

STATE AUTHORIZATION

Concordia University, Nebraska has been approved by Nebraska to participate in the [National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements \(NC-SARA\)](#) . NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education.



SARA is an agreement that permits approved institutions in member states to offer distance education outside of their state boundaries to students in other SARA member states under one set of policies and standards. If a state is not a member of SARA, institutions seeking to enroll students in the non-SARA state may be required to receive authorization from the state the student is located, according to that state's regulations. Institutions located in non-SARA states or institutions in SARA states choosing not to become an authorized institution, may be required to receive authorization from states they are seeking to offer distance education in.

Institutions are authorized to offer distance education in other SARA states by their home state portal entity. Nebraska became a SARA state August of 2014. Concordia University, Nebraska became an approved SARA institution in August of 2014. Nebraska's Portal Entity is the [Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education](#).

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

SARA does not have an effect on individual state professional licensing requirements and does not indicate certification or licensing approval. Candidates seeking certification should determine the licensure requirements in the state(s) in which they will be seeking certification before enrolling in an academic program. Written approval that this program will be acceptable for licensure by their state should be obtained prior to beginning the program.

Online and on campus teacher education programs and programs leading to licensure offered by Concordia University, Nebraska meet Nebraska requirements. Contact the State Department of Education in the state you are seeking certification or licensure before enrolling in online teacher education preparation programs at CUNE to ensure it meets requirements of the state in which certification is sought. Additional information is provided under each state link below.

STUDENT COMPLAINT PROCESS

The following procedures apply to online distance education students. Procedures for all other students are available [here](#).

Grievances pertaining to a conflict between individuals or a complaint about some particular issue should follow Concordia University, Nebraska's procedure found [here](#). If the concerns are not satisfactorily addressed, students in a [SARA](#) state should contact [Nebraska's SARA State Portal Agency](#), as indicated by the [SARA Complaint Process](#). Student grade and student conduct violation complaints follow [institutional policy](#) and are not reviewed by SARA portal agencies.

Nebraska State Portal Agency:

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Currently, California is not a SARA state. Complaint contact information is provided under their respective link below.

US States and Territories Status

Alabama	Maine	Oregon
Alaska	Maryland	Pennsylvania
Arizona	Massachusetts	Rhode Island
Arkansas	Michigan	South Carolina
California	Minnesota	South Dakota
Colorado	Mississippi	Tennessee
Connecticut	Missouri	Texas
Delaware	Montana	Utah
Florida	Nebraska	Vermont
Georgia	Nevada	Virginia
Hawaii	New Hampshire	Washington
Idaho	New Jersey	West Virginia
Illinois	New Mexico	Wisconsin
Indiana	New York	Wyoming
Iowa	North Carolina	
Kansas	North Dakota	District of Columbia
Kentucky	Ohio	Puerto Rico
Louisiana	Oklahoma	Virgin Islands

Alabama

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Teacher Education: State authorization to provide a program related to the preparation of teachers or other P-12 school/system personnel does not indicate eligibility for an Alabama certificate. Applicants for an Alabama certificate based on reciprocity must meet Alabama's test requirements and submit a valid, renewable professional educator certificate/license issued by another state at the degree level, grade level, and in the teaching field or area of instructional support for which an Alabama certificate is sought and for which Alabama issues a certificate. Applicants for Alabama certification in an area of administration must also document at least three years of full-time employment as an administrator in a P-12 school system(s). <https://www.alsde.edu>

Nursing Education: State approval of a program to offer Alabama licensed nurses opportunities for advanced degrees does not indicate eligibility for approval to practice as an advanced practice nurse in Alabama. Applicants for approval in Alabama are required to meet the Alabama requirements for national certification, graduation from a specific-type program for the advanced practice approval, and completion of the appropriate application. Any program offering a pre-licensure track to Alabama students shall meet the requirements of the Alabama regulations for pre-licensure programs of the graduates may not be eligible to take the national licensure examination required by the Alabama Board of Nursing to enter the practice. www.abn.alabama.gov

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Alaska Department of Education & Early Development, <http://www.eed.state.ak.us>

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Arizona Department of Education, <https://www.azed.gov>

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Arkansas

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Teacher Education: Arkansas students are to understand that enrollment in the educator preparation programs offered by Concordia University, Nebraska (i.e. M.Ed. Curriculum & Instruction, M.Ed. Educational Administration, M.Ed. Early Childhood, M.Ed. Literacy, M.Ed. TESOL...) requires them to

pursue teacher/ administrator licensure in Nebraska and then earn an Arkansas educator or school administrator license/endorsement by reciprocity. They are to understand that the State of Arkansas has additional course requirements in order to earn an Arkansas license in the program area or a similar program area, and that they must check the website for information on Arkansas reciprocity:

<http://www.arkansased.gov>

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California

California students can enroll in online distance education at CUNE. CUNE is not required to register with the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education as a nonpublic higher education institution that grants both undergraduate and graduate degrees, is nonprofit and is accredited by an agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, the Higher Learning Commission.

Student Complaint Contact:

Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
2535 Capitol Oaks Drive, Suite 400
Sacramento, CA 95833
Telephone: (916) 431-6959
FAX: (916) 263-1897

<http://www.bppe.ca.gov/enforcement/complaint.shtml>

Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: California Department of Education, <http://www.cde.ca.gov/index.asp>

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Colorado

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Colorado Department of Education: <http://www.cde.state.co.us>

Connecticut

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Connecticut State Department of Education, <http://www.sde.ct.gov>

Delaware

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Delaware Department of Education, <https://deeds.doe.k12.de.us>

District of Columbia

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Office of the State Superintendent of Education, <http://www.osse.dc.gov>

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Florida

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Georgia

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Hawaii

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Hawaii State Department of Education, <http://doe.k12.hi.us>

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Illinois State Board of Education, <https://www.isbe.net>

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Indiana Department of Education, <http://www.doe.in.gov>

Iowa

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Iowa Department of Education, <http://educateiowa.gov>

Kansas

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Kentucky

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Teacher Education: Concordia University, Nebraska is unable to enroll Kentucky students in online distance P-12 educator preparation programs due to requirements of Kentucky's Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB). <http://www.epsb.ky.gov/mod/page/view.php?id=12>

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Louisiana Department of Education, <https://www.louisianabelieves.com>

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Maine

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Maine Department of Education, <http://www.maine.gov/doe>

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Maryland

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Maryland State Department of Education, <http://www.marylandpublicschools.org>

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Massachusetts

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information:
Massachusetts Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, <http://www.doe.mass.edu>

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Michigan

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Michigan Department of Education, <http://www.michigan.gov/mde>

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Minnesota

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Minnesota Department of Education, <http://education.state.mn.us>

Mississippi

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Mississippi Department of Education, <http://www.mde.k12.ms.us>

Missouri

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Missouri Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, <https://dese.mo.gov>

Montana

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Montana Office of Public Instruction, <http://opi.mt.gov>

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Nebraska

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Student Complain Contact:

Please reference CUNE's grievance page [here](#).

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Nevada Department of Education, <http://www.doe.nv.gov>

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New Hampshire

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: New Mexico Public Education Department, <http://www.ped.state.nm.us>

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Public Schools of North Carolina, <http://www.ncpublicschools.org>

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: North Dakota Department of Public Instruction, <http://www.dpi.state.nd.us>

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Ohio

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Teacher Education: Please contact the following agency for license requirement information: Ohio Department of Education, <http://www.ode.state.oh.us>

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Pennsylvania Department of Education, <http://www.education.state.pa.us>

Puerto Rico

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Rhode Island

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South Carolina

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Tennessee

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Virgin Islands

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Washington

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