SARA Update
State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements for Distance Education

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I'm not sure I understand SARA
SARA Member States

The District of Columbia and U.S. Virgin Islands are also SARA members.

The Current SARA Landscape

SARA Participating Institutions
What SARA Doesn’t Cover….

- Professional licensure board requirements.
- Secretary of State registration.
- "Agent for Service of Process" applications.
- Workers’ Compensation Insurance.
- Physical locations to offer instruction.
- Providing office space for faculty or staff.
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(SARA Manual Section 5: Coverage and Limitations of SARA)
Do You Know Where Your Students Are?

2018 Enrollment Reports

The 2018 Enrollment Data Reporting period will be May 21 - June 11

• All SARA institutions are required to participate in enrollment reporting.
• The 2018 NC-SARA Enrollment Data Reporting Guide, Placement Reporting Guide and Data Sharing Agreement are available on the NC-SARA website.
• The 2018 Guides provide an expanded FAQs section.
• Webinar on Data Reporting is on the NC-SARA website.

Learning Placements

• New (but voluntary) reporting for 2018, possibly required in 2019
  • Report placements that:
    • Are outside the "home state" of the SARA institution;
    • Involve the physical presence of the student at the out-of-state location(s);
    • Are required for degree completion (a requirement of the student’s major, rather than a general institutional requirement) or professional licensure;
    • Carried out under the provisions of a formal agreement between the institution and the placement location; and
    • Started between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017.
Learning Placements (continued)

- Placements that meet the stated criteria should be reported as follows:
  - Report unduplicated headcounts;
  - Disaggregated by two-digit CIP code; and
  - Disaggregated by the state in which the placement was made.

- Example: Three University of Texas at El Paso nursing students each do a single clinical rotation at each of two hospitals in Las Cruces, New Mexico and one rotation at a hospital in Phoenix, Arizona. UTEP would report three placements in New Mexico and three placements in Arizona, all under CIP code 51.

Why?

- To meet commitments made to states and the state regulator community during the development of SARA;
- To include SARA-covered, on-the-ground learning activities in the counting of students benefiting from SARA provisions;
- To help institutions deal with obligations related to professional licensure and their related notifications to students;
- To support institutional compliance with coming federal regulations affecting institutions' ability to participate in federal Title IV student assistance programs.

SARA News

- Student and Institution Support
  - Additional online resources (spring 2018)
  - Redesign of website (summer 2018)
  - Former SHEEO "State Surveys"
    - Joint Project with WCET/SAN
    - (late spring 2018)
  - Revised process forms (January 2018)
SARA News…continued

• Proposed searchable database of academic programs offered by SARA institutions (see blog at www.nc-sara.org)
• Coming events affecting state authorization
  • July 2018 federal rules?
  • “Dear Colleague” letter?
  • Repeal?
  • Delay implementation? Another neg-reg?
  • State’s authorization requirements & SARA remain
• HEA reauthorization

SARA Resources

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