

## **About State Authorization** <sup>[1]</sup>

In order to offer educational opportunities outside of Colorado – including via online education and through courses like internships, clinical placements, or student teaching - the University of Colorado campuses must comply with applicable state and federal regulations relating to state authorization. Compliance with these regulations also assist the universities in fulfilling their missions as comprehensive public research universities and ensures continued access to the education we provide, while allowing us to push beyond traditional academic boundaries.

Each of the University of Colorado campuses participates in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) <sup>[2]</sup>, a national initiative overseen by the National Council of State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) <sup>[3]</sup> that supports student access to online education and other courses and programs offered at a distance. NC-SARA also provides an additional oversight for student consumer protection. By requiring member states to follow a uniform process for approving and reviewing participating institutions and requiring participating institutions to comply with agreed upon policies relating to distance education and out-of-state learning opportunities, NC-SARA is able to assist in ensuring student access to educational opportunities are equitable and students remain well-served by their institutions.

Students are encouraged to review and understand how universities participating in SARA benefits them: SARA for Students <sup>[4]</sup>.

Each campus maintains approval to participate in SARA and is authorized to offer education outside of Colorado <sup>[5]</sup>. You can read each university's disclosure below:

- University of Colorado Boulder <sup>[6]</sup>
- University of Colorado Colorado Springs <sup>[7]</sup>
- University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus <sup>[8]</sup> (please note: Anschutz Medical Campus is included under the CU-Denver participation)

For more information about state authorization and how the campuses of the University of Colorado System comply with these regulations, please visit our FAQ <sup>[9]</sup>.

## **International Students**

State authorization regulations do not apply to students accessing courses or programs while located outside of the United States. International Students are advised to understand and be apprised of the rules, regulations, and requirements related to online distance education programs in their country of residence, particularly if the country will charge any additional taxes, withholdings or fees associated with online distance education programs.

International students are encouraged to contact the International Student and Scholar

Services on the applicable campus if they have any questions.

- [University of Colorado Boulder, International Student and Scholar Services](#) <sup>[10]</sup>
  - [University of Colorado Colorado Spring, International Students and Scholars](#) <sup>[11]</sup>
  - [University of Colorado Denver | Anschutz Medical Campus International Student & Scholar Services](#) <sup>[12]</sup>
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## Additional questions or clarification

If you have any additional questions about state authorization, SARA, and how it may affect you and your education at one of the University of Colorado campuses, please contact: Erika G. Swain, Associate Director for State Authorization, Office of Academic Affairs, [swaine@cu.edu](mailto:swaine@cu.edu) <sup>[13]</sup>.

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