

Professional Licensure And SARA

Warren County Community College WCCC participates in The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), which is a private nonprofit organization [501(c)(3)] that helps expand students' access to educational opportunities and ensure more efficient, consistent, and effective regulation of distance education programs. This organization regulates on-line learning and allows students attending only distance education courses from outside of New Jersey to be accredited by Warren County Community College and have reciprocity with other states.

As part of this participation, WCCC agrees to provide notifications to students related to professional licensure. 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, institutions that are unable, after all reasonable efforts, to determine whether a program will meet state professional licensure requirements shall provide the student or applicant with current contact information for any applicable licensing boards, and advise the student or applicant to determine whether the program meets requirements for Licensure in the State where the student is located.

What this language means is that WCCC will advise students prior to entering any program that results in licensure that is offered through Distance Education that the program will or will not meet any state licensure requirements. This is necessary because some programs may not accept only distance education courses toward licensure.

At this time, WCCC **does not** offer any professionally licensed programs in a solely on-line environment so this provision does not apply.

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