



**National Council for
State Authorization
Reciprocity Agreements**

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Northwestern State University of Louisiana
175 Sam Sibley Dr.
Natchitoches, Louisiana 71497
United States

Current participating period 4/20/2022-4/20/2023

Dear Darlene Williams,

On behalf of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), I am pleased to welcome Northwestern State University of Louisiana as an institutional participant in SARA. Your institution will be listed on our website (www.nc-sara.org) as a participating institution.

Institutional Requirements to Maintain Participation

The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) was established to help expand students' access to educational opportunities and ensure more efficient, consistent, and effective regulation of distance learning programs.

Two critical components of our mission are:

1. to assure students are well-served in a rapidly-changing education landscape, and
2. to increase the quality and value of higher education credentials earned through distance learning programs.

SARA increases administrative efficiency and lowers the costs of obtaining authorization to provide postsecondary distance education in states that join. These benefits result in increased access as institutions like yours are able to make their academic programs more widely available and accept enrollments from students in all states except for California without additional work to seek state authorization.

But increased access and efficiency will mean little if they are not accompanied by high quality. That is why all SARA institutions annually commit to several requirements designed to ensure that courses and programs they offer through SARA provide high-quality learning opportunities that can help students reach their goals as well as to ensure appropriate consumer protections for students.

Institution staff working with SARA are encouraged to read the *SARA Policy Manual* (www.nc-sara.org) and ask questions regarding policies about which they have concerns. We welcome your comments, questions, and concerns at info@nc-sara.org.

Using the NC-SARA Approved Institution Seal

Use of the NC-SARA Approved Institution Seal is encouraged to inform students of participation SARA. The institution seal may be downloaded at <https://www.nc-sara.org/logos>. The following language must be used with the NC-SARA Approved Institution Seal: "(Name of institution) has been approved to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements."

Thank you for joining us in this work and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Williams". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Lori Williams
President and Chief Executive Officer
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