



State of Connecticut Office of Higher Education

Connecticut Registration

Out of State Institutions of Higher Education

Colleges and universities with no physical presence in the State of Connecticut and is NOT a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) institution may apply to the CT Office of Higher Education to offer distance education programs to CT students. Registration is effective until December 31, 2020; thereafter, registration must be renewed on an annual basis. Please be advised that, at this time, the Office of Higher Education does not authorize instruction offered exclusively through internships, externships, student teaching, clinical placements, field placements and/or practical experience.

In order to be considered, Institutions of Higher Education must:

- Be regionally or nationally accredited;
- Have a Federal Composite Financial Score of 1.5 or greater. Institutions with scores between 1.0-1.49 will be reviewed on an individual basis;
- Have a student complaints webpage that refers Connecticut students to the Office of Higher Education to field out of state complaints.

In order to protect consumers, non-SARA institutions are required to make substantive academic, financial, and procedural commitments before they can be authorized and agree to the following:

- Abide by the Interregional Guidelines for the Evaluation of Distance Education adopted by the Council of Regional Accrediting Commissions; which can be found here: www.ctohe.org/Postsecondary/pdfs/CRACGuidelines07312009.pdf
- Work with the Connecticut Office of Higher Education to resolve any complaints arising from students in Connecticut, and to abide by decisions of that entity;
- Notify in writing to CT students in a course or program that customarily leads to professional licensure, whether or not the course or program meets requirements for licensure in CT or that the Institution is unable to determine if it meets the requirements for licensure in CT.
- Pay annual, non-refundable, Connecticut Out of State Application fee. Make checks payable to Treasurer, State of Connecticut.

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Out-of-state, Non-SARA Institutions: Annual Application Fees

- \$3,000 for institutions with FTE under 1,999
- \$6,000 for institutions with FTE 2,000--9,999
- \$9,000 for institutions with FTE 10,000+

If your institution is interested in applying to operate as a non-SARA, out of state institution, offering distance education programs to Connecticut students, please fill out all of the requested information below for approval.

Name of Institution: _____

___ Yes ___ No: The Institution is a U.S. degree-granting Institution that is accredited by an Accrediting Agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and whose scope of authority, as specified by the Department, includes distance education. Attach accreditation documentation to this application.

Accrediting Body: ___ NWCCU (Northwest) ___ SASCOC (Southern)
 ___ HLC (Higher Learning) ___ MSCHE (Middle States)
 ___ WSCUC (Western) ___ NECHE (New England)

___ Yes ___ No: The Institution currently has sanctions or probationary status (If so please attach relevant documentation)

State of Legal Domicile: _____

Attach documentation showing authorization in that state.

Primary Contact: Name and Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Secondary Contact: Name and Title: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Institution OPEID Number: _____

Federal Composite Financial Score: _____

(Not required for Public Institutions)

Link to Student Complaints Webpage: _____

Physical Address of Institution: _____

Mailing Address of Institution: _____

Website Address: _____

Status of Institution: Public _____

Private/Independent: Non-Profit _____ For-Profit _____

I, the undersigned representative of (institution name) _____ having the authority to commit the institution to operate under the conditions of the Connecticut Out of State Registration, hereby certify that this institution meets all of the standards and requirements stated herein.

Name & Title of Chief Academic Officer

Signature of Chief Academic Officer

Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

Please return completed form, application fee, and additional documentation to:

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