

## State Authorization and Complaint Resolution

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This section addresses NCU's online and distant education in relation to state authorization and complaint resolution federal requirements. If you are seeking admission into NCU's day-time traditional program, which academically is predominantly a face-to-face program (not online) with course work in the state of Oregon, this does not affect your admission or financial aid eligibility.

### States Authorizations

The process, requirements and developments of state authorization related to online programs and distant education is summarized from the following resource: WCET Summary of Requirements. The new federal regulation regarding state authorization, chapter 34, 600.9(c), states:

If an institution is offering postsecondary education through distance or correspondence education to students in a State in which it is not physically located or in which it is otherwise subject to State jurisdiction as determined by the State, the institution must meet any State requirements for it to be legally offering distance or correspondence education in that State. An institution must be able to document to the Secretary the State's approval upon request.

NCU is working in cooperation with the Department of Education and states' agencies to comply with required authorizations. In some states, NCU is exempt for seeking authorization because, according to that particular state, NCU does not have a physical presence in that state and is exempt from seeking authorization. In these states, NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization. In other states authorization is required. The following list provides updated information related to NCU's status with each state:

**Alabama:** NCU is currently in the process of obtaining authorization to offer online education in Alabama.

**Alaska:** NCU is currently applying for exempt status in the State of Alaska because NCU does not have a physical presence in the state. NCU is not required to seek state authorization and students may be enrolled into online programs.

**Arizona:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Arizona, because NCU does not have a physical presence in Arizona. NCU is not required to seek state authorization and students may be enrolled into online programs. NCU has received confirmation from the state that we are exempt.

**Arkansas:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**California:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of California. NCU has received confirmation from the state that we are exempt.

**Colorado:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Colorado. NCU has received confirmation from the state that we are exempt.

**Connecticut:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Delaware:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Delaware. NCU has received confirmation from the state that we are exempt.

**District of Columbia:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Florida:** The Florida Commission for Independent Education does not regulate post-secondary educational institutions that do not have a physical presence in Florida and therefore are considered legally operating in the state.

**Georgia:** NCU is not required to take further action with the state of Georgia and its Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission (NPEC) until further information is provided no later than August 31, 2014.

**Hawaii:** NCU's online programs are exempt from authorization to offer online education in Hawaii

**Idaho:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Idaho. Student who have a physical presence in this state are admissible into NCU's online programs. NCU has received confirmation from the state that we are exempt.

**Illinois:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Indiana:** The state of Indiana has determined that the program(s) or course(s) offered by NCU are excluded from the regulation in accordance with IC 21-17, which indicates that NCU is not subject to the so-called Private School Accreditation Act.

**Iowa:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Kansas:** NCU is not required to obtain Kansas' Certificate of Approval to offer online programs in the State, because NCU does not actively solicit enrollment of prospective students to receive instruction in the State. NCU is in the process of completing forms related to exemption in this state.

**Kentucky:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Kentucky. Student who have a physical presence in this state are admissible into NCU's online programs. NCU has received confirmation from the state that NCU is exempt as long as NCU does not operate, solicit or have a physical presence in the State.

**Louisiana:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Louisiana. Student who have a physical presence in this state are admissible into NCU's online programs. NCU has received confirmation from the state that NCU is exempt as long as NCU does not have a physical presence in the State.

**Maine:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Maine. NCU has received confirmation from the state that NCU is exempt as long as NCU does not have a physical presence in the State.

**Maryland:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Massachusetts:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Michigan:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Michigan and NCU is not required to obtain approval or licensure by the State of Michigan unless NCU has a physical presence in the State.

**Minnesota:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state. Until that time and until further notice, NCU can admit no new students into online programs.

**Mississippi:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Mississippi, because NCU does not have a physical presence in the State.

**Missouri:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Montana:** NCU is authorized to offer post-secondary degree programs in the state of Montana. NCU currently satisfies the requirements of Montana Code Annotated 20-25-107 and Board of Regents Policy 221, which regulate the award of post-secondary degrees in the state. Because NCU does not offer a Nursing program, which are not regulated by Montana's Board of Nursing.

**Nebraska:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Nebraska because NCU has no physical presence in the state.

**Nevada:** The State of Nevada's Commission on Postsecondary Education has confirmed that NCU is not required to be licensed in the State and NCU is exempt.

**New Hampshire:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of New Hampshire.

**New Jersey:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of New Jersey.

**New Mexico:** NCU qualifies for exemption status in New Mexico and will be seeking exemption status in the future.

**New York:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of New York.

**North Carolina:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state. NCU is currently in the process of corresponding with the General Administration to continue offering programs and education activity within the military.

**North Dakota:** NCU qualifies for exempt status in the State of North Dakota and will be seeking exemption status in the future.

**Ohio:** NCU is not required to attain authorization from the Chancellor of the Board of Regents of the University

System of Ohio since NCU will not maintain a “brick and mortar” presence in the state and because the institution's online program do not contain an on-ground component.

**Oklahoma:** NCU is currently not required to obtain licensure or authorization by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE) and it is understood that NCU will not maintain or lease building in the State for instructional sites or officer, equipment or facilities of any kind in the State and will not require student to complete experiential learning activities or proctored examination within the State.

**Pennsylvania:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Rhode Island:** NCU is not subject to the Board of Governors regulations so long as NCU distant education has no physical presence in the State.

**South Carolina:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of South Carolina. Students who have a physical presence in this state are admissible into NCU's online programs. NCU is exempt as long as NCU does not operate, solicit or have a physical presence in the State.

**South Dakota:** NCU is not required to obtain state authorization in the State of South Dakota because the Board of Regents plays no role in supervising private institutions that deliver postsecondary degree programs in the State. NCU is also accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and offers it's student federal financial aid.

**Tennessee:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state. Until that time and until further notice, NCU can admit no new students into online programs.

**Texas:** NCU is not required to seek authorization, for NCU is not regulated in Texas under Chapter 132 of the Texas Education Code.

**Utah:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Vermont:** NCU is exempt from seeking state authorization in the State of Vermont for NCU does not have a physical presence in the state.

**Virginia:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Washington:** NCU is in the process of obtaining authorization in the State of Washington.

**West Virginia:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Wisconsin:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

**Wyoming:** NCU is currently not in the process of obtaining formal authorization to offer online education to students in this state.

### **Complaint Resolution**

NCU is also required to provide enrolled and prospective students contact information for filing complaints with its accrediting agency and with the appropriate state agency. Below is a list with links to complaint resolution contacts:

Alabama

Alaska

Arizona

Arkansas

California

Colorado

Connecticut

Delaware

District of Columbia

Florida

Georgia

Hawaii

Idaho

Illinois

Indiana

Iowa

Kansas

Kentucky

Louisiana

Maine

Maryland

Massachusetts

Michigan

Minnesota

Mississippi

Missouri

Montana

Nebraska

Nevada

New Hampshire

New Jersey

New Mexico

New York

North Carolina

North Dakota

Ohio

Oklahoma

Oregon

Pennsylvania

Rhode Island

South Carolina

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Vermont

Virginia

Washington

West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming