

media release

WICHE Launches the Adult College Completion Network Website www.adultcollegecompletion.org

The new site unites organizations and agencies working to increase college completion by adults with prior college credits but no degree.

Boulder, Colorado — The Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) launched www.adultcollegecompletion.org today as part of a nationwide effort that aims to unite organizations and agencies working to increase college completion by adults with prior college credits but no degree. The new website is part of the WICHE’s Adult College Completion (ACC) Network, a collaborative learning network funded by Lumina Foundation for Education.

“This website will be the centerpiece of the ACC Network,” says WICHE President David Longanecker. “Its many features provide an open-access forum for those interested in better serving adults with prior college credits but no degree, so that they can form productive relationships, engage in informative discussions, and exchange successful strategies.”

About 37 million adults between the ages of 25 and 64 have some college credit but no degree. To help serve this group—which accounts for roughly 20% of the entire U.S. population—numerous state agencies, non-profit organizations, postsecondary institutions, and others are ramping up efforts to help them re-engage and complete their credentials. This website will serve as a common forum for these diverse entities and help unite their efforts toward the common goal of helping adults with some credit finish their postsecondary degree or certificate.

Visitors to this interactive website can read about the latest evidence-based strategies for reaching this population of adults, find news about how institutions are successfully serving adult students, and share information about their own efforts. The site’s Project Warehouse contains a wealth of current information about projects and programs at institutions and agencies across the country that are working to remove the policy and practice barriers that can prevent these adults from returning to school to complete their credential or earn their degree. As part of the site, WICHE is also launching an email discussion listserv (accnetwork@listserv.wiche.edu) that will connect policymakers, practitioners, and others working to promote and improve adult college completion.

Anyone working to improve adult college completion by targeting and serving adults with prior college credits and no degree can join the ACC Network and subscribe to the listserv by visiting www.adultcollegecompletion.org. The ACC Network can also be followed on Twitter at [@accnetwork](https://twitter.com/accnetwork).

About WICHE and Lumina Foundation for Education

The **Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education** (www.wiche.edu) and its 15 member states work collaboratively to expand educational access and excellence for all citizens of the West. By promoting innovation, cooperation, resource sharing, and sound public policy among states and institutions, WICHE strengthens higher education's contributions to the region's social, economic, and civic life. Where it is in the best interest of its member states, WICHE often works beyond the West, as it is doing with this national Network.

Lumina Foundation for Education (www.luminafoundation.org) is committed to enrolling and graduating more students from college—especially low-income students, students of color, first-generation students and adult learners. Our goal is to increase the percentage of Americans who hold high-quality degrees and credentials to 60 percent by 2025. Lumina pursues this goal in three ways: by identifying and supporting effective practice, through public policy advocacy, and by using our communications and convening power to build public will for change.

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