



NC-SARA Update 

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Agenda 

- National SARA Landscape
- U.S. Dept. of Education Regulations and NC-SARA
- Data Reporting
- Upcoming SARA projects:
 - NC-SARA website
 - the Searchable Catalog of Programs
 - The Guide
- Questions and Discussion

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National SARA Landscape 

SARA a Negotiated Compromise

- Institutions' goals
- Regulators' concerns
- Others:
 - Accreditors
 - Regional compacts
 - National commission



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National SARA Landscape

1960 Participating Institutions

49 States, 2 Territories, and 1 District

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National SARA Landscape

States are members of SARA – they agree to:

- Follow uniform processes for approving their eligible institutions' participation in SARA.
- Deal with other states' SARA institutions in a common way.
- Have a comprehensive state process for consumer protection in regard to SARA activities.
- Designate of "lead entity" to coordinate SARA policies for the state.

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National SARA Landscape

Institutions are participants in SARA – they agree to:


- Follow SARA policies.
- Abide by the C-RAC Guidelines.
- Be responsible for the actions of any third-party providers.
- Work with their home state's SARA portal entity to resolve any student complaints.
- Provide data necessary to monitor SARA activities.
- Notify in writing all students in a course or program that customarily leads to professional licensure.

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USDE Regulations & SARA

Federal Negotiated Rulemaking: State Authorization

- Eligibility to disburse federal financial aid is tied to the institution having approval of each state in which it serves students. This can be achieved by getting approval directly from the state or by participation in a reciprocity agreement.
- State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement definition remains the same as the delayed final 2016 regulation language.




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Data Reporting - Enrollment

Why is data collection important?

- Mission of SARA
- Transparency:
 - Who is enrolling online students
 - Where online students are located
 - Reports & data on website




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Data Reporting - Enrollment

Number of Institutions Reporting

Year	Number of Institutions Reporting	% Increase from Prior Year
2016	867	
2017	1,477	70.4%
2018	1,791	21.3%



99.3% **Response Rate**

Number of Enrollments

Year	Reported SARA Enrollment	Reported Non-SARA Enrollment	Reported Total Enrollment	% Change from Prior Year Total Enrollment
2016	697,618	159,685	857,303	
2017	970,548	200,177	1,170,725	36.6%
2018	1,084,008	141,014	1,225,022	4.6%

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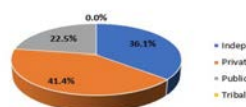
Data Reporting - Enrollment



Enrollments by Sector - % Change

Sector	2017 Total Reported Enrollment	2018 Total Reported Enrollment	Change in Enrollment	% Change in Enrollment
Public	202,707	275,518	72,811	35.9%
Private Non-Profit	385,978	403,511	17,533	4.5%
Independent/For-Profit	582,040	545,987	(36,053)	-6.2%
Tribal	0	6	6	0.0%
Totals	1,170,725	1,225,022	54,297	4.6%


Reported Enrollment by Sector



- Independent/For-Profit
- Private Non-Profit
- Public
- Tribal


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Data Reporting Out-of-State Learning Placements




Out-of-State Learning Placements-clinical rotations, student teaching, internships

- Voluntary for 2018. Required for 2019
- Important parts of many academic programs
- Number/extent of such placements are of interest:
 - Educators
 - Practitioners
 - Licensing Bodies
 - State Regulators



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Data Reporting Out-of-State Learning Placements



How to Report:

- Report unduplicated headcounts.
- Disaggregated by two-digit CIP code:

CIP
codes

 - The Classification of Instructional Programs provides a taxonomic scheme that supports the accurate tracking and reporting of fields of study and program completions activity.
 - 47 two-digit CIP codes (Program Areas).
- Disaggregated by the state in which the placement was made.

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Data Reporting Out-of-State Learning Placements



2018 Summary:

- 297 institutions reported student placements
- 16% of SARA participating institutions reported
- 32,931 total placements reported
- We got a lot of feedback:
 - Comments on Webform
 - WCET Annual Meeting – Working Session
 - State Portals/Regional Directors

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Data Reporting



New and Notable for 2019:

- *2019 Data Reporting Handbook* provides guidance and reporting instructions
- Reporting Window: **May 14-June 4, 2019**
- Report Enrollment in the Home State
- Report Out-of-State Learning Placements (OOSLP)
- Enrollment Form Includes All Territories
- Use Comments Fields

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Upcoming SARA Projects – NC-SARA Website



**The New NC-SARA Website
Coming Soon!**

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Upcoming SARA Projects – Searchable Catalog

The Searchable Catalog of Programs

- Board Approved – May 2018
- NC-SARA Catalog Convening – February 2019
- Web Site Launch – June 2019

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Upcoming SARA Projects – The Guide

The State Authorization Guide – A joint project with WCET-SAN and NC-SARA

The Guide is a collection of state laws, regulations, and requirements for institutions serving out-of-state students:

- Working on uploading the surveys to the website
- Feedback on survey to regulators – Summer 2019
- 34 States have completed!

“The Guide”

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Upcoming SARA Projects – The Guide



The following 34 states have provided updated information:

Alabama	Illinois	Oklahoma
Alaska	Indiana	Oregon
Arizona	Kansas	Pennsylvania
Arkansas	Kentucky	Puerto Rico
California	Maine	Rhode Island
Colorado	Massachusetts	South Carolina
District of Columbia	Mississippi	Tennessee
Georgia	Nebraska	Utah
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Virginia
Idaho	New Jersey	Washington
	New Mexico	West Virginia
	Ohio	Wyoming



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The State Authorization Guide
An NC-SARA and WCTGAN Collaboration
A comprehensive tool to browse State Authorization Compliance information quickly and easily.

Start with a State
Contact about compliance from a specific state or state?

Start with a Topic
Contact about a specific topic across one or more states?

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Upcoming SARA Projects – The Guide


Illinois Board of Higher Education

Stamp Date

Survey Questions

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