



National Council for
State Authorization
Reciprocity Agreements

NC-SARA Data Advisory Committee 2025

Purpose:

The purpose of the NC-SARA Data Advisory Committee is to collaborate with and advise NC-SARA about data and research needs; to make recommendations on reporting requirements; to consider data reporting comments/questions submitted by states and institutions during the reporting period; to provide direction on potential research projects; and to act as a sounding board on data issues in general. The Committee serves in an advisory capacity to NC-SARA, with virtual meetings three times per year and possible conversations by email in between.

Committee Members:

- NC-SARA Conveners: **Rachel Christeson, Terri Taylor-Straut**
- **Sara Appel**, Regional Director, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)
- **Emily Bjornberg**, Senior Consultant, Connecticut Office of Higher Education
- **Terina Caserto**, Senior Analyst, Academic and Student Affairs Nevada System of Higher Education
- **Alexandra Chaillou**, Associate Director, Institution Review, Maryland Higher Education Commission
- **Cheryl Dowd**, Senior Director, State Authorization Network & WCET Policy Innovations, WCET
- **Christopher Fagan**, Associate General Counsel, University of Phoenix
- **Michael Gibson**, Associate Dean for Online Learning, Snead State Community College
- **Mitch Gilbert**, Director of Regulatory Affairs, Western Governors University
- **Molly Hall-Martin**, Director, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
- **Anna Hollis**, Manager at Global Education Outreach, University of Texas, Arlington
- **Claire Jenson**, Senior Director of Institutional Effectiveness & Accreditation, Bay Path University
- **Nichole Petersen**, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness, Century College
- **Kristina Powers**, Ph.D., President, Institute for Effectiveness
- **Ken Sauer**, Ph.D., Executive Director, Indiana Board for Proprietary Education, Senior Associate Commissioner and Chief Academic Officer, Indiana Commission for Higher Education
- Invited guests / ad hoc members as agenda determines (TBD)