

Distance Learning and State Authorization

If an institution is offering postsecondary education through distance or correspondence education to students in a State in which it is not physically located or in which it is otherwise subject to State jurisdiction as determined by the State, the institution must meet any State requirements for it to be legally offering distance or correspondence education in that State.

“SARA is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offerings of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. SARA is overseen by a National Council and administered by four regional education compacts.”



Kansas was approved by the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC) on November 16, 2014, to join the Midwestern State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (M-SARA).

<http://nc-sara.org/>

Southwestern College was accepted as an institutional participant in the SARA initiative through the Kansas Board of Regents (KBOR) on April 7, 2015.

http://www.kansasregents.org/academic_affairs/sara

Southwestern College is accepting students from all fifty states.

Southwestern College has obtained exemption or authorization for all of our online programs in all 50 states and the District of Columbia.

Included are the following “States” that have obtained State membership in NC-SARA:

ALABAMA
ALASKA
ARIZONA
ARKANSAS
COLORADO
CONNECTICUT
DELAWARE
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
FLORIDA
GEORGIA
HAWAII
IDAHO
ILLINOIS
INDIANA
IOWA
KANSAS
KENTUCKY

LOUISIANA
MAINE
MARYLAND
MICHIGAN
MINNESOTA
MISSISSIPPI
MISSOURI
MONTANA
NEBRASKA
NEVADA
NEW HAMPSHIRE
NEW JERSEY
NEW MEXICO
NEW YORK
NORTH CAROLINA
ORTH DAKOTA
OKLAHOMA

OHIO
OREGON
PENNSYLVANIA
RHODE ISLAND
SOUTH CAROLINA
SOUTH DAKOTA
TENNESSEE
TEXAS

UTAH
VERMONT
VIRGINIA
WASHINGTON
WEST VIRGINIA
WISCONSIN
WYOMING

Southwestern College's current educational activities are not regulated by the following states:

CALIFORNIA
MASSACHUSETTS

For questions about State Authorization compliance, please contact:

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State Consumer Protection Agency Contacts

Alabama

Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education

Address: 135 South Union Street
Montgomery, AL 36104
Phone: 334-293-4500
Website: <http://www.accs.cc/index.cfm/students/>

Alaska

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Address: PO Box 110505
Juneau, AK 99811-0505
Phone: 907-465-2962
Website: <http://acpe.alaska.gov/>

Arkansas

Arkansas Department of Higher Education

Address: 423 Main Street, Suite 400
Little Rock, AR 72201
Phone: 501-371-2000
Website: <http://www.adhe.edu/Pages/home.aspx>

Arizona

Arizona Attorney General

Address: 1275 West Washington Street
Phoenix, AZ 85007-2926
Phone: 602-542-5025
Website: <https://www.azag.gov/contact-us>

California

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

Address: 2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833
Phone: 916.431.6959
Website: http://www.bppe.ca.gov/about_us/contact.shtml

Colorado

Colorado Department of Higher Education

Address: 1560 Broadway, Suite 1600
Denver, CO 80202
Phone: 303-866-2723
Website: <http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/DHE/contact.html>

Connecticut

Education & Employment Information Center

Address: 61 Woodland Street,
Hartford, CT 06105-2326
Phone: 800-842-0229
Website: <http://www.ctohe.org/edinfo/>

Delaware

Delaware Department of Education

Address: 401 Federal Street
(Federal & Loockerman Streets)
Dover, Delaware 19901
Phone: 302-735-4000
Website: <http://dedoe.schoolwires.net/domain/157>

Florida

Commission for Independent Education

Address: 325 W Gaines Street, Suite 1414
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400
Phone: 850-245-3200
Website: <https://prod.flbog.net:4445/pls/apex/f?p=128:5:11870167740605>
Complaint Form: http://www.flbog.edu/contact/_doc/ComplaintFormRevisedFinal.pdf

Georgia

Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Address: 2082 East Exchange Place, Suite 220
Tucker, GA 30084-5305
Phone: 770.414.3300
Website: <http://gnpec.org/consumer-resources/>

Hawaii

Department of Commerce & Consumer Affairs, Office of Consumer Protection

Address: 235 South Beretania Street, Suite 801
Honolulu, HI 96813
Phone: 808-587-3222
Website: <http://cca.hawaii.gov/contact/>

Idaho

Idaho State Board of Education

Address: 650 West State St Rm 307
Boise, ID 83702
Phone: 208-334-2632
Website: http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/contact_us.asp

Illinois

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Address: 431 East Adams Street, Second Floor
Springfield, IL 62701
Phone: 217-782-2551
Website: <http://www.ibhe.org/contactUs.htm>

Indiana

Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education

Address: Board for Proprietary Education
Indiana Commission for Higher Education
101 West Ohio Street, Suite 670
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Phone: 317.464.4400
Complaint Form: <http://www.in.gov/che/2744.htm>
Website: <http://www.in.gov/bpe/2333.htm>

Iowa

Iowa College Student Aid Commission

Address: Attn: Carolyn Small
603 E. 12th Street, FL 5th
Des Moines, IA 50319

Phone: 515-725-3400

Website: <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/constituent-request-review>

Complaint Form: <https://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/content/constituent-request-review>

Kansas

Kansas Board of Regents

Address: Private Board of Regents

1000 SW Jackson Street, Suite 520

Topeka, KS 66612-1368

Phone: 785.296.3421

Website: http://www.kansasregents.org/students/university_student_complaints

Complaint Form: http://www.kansasregents.org/state_university_student_complaint_form

Kentucky

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Address: Attn: Sarah Levy,

Director of Postsecondary Licensing

024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 320

Frankfort, KY 40601

Phone: 502-573-1555

Website: <http://cpe.ky.gov/contactus.htm>

Louisiana

Louisiana Attorney General, Office of Consumer Protection

Address: 1885 N. Third Street

Baton Rouge, LA 70802

Phone: 225-326-6079

Complaint Form: <http://www.ag.state.la.us/Complaint.aspx?articleID=16&catID=15>

Website: <http://www.ag.state.la.us/Article.aspx?articleID=28&catID=0>

Maine

Maine Department of Education

Address: Maine DOE

23 State House Station

Augusta, ME 04333-0023

Phone: 207-624-6600

Website: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/contact/index.shtml>

Maryland

Maryland Higher Education Commission

6 North Liberty Street

Baltimore, MD 21201

Phone: 410-767-3300

Website: <http://www.mhec.state.md.us/highered/about/Contact%20Us.asp>

Maryland Attorney General

Consumer Protection Division

200 St. Paul St.,
Baltimore, MD 21202
Phone: 410-528-8662/888-743-0823
Website: <http://www.oag.state.md.us/consumer/>

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Board of Higher Education

Address: One Ashburton Place, Room 1401
Boston, MA 02108
Phone: 617-994-6950
Complaint Form: <http://www.mass.edu/forstudents/complaints/complaintform.asp>
Website: <http://www.mass.edu/about/contactus.asp>

Michigan

Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Bureau of Commercial Services

Address: Office of Postsecondary Services
Proprietary School Unit
2501 Woodlake Circle
Okemos MI 48864
Phone: 517-241-3323
Website: <http://www.michigan.gov/ag/0,4534,7-164-17331---,00.html>
Complaint Form: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ag/Consumer_Complaint_Form_346645_7.pdf

Minnesota

Minnesota Office of Higher Education

Address: 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55108-5227
Phone: 651-642-0567
Website: <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/sPages/oheContact.cfm>
Complaint Form: <http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=1078>

Mississippi

Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation

Address: 3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, MS 39211
Phone: 601-432-6647
Website: <http://www.mississippi.edu/contact/>
Complaint Form: <http://www.mississippi.edu/mcca/downloads/studentcomplaintform.pdf>

Missouri

Missouri Department of Higher Education

Address: 205 Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 1469
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1469
Phone: 573-751-2361
Website: <http://www.dhe.mo.gov/contactus.php>

Montana

Montana Department of Justice, Office of Consumer Protection

Address: 2225 11th Ave.

PO Box 200151

Helena, MT 59620-0141

Phone: 406-444-4500

Complaint Form: <https://app.doj.mt.gov/apps/Oscar/default.aspx>

Website: <https://doj.mt.gov/consumer/consumer-complaints/>

Nebraska

Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Address: 140 N. 8th Street

Suite 300

Lincoln, NE 68508

Phone: 402-471-2847

Complaint Form: <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/student-complaints-against-postsecondary-institutions>

Website: <https://ccpe.nebraska.gov/contact-us>

Nevada

Commission of Postsecondary Education

Address: 8778 South Maryland Parkway Suite 115

Las Vegas, Nevada 89123

Phone: 702-486-7330

Website: <http://www.cpe.state.nv.us/CPE%20Complaint%20Info.htm>

New Hampshire

Department of Education- Division of Higher Education- Higher Education Commission

Address: 101 Pleasant Street

Concord, NH 03301

Phone: 603-271-0256

Website: <http://www.education.nh.gov/highered/>

New Jersey

New Jersey Department of Education via Division of One-Stop Coordination and Support

Address: P.O. Box 542

Trenton, NJ 08625-0542

Phone: 609.292.4310

New Mexico

New Mexico Higher Education Department

Address: 2048 Galisteo

Santa Fe, NM 87505

Phone: 505-476-8400
Website: <http://hed.state.nm.us/>

New York

New York State Education Department, Office of College and University Evaluation

Address: 89 Washington Ave
Room 969 EBA
Albany, NY 12234
Phone: 518-474-2593
Website: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/ocue/contact.htm>
Complaint Form: <http://www.highered.nysed.gov/ocue/spr/COMPLAINTFORMINFO.html>

North Carolina

Post-Secondary Education Complaints, c/o Assistant Director of Licensure and Workforce Studies, University of North Carolina General Administration

Address: 910 Raleigh Road
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Phone: 919-962-4558
Website: studentcomplaint@northcarolina.edu. The individual may contact UNC General Administration for further details.

North Dakota

Office of Attorney General, Consumer Protection and Antitrust Division

Address: Gateway Professional Center
1050 East Interstate Avenue, Ste. 200
Bismarck, ND 58503
Phone: 701-328-5570
Website: <http://www.nd.gov/cte/>

Ohio

Ohio Board of Regents

Address: 25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Phone: 614-466-6000
Website: <https://www.ohiohighered.org/contact-us>

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Address: 655 Research Parkway, Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
Phone: 405-225-9100
Complaint Form: <http://www.okhighered.org/resources/Student-Complaint-Form/>
Website: <https://www.okhighered.org/>

Oregon

Oregon Student Assistance Commission, Office of Degree Authorization

Address: 1500 Valley River Drive, Suite 100,
Eugene, OR 97401
Phone: 800-452-8807
Website: <http://oregonstudentaid.gov/oda.aspx>

Pennsylvania

Division of Higher and Career Education, Pennsylvania Department of Education

Address: 333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126
Phone: 717-783-6788
Complaint Form: <http://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/College%20and%20Career%20Education/Pages/Students-Complaints.aspx>
Website: <http://www.education.pa.gov/Postsecondary-Adult/College%20and%20Career%20Education/Pages/Students-Complaints.aspx>

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Board of Governors for Higher Education

Address: Shepard Bldg. Suite 524
80 Washington Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: 401-456-6000
Website: <http://www.ribghe.org/contact.htm>

South Carolina

SC Commission on Higher Education

Address: 1122 Lady Street, Suite 300,
Columbia, SC 29201
Phone: 803-737-2260
Website: <http://www.che.sc.gov/>
Complaint Form: http://www.che.sc.gov/Portals/0/CHE_Docs/academicaffairs/license/complaint_procedures_and_for_m.pdf

South Dakota

South Dakota Office of the Attorney General, Division of Consumer Protection

Address: 1302 E Hwy 14 Suite 1
Pierre SD 57501-8501
Phone: 605-773-3215
Website: <http://atg.sd.gov/Consumers.aspx>

Tennessee

Tennessee Higher Education Commission

Address: 404 James Robertson Parkway, Suite 1900
Nashville, TN 37243-0830
Phone: 615-741-3605
Website: <http://www.tn.gov/thec/article/consumer-services>
Complaint Form: <http://www.tn.gov/assets/entities/thec/attachments/ComplaintForm.pdf>

Texas

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, Academic Affairs and Research

Address: 1200 E. Anderson Lane, Austin, TX 78752 - P.O. Box 12788
Austin, TX 78711-2788
Phone: 512-427-6101
Website: <http://www.thecb.state.tx.us/?objectid=911FED6C-BB8D-FCDF-F1C1A57902BFB8F1>

Utah

Utah Division of Consumer Protection

Address: 160 East 300 South, 2nd Floor
PO Box 146704
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6704
Phone: 801-530-6601
Website: <http://www.dcp.utah.gov/consumerinfo/>
Complaint Form: <http://consumerprotection.utah.gov/complaints/index.html>

Vermont

Department of Education

Address: 120 State Street
Montpelier, VT 05620-2501
Phone: 802-828-3135
Website: <http://education.vermont.gov/new/html/maincontact.html>
Complaint Form: http://education.vermont.gov/documents/EDU-Complaint_Resolution_Statement_for_Postsecondary_Education_Matters.pdf

Virginia

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia

Address: 101 N. 14TH St., 10TH FL
James Monroe Building
Richmond, VA 23219
Phone: 804-225-2600
Complaint Form: <http://www.schev.edu/results-page?indexCatalogue=full%2Dsite%2Dsearch&searchQuery=complaint&wordsMode=0>
Website: <http://www.schev.edu/index/agency-info/contact-us>

Washington

Washington State Office of the Attorney General

Address: 1125 Washington St SE
P.O. Box 40100
Olympia, WA 98504-0100

Phone: 360-753-6200

Website: <http://www.atq.wa.gov/file-complaint#Complaint>

West Virginia

West Virginia Council for Community and Technical College Education

Address: 1018 Kanawha Blvd E, Suite 700

Charleston, WV 25301-2800

Phone: 304-558-0265

Website: <http://www.wvctcs.org/>

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Education Approval Board

Address: 201 West Washington Ave., 3rd Floor

Madison, WI 53703

Phone: 608-266-1996

Complaint Form: <http://eab.state.wi.us/resources/forms/3.01.pdf>

Website: <http://eab.state.wi.us/resources/contact.asp>

Wyoming

Wyoming Department of Education

Address: 2300 Capitol Avenue, Hathaway Building, 2nd Floor

Cheyenne, WY 82002-0050

Phone: 307-777-7690

Website: <http://edu.wyoming.gov/downloads/schools/student-complaint-process.pdf>

Complaint Form: <http://edu.wyoming.gov/downloads/schools/student-complaint-form.pdf>