

## **What is the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)?**

SARA is an agreement among member states, districts, and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by postsecondary institutions based in another state. SARA is overseen by a National Council, referred to as [NC-SARA](#), and administered by four regional education compacts.

In 2014, Nebraska was accepted as part of SARA through the [Midwestern Higher Education Compact \(MHEC\)](#). Nebraska's [Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education \(CCPE\)](#) has been designated the portal agency for SARA (i.e., CCPE is the entity responsible for leading SARA activities in Nebraska).

## **Can York University offer online programs in my state?**

York University is [authorized by CCPE](#) to operate in Nebraska and is a NC-SARA member. As a participant of NC-SARA, York University shares distance learning reciprocity with 49 states (all U.S. states excluding California), the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Institutions within states need to apply for approval from their state portal agency. The decision to participate in SARA is left up to the specific institution and not all institutions in each participating state are members. SARA institutions must be accredited by an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and whose scope of authority, as specified by the Department, includes distance education. York University meets this requirement, being accredited by the [Higher Learning Commission](#).

## **Does York University offer professional licensure programs online?**

York University offers 2 master's, 3 bachelor's, and 1 associate's [degrees](#) through online programming. Currently no online programs offered by York University are providing initial licensure; they are non-licensure programs. York University does offer a Nebraska-approved pathway to a building-level principal endorsement for already licensed teachers.

However, you may be able to continue your licensure in your state by utilizing York University's distance education coursework. All students are encouraged to review their state's licensure or certification requirements to ensure the desired York University program will meet their goals.

## **What are the compliant procedures for distance programs?**

The individual should attempt to resolve the complaint through York University's Online Department ([online@york.edu](mailto:online@york.edu)) or the Office of the Provost (402-363-5614). In the

event that a complaint cannot be resolved at the University level, the individual can contact CPPE. CPPE is responsible for responding to [formal complaints](#) against public, independent non-profit, and most proprietary institutions of higher education that offer degrees in Nebraska.

If you are not a resident of the State of Nebraska, you have the option of filing a complaint with your [state licensing authority](#), or with the [Higher Learning Commission](#).

### **How do I get more information?**

For more information on York University online programs contact the Online admissions office by phone, 1-800-950-YORK (9675), or e-mail, [online@york.edu](mailto:online@york.edu).