



STATE AUTHORIZATION FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION STUDENTS

Out-of-State Students Interested in Distance Education Programs and Courses from Tennessee Technological University.

State and federal laws require colleges and universities to be authorized to offer distance education programs and courses. State Authorization is a legal and regulatory term that applies to a university's compliance with the statutes, regulations, and rules of each state in which it serves students. Post-secondary institutions are individually required to seek authorization to deliver or facilitate educational services, programs, or activities from each state in which they **operate** or have a **physical presence**.

Tennessee Technological University has joined a national agreement NC- SARA (State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) that established comparable national standards for interstate offering of post-secondary online/distance education programs and courses. SARA is an initiative of states nationwide to make distance education programs and courses more accessible to students across state lines. Some programs that typically require licensure to practice in the field, such as nursing, education, physical therapy may require additional authorization within a state for those specific programs before clinical placements, student teaching or internships are conducted.

Here is the link to SARA Approved States and Institutions:

NC-SARA States and Institutions - [SARA States & Institutions | nc-sara](#)

This page gives a complete description of approved SARA states as well as approved SARA institutions within the state.