

State Authorization Agency Regulation Chart

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The information in this chart is current as of March 30, 2026. Thereafter, if a State Authorization Agency contacts NC-SARA with an update, the chart will be revised.

The primary source of information included in the chart is email responses received from State Authorization Agencies as requested by Sarah Levy, NC-SARA's Senior Director, Policy & Regulatory Affairs.

In cases where NC-SARA did not receive an email response from a State Authorization Agency, we used other sources of information for this chart, including state law, responses previously provided by the State Authorization Agency for the [State Authorization Guide](#), and/or the agency's webpage.

The approach taken for this chart is to err on the side of caution. Accordingly, if there is a possibility the answer could be "Yes," the chart will reflect "Yes." As one example, in instances where a state has more than one State Authorization Agency, if any agency is a "Yes," the chart will reflect "Yes."

In addition, this chart is meant to capture "Yes" in column B only if a state regulates exclusively out-of-state distance education (meaning the state regulates an out-of-state institution for merely enrolling a student into a distance education program).

In all cases, institutions should contact the State Authorization Agency directly to confirm the agency's requirements.

If you are a State Authorization Agency and have a change to your state's information in this chart, please contact NC-SARA at info@nc-sara.org.

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State	Regulate exclusively out-of-state distance education?	Regulate placements? If possibility it could be a Yes	Regulate out-of-state public institutions?
Alabama	Yes	Yes	No
Alaska	Yes	No	Yes
Arizona	No	No	No
Arkansas	Yes	Yes - if part of online program No - if the institution is only allowing students to do the clinicals in Arkansas, and no online instruction.	Yes
California	Yes - if for-profit institution	No	Yes - if physical presence in the state. See CEC 94949.8
Colorado	No	Yes - Authorization for Field Placements. An institution that intends to place more than ten students from the same program at one site to meet a field experience requirement must receive formal authorization for field placements from the Commission	Yes
Connecticut	Yes	Yes - if part of online program because regulate exclusively out-of-state distance education Do not authorize instruction offered exclusively through internships, externships, student teaching, clinical placements, field placements and/or practical experience.	Yes
Delaware	Yes	No	Yes
District of Colum	Yes	Yes - if part of online program because included as part of that license for the institution Yes - conditional exemptions for approval for internships/clinicals (not license) 38-1310	Yes
Florida	No	No	Yes
Georgia	Yes	No - unless the institution's own employee is directly supervising it	Yes
Hawaii	No	Yes - if more than ten students from an institution are physically present simultaneously at a single field site	Yes
Idaho	No	Yes - where eleven (11) or more students of the institution are physically present simultaneously at a single field site for medical/osteopathic education clinical instruction No - if Internship or cooperative training programs occurring in the state of Idaho where students are employed by or provide services to a business or company in this state and receive course credit from an institution related to such activities	Yes
Illinois	No	No - if meet requirements for distance education exemption	Yes
Indiana	Yes	Yes - if more than ten students from institution are physically and simultaneously present at a single field site	Yes

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Iowa	Yes	Yes - if part of online program Yes - if rest of program is taught on school's campus outside of Iowa, and the institution compensates the person who provides instruction or supervision at the Iowa placement location	Yes
Kansas	Yes	Yes - if part of online program because regulate exclusively out-of-state distance education Otherwise, placements reviewed on case-by-case basis	Yes
Kentucky	No	Yes	Yes
Louisiana	No	Yes	Yes
Maine	No	Yes - depends on who initiates the relationship between the student and their internship/clinical host: if institution enters an ongoing relationship with an in-state host by which a set number of students from an institution can be placed with that host each year	Yes
Maryland	No	Yes - if: Have more than ten students, in a single program, placed simultaneously at one site in the State in a supervised internship, practicum, or field experience as a required part of a degree or certificate program, unless the internship, practicum, or field experience: (i) Is arranged and administered by a national placement center; (ii) Occurs at the National Institutes of Health, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or another federal agency that, in the determination of the Secretary, recruits students nationwide from eligible academic programs, regardless of the student's specific institution of higher education; or (iii) In the determination of the Secretary, has de minimus contacts with Maryland and is subject to the sufficient oversight of another regulatory body or government agency.	Yes
Massachusetts	No	No	Yes
Michigan	Yes	No	Yes
Minnesota	Yes	No	Yes
Mississippi	Yes	Yes	Yes
Missouri	Yes - if out-of-state public institution	Yes - if part of online program No - if part of non-online program based in another state to have placements in MO if ad-hoc and student specific Yes - if part of non-online program based in another state to have placements in MO and the experience is part of an ongoing contract between a non-Missouri institution and a Missouri-based entity	Yes
Montana	Yes	Yes - if part of online program because regulate exclusively out-of-state distance education No - if part of non-online program based in another state to have placements in Montana - Internships or clinicals alone do not trigger state authorization requirements	Yes
Nebraska	No (Yes if for-profit below bachelor's degree)	Yes - number of placements per location	Yes

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Nevada	No - if complete exemption for distance education	No	No
New Hampshire	No	Yes	Yes
New Jersey	No	No - if the student-supervisor relationship is conducted on a 1:1 basis and the supervisor is not a permanent employee of the institution	Yes
New Mexico	Yes - unless exempt per 5.99.1.10	Yes - Under certain condition including if the institution certifies that the number of students will be at most 10 from an individual academic program at an experiential learning site in New Mexico during a full-term (quarter or semester) the institution may be exempt from obtaining Distance Education Authorization (DEA). The department may allow an institution to maintain an exemption from DEA and increase maximum student placements beyond the threshold of 10 students if certain factors are met. An institution that seeks to place more students at an experiential learning site than permitted pursuant to Paragraph (3) of Subsection A of 5.99.1.11 NMAC and does not obtain express approval by the department pursuant to Section B of 5.99.1.11 NMAC must obtain DEA pursuant to 5.99.1.12 NMAC See 5.99.1.11	Yes
New York	Yes	No. However, any proposed field experience that intersects with areas of licensed professional practice in New York State, may require approval from the New York State Office of Professions. https://www.op.nysed.gov/professions-index	Yes
North Carolina	Yes	Yes	Yes
North Dakota	Yes	Yes - if a qualified institution per Policy 470 Section 6 and 7 enrolls more than 10 students from an individual academic program placed simultaneously at one clinical or practicum site. No - for all other institutions whose only physical presence in ND consists of students enrolled in practicums, internships, clinicals, or student teaching.	Yes
Ohio	No	Yes If it is part of a distance education program? YES If it is part of a non-online program at the institution's campus outside the State Authorization Agency's state and the placement will take place in the State Authorization Agency's state? YES	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	No. Reporting only required.	Yes
Oregon	Yes	Yes, direct authorization is required to place more than 10 students at any one site.	Yes
Pennsylvania	No	Yes - if physical presence established (The operation of an entity that offers courses, programs, or degrees or maintains a campus, or an administrative, corporate or other address, including a post office box, telephone number, recruiters, instructors, advertising in local media and publications at a location in this Commonwealth), or if compensation is provided to the preceptor.	Yes
Puerto Rico	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	Yes	Yes
South Carolina	No	No	Yes

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South Dakota	No	No - if the institution has already obtained all the necessary professional and licensure approvals necessary to conduct the learning opportunity in the state, and that only ten students from each institution are physical present simultaneously at a single field site	Yes
Tennessee	No	Yes - if your institution initiates an arrangement with any individual, business, organization, or entity located in Tennessee for the purpose of providing a supervised field experience opportunity and requires students to select a training site from a list maintained by the institution, your institution is creating a physical presence.	Yes
Texas	No	Yes	Yes
U.S. Virgin Island	No	No	No
Utah	Yes	Yes - if part of online program because regulate exclusively out-of-state distance education No - if part of non-online program based in another state to have placements in UT if meets the definitions of field trip and supervised field experience (if does not meet the definitions of field trip and supervised field experience, then would need to register)	No
Vermont	No	Yes. Physical presence does not include an in-state practicum, internship, clinicals, mentorship or teaching experience as long as it is not compensated by the institution; however, if the institution compensates individuals or organizations to provide these services to students within Vermont boundaries it would trigger physical presence.	Yes
Virginia	Yes	Yes - if part of online program because regulate exclusively out-of-state distance education No - if part of non-online program based in another state to have placements in VA	Yes
Washington	No	Yes - if part of online program No - if part of non-online program based in another state to have placements in Washington	Yes
West Virginia	No	Yes	Yes
Wisconsin	No	No	No
Wyoming	Yes	Yes - if part of online program because regulate exclusively out-of-state distance education Yes - if part of non-online program based in another state to have placements in Wyoming	Yes