

# *EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE*

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## **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, 4 endorsement programs, and 5 certificate programs supported by the U.W. Eastern Regional Outreach office. Facilities and equipment are shared. There are graduate students and undergraduate students taking university classes within the EWC service area under this arrangement. Building Partnerships is a statewide non-credit community education group that was developed in 2008 to share information and partner as appropriate.

**Eastern Wyoming Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES):** Eastern Wyoming has BOCES agreements with 7 school districts in the 6 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 4014 for this year. Concurrent enrollment costs such as textbooks are also a benefit from this partnership.

**Wyoming Postsecondary Education Options Program:** Thirteen school districts 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 194 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 artists and volunteers.

**Eastern Wyoming College Fine Arts Council:** This council represents a cross section of the community and Goshen county members volunteering their time to offer wisdom, work, and wealth for fine art offerings throughout the year.

**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):** WyDEC is a group of distance learning representatives from the 7 Wyoming community colleges, the University of Wyoming, and the Wyoming Community College Commission who collaborate to provide a common website that lists all of the distance education courses available in Wyoming (<http://wyclass.wy.edu>). This site allows students who are looking for distance education courses to easily search for courses that they need in order to continue their education. All Wyoming higher education students benefit from this program.

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

**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 provides customized credit and non-credit training for local businesses.

**Department of Corrections:** EWC has partnered with DOL on several grant initiatives, delivered classes on DOC sites, provided course work for prison employees, hosted job fairs, informational sessions, meetings, and temporary office space for DOC employees.

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

**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, Valley City State University, and Regis University).

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

**Wyoming Council for the Humanities:** Through this program, EWC sponsored community book discussion groups throughout the EWC service area.

**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 in Crook County.

**Wyoming Academic Challenge:** EWC hosts a competition each February, promoting academic accomplishment and involvement. Participants represent up to 18 high school teams.

**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.

**Goshen County School District:** EWC faculty and staff members serve on numerous committees for the school district such as advisory boards.

**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 co-sponsor programs for businesses. Staff members and outreach coordinators serve on the Chambers.

**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 Goshen County School District, a TANF grant (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) was received to help with the educational costs for welders, nursing assistants, and other certificate programs.

**Wyoming Child and Family:** Torrington Learning Center is located on the EWC Campus and provides students/staff with childcare 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, City of Torrington, and Goshen County School District #1.

**GEAR-UP:** (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) is a partnership with the University of Wyoming, the 7 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 services 6 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 planning for college.

**PCPC (Prison Community Partnership Committee):** One administrator and 1 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.

**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.

**St Joseph Children's Home:** EWC is leasing a house for a resident hall for 12 female students from St Joseph's Children's Home.

**Various Goshen County organizations:** Serve as emergency back up site.

**Nebraska Book Company:** Have agreement to purchase used textbooks from student and use computer system.

**Wyoming Health Fairs:** EWC provides a venue for the Wyoming Health Fair to provide health screening for EWC employees, student, family members, and community members.

**Goshen County Quilters Guild:** Provides a facility for the introduction to quilting class for participants in the Eastern Wyoming Region.

**ed2go:** Have agreement to provide online non-credit classes to the EWC service area.

## **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 2 law enforcement agencies to provide practicum sites for criminal justice students.

**Practicum Sites for Education:** The Education Program worked with 3 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 6 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 in Torrington and Wheatland.

**Douglas Care Center:** This collaboration provides practicum sites for the nursing assistant courses in Douglas.

**Memorial Hospital and Care Center:** 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.

**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:** 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.

**General Educational Development:** Provides an approved GED testing site.

**Veterinary Technician National Examination:** Provides VTNE testing for students completing the Veterinary Technician program.

**American Welding Society:** Provides AWS certified testing for the regional business, individuals, and students.

**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:** Peak Wellness Center serves as a referral for EWC students needing long-term counseling.

**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.

**Goshen County Community Coalition:** Attend meetings to address alcohol and substance abuse within our community.

**Torrington Police Department:** The COPS grant funds a full-time security officer for the Torrington campus. TPD also provided Code Red emergency alert system training.

## **STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

**Hathaway:** Provides scholarships to Wyoming high school graduates.

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

**Wyoming Department of Family Services:** Assistance with childcare expenses for low-income 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 Ayers 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 Education Personnel 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 Educational Fund:** 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 Bank:** 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.

**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.

**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.

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

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