



Eastern Wyoming College Employee Benefits Summary

The following is a summary* of benefits available for eligible faculty and staff. You may contact the Human Resources Office for further information at 307-532-8307 or 307-532-8330.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The State of Wyoming Health Insurance Plan provides health and dental coverage for EWC employees. Approximately 82% of current premiums are covered by EWC and the State of Wyoming. Coverage begins on the first day of the month following date of hire. The plan provides a wellness benefit for all covered participants. To estimate your premium rates, please go to <https://ai.wyo.gov/divisions/human-resources/group-insurance>.

DENTAL COVERAGE

Two dental plans are available. 1) Preventive (required with the health plan) and 2) Optional (provides coverage for restoration). Both plans are part of the Delta Dental Plan network. Employee costs are slightly higher if their dentist is not in the Delta Dental network.

LIFE INSURANCE (includes Accidental Death & Dismemberment coverage)

Life Insurance and AD&D premiums vary depending on age; costs increase with age. The death benefit is \$50,000 through age 59 and declines afterwards. All eligible dependents can be covered under the life insurance plan for a single nominal premium. Additional insurance is available through the Wyoming Retirement System.

FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN

The State of Wyoming Employees' Group Insurance offers a flexible benefits plan with two parts: 1) choose to pay eligible medical insurance premiums on a pre-tax basis; 2) participation in a reimbursement account that allows you to contribute pre-tax dollars to pay eligible medical expenses or eligible dependent day care expenses.

RETIREMENT

Retirement contributions are 18.62% of the employee's monthly salary. Employee pays 1.71% and EWC pays 16.91%. Employees choose either the Wyoming Retirement System (WRS) or Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association – College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF). Employees become fully vested in TIAA-CREF after the first contribution is made. WRS vestment happens after 48 months of service.

DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The State provides a voluntary deferred compensation plan. All contributions are tax deferred until the time of withdrawal. This is an employee-funded benefit; there are no matching EWC or State funds. A Roth 457 (after-tax plan) is also available.

VOLUNTARY BENEFITS

There are voluntary benefits available including ambulance coverage (to help protect against emergency transport bills), vision coverage, short and long term disability, and additional life insurance. Voluntary Benefit premiums are paid entirely by the employee.

HEALTH/WELLNESS LEAVE

Health/Wellness (sick) Leave is earned at the rate of 1.5 days per month worked. Maximum allowable accumulation is 120 days.

PAID LEAVE

Paid Leave days are earned by all permanent benefitted administrative, professional and classified employees. Carry over is permitted from one fiscal year to the next, of one half of the total number of Paid Leave days for which you are eligible. Additional carry-over days may be granted with special permission from the President. Earned days are pro-rated according to the number of months and percent of full-time defined in the employee's contract/appointment, and the employee's position set forth in the Decision Band Method (DBM) adopted by EWC:

Administrators & Professional: DBM C41-E83 – earn 1.75 days per month worked

Classified Staff (increases occur on the employee’s date-of-hire anniversary): DBM B23-B32 -- earn 1.5 days per month worked for the first five (5) years of service; 1.75 days per month worked after five (5) years of service. DBM A11-B22 -- earn one (1) day per month worked for the first five (5) years of service; 1.5 days per month worked for five (5) to ten (10) years of service; and 1.75 days per month worked after ten (10) years of service.

RECESS

Recess days are provided to all benefitted college instructional faculty who are assigned instructional duties by full-time employment contract. Recess days are determined by the academic calendar, and must be taken during the non-instructional days identified on the academic calendar, and may not be carried over from one fiscal year to the next. They are pro-rated according to the number of months and percent of full-time defined in the employee’s contract.

College Holidays:

Independence Day
Labor Day
Thanksgiving (Thursday & Friday)
Christmas
New Year’s Day
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day

College Closure Days:

Fair Day (Goshen County)
Wednesday before Thanksgiving
December 26-31 (Annually)
Easter Monday

COOPERATIVE University of Wyoming (UW) Agreement

Benefitted employees may take one UW class, tuition free each term (fall, spring, summer) of the year.

EWC TUITION & MERCHANDISE DISCOUNT

Every benefitted employee may take EWC tuition-free credit classes each semester. The spouse of an employee and any dependent children may enroll at half-tuition for any number of credit classes. Employees and their family members also enjoy a Fitness Center benefit.

There is a 10% discount in the college bookstore for college employees and a 10% discount for merchandise purchased from the EWC cosmetology program.

Employees are admitted free of charge to athletic events and most cultural events.

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