

PHYSICAL PRESENCE ACTIVATION

SARA Member State Physical Presence Activities

STATE	OFFER 100% ONLINE PROGRAMS	OFFER ON-GROUND PROGRAMS	PHYSICAL BUILDING	SERVERS/EQUIPMENT	RECRUITMENT	ACADEMIC PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT	CONTRACT W/IN-STATE INSTITUTION OR ENTITY	PLACEMENTS	ADVERTISE	LICENSURE BOARDS
SARA Member States ¹		X	X					More than 10 students/site		X

Approved Activities for SARA Member States

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SARA Member States	X			X	X	X	X	Up to 10 students/site	X

¹ See nc-sara.org for a current list of SARA member states

Non-SARA State Physical Presence Activities

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California										X

Approved Activities for Non-SARA States

STATE	OFFER 100% ONLINE PROGRAMS	OFFER ON-GROUND PROGRAMS	PHYSICAL BUILDING	SERVERS/EQUIPMENT	RECRUITMENT	ACADEMIC PERSONNEL EMPLOYMENT	CONTRACT W/IN-STATE INSTITUTION OR ENTITY	PLACEMENTS	ADVERTISE
California	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

Non-SARA State Authorization Requirements

California

The California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education does not require out-of-state public institutions to seek authorization to offer educational activities in California. Educational activities can be offered in California, although programs leading to professional licensure must be approved or exempt by the relevant California licensing board.

Definitions:

Offer 100% online programs: Offering 100% online programs and courses to students within a state/territory.

Offer on-ground programs: Offering face-to-face coursework to students within a state/territory.

Physical building: Leasing, owning or establishing a location within a state/territory to serve students (i.e., administrative office or classroom space).

Recruitment: Organized, consistent, on-the-ground recruiting of students in the state/territory by employees or agents of the institution. State requires recruiters to register with the state regulatory agency.

Academic personnel employment: Employing faculty, adjunct faculty, mentors, tutors, recruiters, or other academic personnel residing in a member state and working from their homes or another private, non-institutional site.

Contract with in-state institution: Having a contract/agreement between the institution and in-state institution or in-state entities to provide services for students (i.e., library, gym, computer centers, etc.).

Placements: Permitting a student to complete an internship, externship, field experience, or clinical practicum organized by the institution.

Advertise: Advertising in local media sources that are largely viewed by residents within a state/territory.

Licensing boards: For programs leading to licensure, professional licensing board approval is required if students complete coursework within the state/territory.

Reporting Requirements and Disclosures

Reporting Requirements

If a department or unit places one or more students outside Ohio, Ohio State must report those placements to NC-SARA. This out-of-state learning placement report allows Ohio State to continue to offer distance education in SARA member states and continue institutional participation in the agreement. The State Authorization Team annually shares a list of student placements with data contacts for review and reports the verified data to SARA each spring.

Disclosures

SARA-participating institutions agree to notify, in writing, all students in a course or program that leads to professional licensure, or which a student could reasonably believe leads to such licensure, whether or not the course or program meets educational requirements for licensure in the state where the student is located. After making all reasonable efforts to make such a determination, the institution may notify the applicant or student in writing that the institution cannot confirm whether the course or program meets educational requirements for professional licensure in the student's state, provide the student with current contact information for any applicable licensing boards, and advise the student to determine whether the program meets educational requirements for licensure in the state where the student is located. An email dedicated solely to this purpose and sent to the student's best-known email address meets this requirement.

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