
NC-SARA's April 2025 SARA SPE Newsletter



Dear SARA State Portal Entities,

I look forward to seeing many of you at the NASASPS Annual Conference later this month and learning about the engagement of SARA SPEs with colleagues in the SARA community. Thank you for your ongoing commitment to SARA. At NC-SARA, we are currently preparing for our May Board Meeting and advancing several initiatives to support the important work within the SARA network.

In this month's newsletter, you will find information about:

New this month

- Update on SARA Institutional Closures Working Group
- Updated SARA Institution Application Effective July 1, 2025
- 2025 NC-SARA Data Reporting

Action Items

- State SARA Student Complaint Process Information
- Upcoming Events and Webinars: Save the Dates!

Reminders

- ICYMI
- SPE Resources Reminders:
 - SPE Website
 - SPE Advisory Committee Notes
 - SPE Essential Duties

Thank you for taking the time to review these important items!

Marianne

Update on SARA Institutional Closures Working Group

The [SARA Institutional Closures Working Group](#) was created to consider SARA-wide institutional closure requirements that will allow for a strategic, structured,

and transparent process for managing closures of SARA-participating institutions, prioritizing the interests of students while ensuring regulatory compliance and maintaining institutional integrity. To be more effective, the group decided to break up into three subcommittees: teach-out plans/agreements, financial arrangements, and academic records (records retention). The subcommittees meet regularly, and the teach-out agreement subcommittee has submitted a proposal ([PMP25-0746](#)) for the 2025 SARA Policy Modification Process.

Updated SARA Institution Application Effective July 1, 2025

The Application and Approval Form for Institution Participation in SARA has been updated and will be effective July 1, 2025. The application has been updated to reflect the pending effective date of PMP24-0630 approved during the 2024 PMP cycle regarding “professional licensure disclosure requirements”, as well as minor administrative changes. For reference, the new policy can be found in the [SARA Policy Manual](#) subsection 5.2 Programs leading to professional licensure.

As a courtesy, we are providing the final version on the [SPE website](#) under News & Announcements now so those who may need to revise their own electronic systems to reflect the changes to align with the July 1, 2025, implementation date can do so. To easily identify the latest updates and changes to the application, you will also find a redline version on the SPE website, which will also be publicly posted to the [Applications and Approval Forms NC-SARA](#) webpage under the new application in mid-May.

Institutions should continue to use the current application on the [Applications and Approval Forms NC-SARA](#) webpage until June 30, 2025. Please email any questions to info@nc-sara.org.

2025 NC-SARA Data Reporting

It's almost time for the SARA annual data collection/reporting. The SARA data reporting window this year will be **May 15 – June 15**. All SARA institution contacts will receive an email notification from NC-SARA with a hyperlink to complete their data report. No action is required on the part of the State Portal Entities to initially notify institutions. NC-SARA will also send out an email to SPEs and regional compact staff on Monday, June 16, 2025, asking SPEs to follow up with any institution that has not yet reported.

Please reach out to data@nc-sara.org with any data-related questions. We'll be reaching out again soon with more details on the data reporting process for this year.

Stay Tuned! State SARA Student Complaint Process Information

All SPEs will receive an email from Survey Monkey the week of April 21, 2025, with a survey link regarding State SARA Student Complaint Process Information. You'll be asked to complete the survey by May 19, 2025. Please reach out to Sarah Levy at slevy@nc-sara.org if you have any questions about the survey.

Upcoming Events and Webinars: Save the Dates!

2025 SARA Policy Modification Process Public Forum

Date: Friday, April 25, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mountain Time

NC-SARA will host a Public Forum for this year's cycle of the Policy Modification Process (PMP). During the forum, individuals or organizations who have

submitted proposals to modify SARA Policy will have the opportunity to present their proposals publicly. Presenters will respond to questions submitted by viewers during the forum. This webinar will be recorded. The recording and slides will be posted on the NC-SARA website after the forum.

ICYMI

Tuesday Topic: Federal and State Requirements for Professional Licensure: A Workshop for Higher Education Institutions & States

The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) and the State Authorization Network (SAN) co-hosted a workshop on Tuesday, March 28, 2025. During the workshop, institutional responsibilities when offering programs that lead to a professional license or certification were reviewed. Discussions included the federal regulations for all institutions to certify the institution satisfies state educational requirements where the institution is located and location of distance education students as well as required public and direct disclosures for the programs to be eligible for Title IV aid. Also discussed was state agency coordination regarding program approvals and SARA Policy responsibilities to provide disclosures as directed by federal regulation. The webinar recording, slides, and professional licensure resources are available on the [NC-SARA website](#) and the [SPE website](#).

SPE Resources Reminders:

Whether you're new to the SARA community or just need a refresher, we want to remind you that the following resources are available to you on the [SPE website](#):

- **SPE Advisory Committee Notes** – This page contains information about and meeting notes from the SPE Advisory Committee.
- **SPE Essential Duties** – This document, created in partnership with SPEs, describes the essential duties of SARA State Portal Entity Staff. It can be found on the SPE website by selecting “Training” then “SPE Onboarding and Offboarding”.



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