students.

College Board: Provides CLEP testing for students wishing to test out of some college courses.

Reading for the Blind and Dyslexic: Books on tape for visually impaired or disabled students.

Employment Resources Center of Wyoming, Torrington: EWC Testing Center provides interest and aptitude testing for Employment Resources clients. The Employment Resources Center helps with job placement of current and graduated EWC students.

Peak Wellness Center: The EWC Testing Center provides career and vocational assessments for clients. Peak Wellness Center serves as a referral for EWC students needing long-term counseling. Collaborated with Peak Wellness on “Your Teen & Alcohol: Do You Know ... What else you can do as a parent?” parent meetings at the local high schools.

Wyoming State Department of Workforce Services, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation: The EWC Testing Center provides career and vocational assessments for clients. DVR provides evaluation and rehabilitation services for EWC students.

Local Restaurants: Provided free meals for EWC’s “Taste of Torrington” during New Student Orientation.

Goshen County Against Substance Abuse (GAS): Participated in monthly meetings with regard to substance abuse and underage drinking issues.

Torrington Police Department: Provides a security officer and provided Code Red emergency alert system training.

STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation: Cost sharing on accommodative devices for DVR clientele; tuition assistance for DVR clientele.

Wyoming Department of Family Services: Assistance with child-care expenses for low-income students.

Richardson Educational Trust Fund: Provides scholarship assistance for students.

Wyoming Student Loan Corp: Major guarantor for student loans.

Eastern Wyoming College Foundation: Provides scholarships for EWC students and administers scholarship funds established as memorials for specific families.

P.E.O. Chapter M: Provides the Marian Ayars Memorial P.E.O. Scholarship.

Torrington Lions Club: Provides the Dr. F.S. Brown Scholarship.

Cottonwood Country Club: Provides student scholarships.

Datatel Scholars Foundation: Provides student scholarships.

Eastern Wyoming Retired Teachers Association: Provides student scholarships.

Torrington Rotary Club: Provides student scholarships.

First National Bank: Provides student scholarships.

Basin Electric: Provides student scholarships.

Local Banks: Banks, such as First State and First National, provide free checking for students and come to campus annually to sign students up for banking services.

Goshen County Chamber of Commerce: Provides student scholarships.

Goshen County 4-H Educational Fund: Provides student scholarships.

Goshen County Quilters: Provides student scholarships.

Goshen County Two-Shot: Provides student scholarships.

Western Sugar: Provides student scholarships.

P.E.O. Chapter Z: Provides the Helen K. Maier Memorial P.E.O. Chapter Z Scholarship.

Masonic Lodge #29: Provides student scholarships.

Norwest Bank. Provides student scholarships.

The Order of the Eastern Star: Provides student scholarships.

P.E.O. Chapter AK: Provides student scholarships.

P.E.O. Chapter AU: Provides student scholarships.

Torrington Beverage, Inc: Provides student scholarships.

Pinnacle Bank: Provides student scholarships.

Platte Valley National Bank: Provides student scholarships.

Powers Masonry Supply: Provides student scholarships.

Scottsbluff Kennel Club: Provides student scholarships.

Southeast Wyoming Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 7: Provides student scholarships.

Bloedorn Lumber Company: Provides student scholarships.

Daniel's Fund: Scholarships for qualified EWC students.

Workforce Incentive Act (WIA), TANF, ETSS Grants: Provides educational financial assistance for qualified EWC students.

Union Pacific Corporation: Provides student scholarships.

VFW Post 2918: Provides student scholarships.

Wyo-Braska Pioneer Cub: Provides student scholarships.

Yoder Woman's Club: Provides student scholarships.

Zonta: Provides computer class scholarships for senior citizens in Douglas.

EWC Douglas Bookstore: Provides book scholarships for Douglas students.

Wyoming Game & Fish, Goshen County Two-Shot Goose Hunt, and Goshen County Rooster Boosters: Provides student scholarships.

Goshen Cattlewomen: Provides scholarships for qualified EWC students.

Goshen Historical Society: Provides scholarships for qualified EWC students.

Wyoming Colleges: Consortium agreements exist with every college in Wyoming for financial aid purposes.

College Goal Sunday: College Goal Sunday is a free program designed to help Wyoming students apply for the financial aid that will help them reach their goal to receive a college education. Students receive assistance from experts and volunteers in completing their important FAFSA.

Eastern Wyoming College's faculty, staff, and administrators are involved in numerous community, state, regional, and national organizations.