

State Authorization & Professional Licensure Information

Out-of-State Students Interested in Online Degree Programs and Classes from Sitting Bull College

State and federal laws require colleges and universities to obtain authorization before offering online degree programs in states other than their own.

Sitting Bull College (SBC) participates in the **State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)**, which allows SBC to offer approved online programs to students in participating states and territories.

A list of SARA member states, districts, and territories, and additional details about state authorization, can be found here:

<https://nc-sara.org/guide/state-authorization-guide>

The [National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements \(NC-SARA\)](#) supports SARA activities. SARA is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of post-secondary distance education courses and programs. The following states are members:

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

Complaint Process

Students who have concerns or complaints regarding any aspect of Sitting Bull College online courses should follow the [Student Complaint Process](#) outlined on the SBC website.

For questions related to state authorization, please contact:

Lindsey Helm, Dean of Academics

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Programs with Clinical or Practicum, or Student Teaching Requirements

Certain SBC program, including Practical Nursing, Social Work, and the Education Program require a clinical or field-based component.

- **Out of State Applicants:**
Applicants residing outside North Dakota should contact the SBC Dean of Academics **prior to enrollment** in these programs, as clinical experiences are completed primarily in **North Dakota** and, in some cases, **South Dakota**.
- **On-Campus Teacher Education Program Students:**
Students enrolled in on-campus Teacher Education programs may be required to complete all teaching practicums and student teaching placements in North or South Dakota. Program advisors will work with each student to determine specific requirements.
- **Online or Distance Teacher Education Program Students:**
Students enrolled in online and distance Teacher Education programs must verify that they can complete required practicum and student teaching placements in their home state. Please review the state-specific information provided below before enrolling.
- **Practical Nursing Program:**
Students seeking enrollment in the Practical Nursing Program must have a physical address in North or South Dakota to be considered for acceptance into the [Practical Nursing Program](#). The Sitting Bull College is approved by the North Dakota Board of Nursing; therefore, SBC is approved to offer the required clinical hours primarily in the state of North Dakota. Additional locations are secured in northern South Dakota per facility agreements.

Professional Licensure Programs

Professional licensure and certification requirements vary by state. If you are considering an academic program that leads to professional licensure, SBC strongly encourages you to contact the appropriate state licensing agency for information and guidance before enrolling in a program outside your home state.

Please note:

- State licensure requirements are subject to change. A program that currently meets educational requirements for licensure may not do so in the future if a state revises its criteria.
- Relocating to another state during your program may affect your eligibility for licensure.
- SBC academic departments and advisors are available to assist students in understanding licensure requirements outside North Dakota. Students should always consult their advisor before changing programs or moving to another state.

Licensure Programs Clarification

Authorization to offer online degree programs does not automatically imply that a program will lead to licensure or certification in every state. Students should carefully review state-specific licensure requirements for their intended field and location.

Programs Leading to Professional Licensure

Sitting Bull College's curricula for the following programs meet the educational requirements for professional licensure in **North Dakota** and **South Dakota**, and may meet requirements in other states:

- Practical Nursing
- Social Work
- Education (Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Science)

Because professional licensure and certification requirements vary from state to state, prospective and current students are strongly encouraged to seek guidance from the appropriate licensing agency in the state you plan to work before beginning an affiliated academic program.

States in which Sitting Bull College meets professional licensure requirements are presented here: [Meets State Educational Requirements for Licensure 09/22/2025](#)

Codes

Y = Meets state educational requirements N = Does not meet state education requirements

D = Determination not made NA = State does not require licensure

State	Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)	Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)	Early Childhood Education (BS)	Elementary Education (BS)	Secondary Science Education (BS)
Alabama	Y	D AL Contact	Y	Y	Y

Alaska	Y	N AK Contact	Y	Y	Y
Arizona	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Arkansas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
California	Y	N CA Contact	D CA Contact	D CA Contact	D CA Contact
Colorado	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Connecticut	Y	D CT Contact	D CT Contact	D CT Contact	D CT Contact
Delaware	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Florida	Y	N FL contact	Y	Y	Y
Georgia	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Hawaii	Y	D HI Contact	Y	Y	Y
Idaho	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Illinois	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Indiana	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Iowa	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kansas	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Kentucky	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Louisiana	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Maine	Y	D ME Contact	Y	Y	Y
Maryland	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Massachusetts	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Michigan	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Minnesota	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mississippi	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Missouri	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Montana	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nebraska	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Nevada	Y	N NV Contact	Y	Y	Y
New Hampshire	Y	D NH Contact	Y	Y	Y
New Jersey	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
New Mexico	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
New York	Y	Y	D NY Contact	D NY Contact	D NY Contact
North Carolina	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
North Dakota	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Ohio	Y	Y	D OH Contact	D OH Contact	D OH Contact

Oklahoma	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Oregon	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Pennsylvania	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rhode Island	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
South Carolina	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
South Dakota	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Tennessee	Y	N TN Contact	Y	Y	Y
Texas	Y	D TX Contact	Y	Y	Y
Utah	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Vermont	Y	N VT Contact	Y	Y	Y
Virginia	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Washington	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
West Virginia	Y	D WV Contact	Y	Y	Y
Wisconsin	Y	N WI Contact	Y	Y	Y
Wyoming	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
North Mariana Islands	Y	D NMI Contact	Y	Y	Y

Guam	Y	D Contact	Y	Y	Y
Puerto Rico	Y	D Phone 787.765.2 929	Y	Y	Y
Virgin Islands	Y	D Contact	Y	Y	Y
Micronesia	Y	D Contact	Y	Y	Y
Marshall Islands	Y	D RMI Contact	Y	Y	Y
Palau	Y	D Contact	Y	Y	Y

Professional Licensure Disclosures

The Sitting Bull College programs listed above prepare students for professional licensure and certification in North and South Dakota, and in many cases, additional states.

SBC is required by federal law to notify prospective and current students which of its programs do or do not meet state licensing or certification requirements.

Under federal regulations, SBC is prohibited from admitting students into a professional licensure or certificate program if that program does **not** meet the licensure requirements in the student's current state of residence.

STUDENT ATTESTATION FORM

Students residing in a state where a program **does not meet** licensure requirements, but who plan to relocate to North Dakota or another state where the program **meets** those requirements, must complete and submit a **Student Attestation Form** prior to enrollment.

This form acknowledges that a student has been informed of the licensure or certification status of their intended program and has disclosed plans for relocation, if applicable.

Students who plan to pursue licensure or certification in a state other than North Dakota, are strongly encouraged to contact the appropriate **state licensing agency** for information about current requirements. Professional licensure and certification standards may vary by state and are subject to change.

Sitting Bull College strives to maintain accurate, up-to-date state licensure and certification information; however, students are responsible for verifying current requirements with their state's licensing authority.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

If a student's **current address or telephone number** changes during the course of their program, they must promptly update their contact information with Sitting Bull College by:

- Emailing admissions@sittingbull.edu,
- Visiting the Registrar's Office located in the Student Center at 9299 Hwy 24, Fort Yates, ND 58538, or
- Calling 701-854-8020

Accurate address information ensures compliance with federal and state licensure disclosure requirements.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE

For more detailed information, please review the following resources:

- Professional Licensure and Certification Programs: [Disclosures and Initial Enrollment Requirements](#)
- [Student and Prospective Student Location Definition](#)

Prospective and current students may also contact:

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Sitting Bull College provides notifications to prospective and current students seeking information for any in-person, distance or hybrid education program leading to professional licensure as required by Federal regulations (34 CFR 668.43).