

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

MHEC

**Midwestern
Higher Education
Compact**

WICHE

**Western Interstate
Commission for
Higher Education**

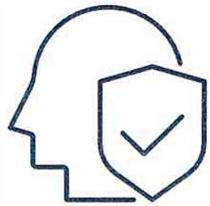
SREB

**Southern
Regional
Education Board**

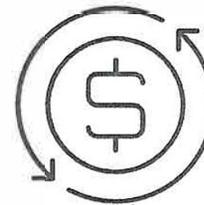
NEBHE

**New England
Board of
Higher Education**

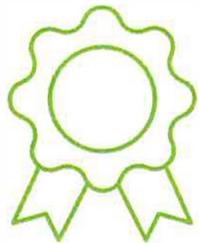
NC-SARA CRITERIA



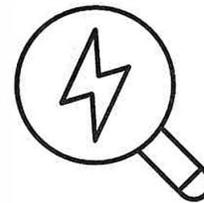
MHEC Membership



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