



NC-SARA National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

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What is SARA?

- State Authorization
- SARA states
- Voluntary

Key Attributes of SARA

- ▶ States approve in-state institutions and resolve student complaints
- ▶ Open to degree-granting postsecondary institutions from all sectors
- ▶ Uniform definition of “physical presence”
- ▶ Governance structure (four regional higher ed compacts)
- ▶ Shifts oversight responsibility to sending rather than receiving state

History

- Established in August 2013
- Regional and national staff in place
- Four regional compacts
- January 2014 - regional boards invite states to join SARA

Issues SARA does not address

- ▶ Professional licensing board approval for programs leading to state licensing
- ▶ Offerings provided for free
- ▶ Non-credit instruction

What do schools need to know & do?

- ▶ Apply for approval to your home state (if it is a SARA state)
- ▶ Verify where every prospective student lives
- ▶ Inform prospective students

Gathering data

- SARA recommends - Department of Education
- NNU's experience
- Email templates we use
- NNU's manual, budget-friendly method

How NNU tracks SARA data

	A	B	M	N	O
1		SARA	RN-BSN	MSN	MSN FNP
2	Alabama		3/15/17 - NO; faculty need to have AL nursing license	3/15/17 - NO; faculty need to have AL nursing license	3/15/17 - NO; faculty need to have AL nursing license
3	Alaska		3/31/17 - OK as long as student has Alaska license	2/27/17 - OK, but paperwork hoops	2/27/17 - OK, but paperwork hoops
4	Arizona		2/15/17 - GOOD	10/26/15 - GOOD	5/11/17 - OK, but after full Idaho Board approval (after first graduating FNP class)
5	Arkansas		6/30/17 - GOOD	X	3/1/17 - if someone interested, need to check if AR requires all faculty to have AR license
6	California		11/22/17 - GOOD	10/8/15 - GOOD	6/8/16 - GOOD
7	Colorado		2/28/17 - OK but student needs to have Worker's Comp Insurance (cost to add to NNU's plan approx \$900)	2/28/17 - OK but student needs to have Worker's Comp Insurance (cost to add to NNU's plan approx \$900)	2/28/17 - OK but student needs to have Worker's Comp Insurance (cost to add to NNU's plan approx \$900)
8	Connecticut		X	X	2/24- Email sent to webmaster.dph@ct.gov
9	Delaware		NO - see Details	NO - see Details	NO - see Details
10	Dist of Colum.		X	X	2/28/17 - EML to DOH@DC.GOV

What if schools don't follow SARA regulations?

- Loss of funds (can't collect and/or pay refunds)
- Leave the state
- Can be sued by students

Questions?

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