

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR STATE AUTHORIZATION RECIPROCITY AGREEMENTS (NC-SARA)

MHEC

**Midwestern
Higher Education
Compact**

WICHE

**Western Interstate
Commission for
Higher Education**

SREB

**Southern
Regional
Education Board**

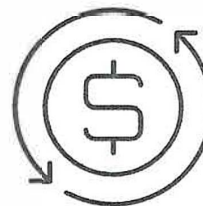
NEBHE

**New England
Board of
Higher Education**

NC-SARA CRITERIA



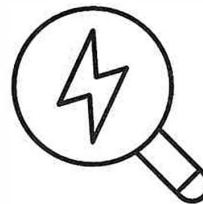
MHEC Membership



**Composite Financial
Index (CFI) Score
of 1.5 or above**




**Accreditation
recognized by the
U.S. Department of Education**



**Disclosure of adverse action
or investigations related to the
institution's academic quality,
financial stability, student consumer
protections, or state/federal compliance**

NORTH DAKOTA NC-SARA MEMBERS

									
Bismarck State College	✓	✓	✓	✓	ND State University	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dakota College at Bottineau	✓	✓	✓	✓	University of Jamestown	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dickinson State University	✓	✓	✓	✓	University of Mary	✓	✓	✓	✓
Lake Region State College	✓	✓	✓	✓	University of ND	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mayville State University	✓	✓	✓	✓	Trinity Bible College	✓	✓	✓	✓
Minot State University	✓	✓	✓	✓	VC State University	✓	✓	✓	✓
ND State College of Science	✓	✓	✓	✓	Williston State College	✓	✓	✓	✓

WHO CAN OPERATE IN ND?



14 ND Institutions

BSC, DCB
DSU, LRSC
MaSU, MiSU
NDSCS, NDSU
U of Jamestown
U of Mary
UND, Trinity Bible
VCSU, WSC



- 2,400+ online, out-of-state educational providers
- 500+ institutions offer distance education in North Dakota
- 5,000+ ND students enrolled in out-of-state courses



- Online providers not meeting NC-SARA criteria
- 40-60 providers apply annually in North Dakota
- Mostly from California
- Extremely time-consuming

Option 1. The NDUS recommends striking the following in Section 7, subsections 2 and 3:

~~2. A postsecondary educational institution that is ineligible to participate in national council for state authorization reciprocity agreements due to composite score requirements is exempt from the requirements under subsection 1 if the postsecondary educational institution:~~

~~a. Is an eligible participant in student financial aid programs under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 [Pub. L. 89-329; 79 Stat. 1219; 20 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.]; and~~

~~b. At the institution level, has a financial responsibility score calculated by an independent auditor using the methodology prescribed by the United States department of education greater than one and one-half.~~

~~3. The state board of higher education shall adopt a policy to implement this section, which may include a fee.~~

Option 2. The NDUS recommends replacing Section 7, subsections 2-3 with SBHE approved appeal in Section 7, subsection 2:

2. A postsecondary institution that is denied membership of the national council for state authorization reciprocity agreements, or if its membership is revoked or otherwise changes in a manner that impacts its eligibility to participate, may request an exemption to the requirement of subsection 1 for good cause. The state board of higher education shall adopt a policy to implement this statute, which may include a fee for such requests.

SBHE RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT