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What is State Authorization?

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Overview of State Authorization

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Overview of Professional Licensure Disclosure Requirements

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What is covered by federal regulations?

- Any program that leads to professional licensure
 - Designed to meet educational requirements
 - For a specific professional license/certification
 - Licensure is a requirement for employment in that field
 - Completion of the program is sufficient to meet state licensure requirements
 - Is advertised as meeting such requirements
- In any state (students move)
- Includes
 - Distance ed
 - Face to face programs
- 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v)
- 34 CFR 668.43(c)



What is required by federal regulations?

- **General disclosure** listing by state if the licensure program curriculum:
 - *Meets* educational requirements
 - *Doesn't meet* educational requirements
 - Institution has *not made a determination* if the program meets educational requirements in that state
- Institution is allowed to select the format for the disclosures on its website



What is required by federal regulations?

- **Direct disclosure** to applicant prior to enrollment when the licensure program, by state :
 - *Doesn't meet* educational requirements
 - Institution has *not made a determination* if the program meets educational requirements in that state
- Direct disclosure to enrolled student if the program doesn't meet or changes to doesn't meet
 - Within 14 calendar days of determination
- Email is acceptable



What is required by federal regulations?

- **Institutional policy** on student location/relocation
- May be requested by ED
- Details of the policy are not dictated by ED



SARA Policy

- Is critical for institution to be familiar with the policy Manual

- [SARA Policy Manual 21.1.pdf \(nc-sara.org\)](#)

- Section 5.2, Programs Leading to Professional Licensure

SARA has no effect on state professional licensing requirements. Any institution approved to participate in SARA that offers courses or programs designed to lead to professional licensure or certification or advertised as leading to licensure must **satisfy all federal requirements** for disclosures regarding such professional licensure programs under 34 §C.F.R. 668.43. For SARA purposes, these requirements will also apply to non-Title IV institutions.



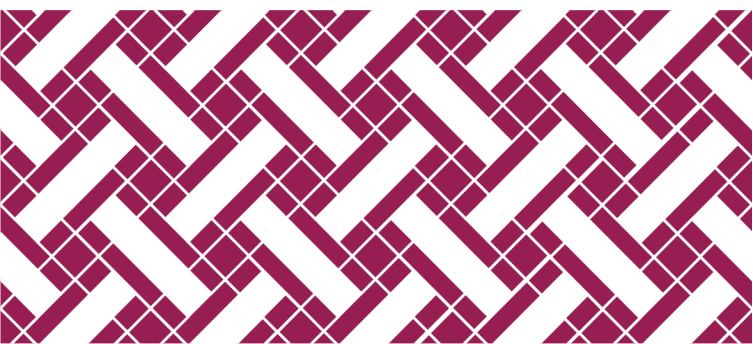
What is required by SARA policy?

- Additional disclosure requirements for those programs that *do not meet* educational requirements or the institution *does not know*
 - Must also provide relevant and current professional board contact information for the state where student/applicant is located
 - Advisement to student/applicant to make their own determination
- Institution required to *make all reasonable efforts*



Professional Licensure Resources

- NC-SARA Website
 - [Professional Licensure Directory | NC-SARA](#)
- State Authorization Network
 - [Professional Licensure \(wiche.edu\)](#)



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