

STATE AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION



State Authorization: Granite State College is an accredited public institution in New Hampshire approved to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). The College is approved through the SARA reciprocity agreement to operate in 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. It is authorized in California through exemption of public institutions. Please check with us if you have any questions about our authorization to provide online education in your state.

The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA) establishes national standards for the delivery of distance education programs and courses. SARA is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by institutions based in other states by establishing shared quality standards observed through reciprocity. GSC's participation in SARA allows it to enroll online students across the United States and means that eligible students can use federal financial aid to support tuition and fees paid to GSC.

Professional Licensure: SARA agreements do not apply to professions requiring licensure. States differ about which professions are regulated, and about what is required for individuals to become licensed or certified for employment. Categories that often have licensing requirements include education, healthcare, social services, accounting, legal services, and others.

[CareerOneStop](#) is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Labor and is a tool for locating each state's regulatory agencies for licensed occupations. You can find educational and licensing requirements in your state by navigating through the links provided by the regulatory agency. You are encouraged to contact the licensing agency in your state with questions.

Those programs *not* leading to certification are available in all states.

Teacher preparation programs are the only GSC degree programs specifically designed to prepare students to sit for a licensing exam upon degree completion. Teacher preparation programs leading to certification are available in New Hampshire, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont; those states' certification websites are provided on page 3.

GSC's *RN-to-BSN and MSN nursing degree programs* are post-licensure because you need to be an RN to participate in those programs. GSC's nursing degree programs are currently available in New Hampshire, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, and Virginia. If you live in or move to a state not listed, please check with an advisor. We are working to expand the number of states in which each nursing program is offered. Websites are provided on page 2.

Other licensure programs: If you plan to seek licensure or certification after you complete your degree in a program other than educator preparation or nursing, GSC has not determined if its other degree programs meet any state's requirements for licensure. Contact your state's licensing board, agency or commission, found on your state's official website or through [CareerOneStop](#), to determine if the GSC program meets licensure requirements in your state.

Note: State agencies update their regulations and their websites without notice. GSC tries to keep links up to date but cannot be responsible for broken or changed links.

Other states' agencies may require background checks, additional coursework or degrees, or field experience not included in a Granite State College degree program.

Relocating to another State: Please note that if you move to another state during a degree program that results in licensure or certification (educator preparation or nursing), Granite State College cannot guarantee that it is authorized to offer the program in your new state of residence, and you may become ineligible to receive federal financial aid in that state. Check with your Advisor to see if there is the possibility of gaining authorization in that state.

Information specific to each state is listed on the following pages. Please note that while the College is committed to providing accurate information as of the date of this document, states may change their regulations without notice.

Teacher Preparation Programs

GSC candidates earn a credential in New Hampshire and then transfer that credential to their state. You must also satisfy any special requirements of the state to participate in clinical hours while earning a GSC degree, and to transfer an earned credential to the state.

Programs are available in these states and currently meet state requirements. Please check with a GSC advisor to determine if your specific degree program is available in the state.

Maine: [Maine Board of Education](#)

Massachusetts: [Massachusetts State Board of Education](#)

New Hampshire: NH Department of Education, [Bureau of Credentialing](#)

Rhode Island: [Rhode Island Department of Education](#)

Vermont: [Vermont Teacher Licensing](#)

Teaching: [National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification](#)

Other Disclosures for these programs:

Teacher preparation programs: While GSC's curriculum currently meets State educational requirements for teacher certification or licensure in the following states, teacher preparation programs are not currently available. If you move to one of these states during your studies, please check with an advisor to confirm whether arrangements can be made for you to finish your degree:

Alaska	Montana
Arizona	New York
California	Ohio
Connecticut	South Carolina
Florida	Virginia
Georgia	Washington
Idaho	

GSC has not determined whether its curriculum meets State educational requirements for professional teacher certification or licensure because it has not yet had occasion to investigate

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curriculum requirements in these states. If you move to one of these states, please check with an advisor to confirm whether arrangements can be made for you to finish your degree: Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Granite State College's curriculum *does not meet* State educational requirements for professional teacher certification or licensure because of significant barriers to program approval in Hawaii, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, U.S. Territories, or other countries.

RN-to-BSN and MSN Programs

GSC's nursing degree programs are post-licensure and thus are not subject to regulation in the following states in which they are currently offered. Please check with the Board of Nursing in your state to determine if there are additional requirements such as registration with the BON.

Arizona: [Arizona State Board of Nursing](#)

California: [California Board of Registered Nursing](#)

Connecticut: [Board of Examiners for Nursing](#)

Florida: [Florida Board of Nursing](#)

Georgia: [Georgia Board of Nursing](#)

Idaho: [Idaho Board of Nursing](#)

Maine: [Maine State Board of Nursing](#)

Maryland: [Maryland Board of Nursing](#)

Massachusetts: [Massachusetts Board of Nursing](#)

Minnesota: [Minnesota Board of Nursing](#)

Mississippi: [Mississippi Board of Nursing](#)

Missouri: [Missouri State Board of Nursing](#)

Montana: [Montana Board of Nursing](#)

Nevada: [Nevada State Board of Nursing](#)

New Hampshire: [New Hampshire Board of Nursing](#)

New Jersey: [New Jersey Board of Nursing](#)

New Mexico: [New Mexico Board of Nursing](#)

New York: [NYS Office of Professions/Nursing](#)

North Carolina: [North Carolina Board of Nursing](#)

Ohio: [Ohio Board of Nursing](#)

Pennsylvania: [State Board of Nursing](#)

Rhode Island: [Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education](#)

South Carolina: [South Carolina Board of Nursing](#)

Vermont: [Vermont State Board of Nursing](#)

Virginia: [Virginia Board of Nursing](#)

Nursing: [National Council of State Boards of Nursing](#) GSC's RN-to-BSN and MSN programs are post-licensure.

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Nursing programs: GSC's post-licensure nursing programs do not meet State educational requirements in the following states because of additional state regulation of these programs: Alabama, Tennessee, Washington.

GSC has not determined whether its post-licensure nursing programs meet curricular requirements in the following states because it has not had occasion to investigate curriculum requirements in these states: Alaska, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Michigan, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming. If you live in or move to one of these states while enrolled at GSC, please check with an advisor to determine if it is possible to offer the nursing program in that state.

Complaint Resolution

Every student deserves a positive educational experience. Sometimes a student's experience may not be what they anticipate, and the student may have a concern or a complaint.

Granite State College is ready to provide guidance should you wish to file a grievance during your study in one of its online programs. If an academic issue is unresolved after you have communicated directly with your instructor, you may contact Granite State College at GSC.online@granite.edu.

There may be extenuating circumstances beyond your control that prevent you from completing coursework for a term. You should consult with an advisor prior to withdrawing or beginning the petition process. Petitions may also be submitted for variance of other college policies. Please review the [Petition Guidelines](#) for detailed information and forms.

SARA consumer protection provisions require the institution's home state, through its SARA State Portal Entity, to investigate and resolve allegations of dishonest or fraudulent activity by the state's SARA-participating institutions, including the provision of false or misleading information.

A student has the right to lodge a complaint or grievance. The institution should ensure that all concerns and complaints of students are addressed fairly and are resolved promptly. Student complaints relating to consumer protection laws offered under the terms and conditions of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), must first be filed with the institution to seek resolution.

The student should begin the complaint process with the institution and if resolution is not found, the student would contact the institution's home state SARA Portal Entity. NC-SARA maintains a directory of SARA [State Portal Entities](#).

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HOW TO FILE A SARA STUDENT COMPLAINT

KEY

SPE = State Postal Entity

SARA = State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

I HAVE A COMPLAINT ABOUT VIOLATIONS OF
SARA POLICY. WHAT SHOULD I DO?



First, file a complaint
with your institution

WAS YOUR COMPLAINT RESOLVED?

NO

I WANT TO FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE STATE

You may now file a complaint with the
institution's SARA SPE.

Contact the SPE of your institution's
home state

Start with the NC-SARA Institution Directory
on the NC-SARA website

Select the home state of your institution

The SPE contact will be on the right side
of this webpage

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

The institution's home state SARA SPE has
final authority in SARA complaints

Institution's home state SARA SPE notifies
your location's SARA SPE.



Process ends

HOW DO I CHECK FOR SARA COMPLAINTS?

Quarterly, SARA SPEs report the status of complaints to NC-SARA.
Complaint reports are listed on NC-SARA website by state.

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