STATE AUTHORIZATION INFORMATION
(As of February 1, 2020)

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, Massachusetts, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Virginia. 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. Websites are provided on page 4.

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

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

**Complaints:** Students enrolled at Granite State College who have an academic or non-academic complaint should work with the College through its [Complaint Resolution](#) system. The College takes student complaints seriously and addresses them fairly and thoroughly.

If the internal process does not resolve a non-academic matter to the student’s satisfaction, it may be brought to the [New Hampshire SARA Portal Agency](#). GSC’s SARA participation means that this entity will resolve consumer protection complaints. (California students contact the California [Department of Consumer Affairs](#).)

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Information specific to each state regarding Granite State College authorization status, reciprocity agreements, professional licensure, and complaints 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, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Montana, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington

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 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.

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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.

Arizona: [Arizona State Board of Nursing](https://www.azbolenursing.org)
California: [California Board of Registered Nursing](https://borenursing.ca.gov)
Connecticut: [Board of Examiners for Nursing](https://www.ct.gov/dep/nursing)
Florida: [Florida Board of Nursing](https://www.nursing.state.fl.us)
Georgia: [Georgia Board of Nursing](https://www.georgiaboardofnursing.org)
Idaho: [Idaho Board of Nursing](https://www.idaho.gov/ahsva)
Maine: [Maine State Board of Nursing](https://www.maine.gov/psdhs/pebs/)
Massachusetts: [Massachusetts Board of Nursing](https://www.mass.gov)
Missouri: [Missouri State Board of Nursing](https://colors.mobot.org)
Montana: [Montana Board of Nursing](https://mtboardofnursing.org)
Nevada: [Nevada State Board of Nursing](https://www.nvboardofnursing.com)
New Hampshire: [New Hampshire Board of Nursing](https://www.nh.gov/health/boards offices/new-hampshire-board-of-nursing)
New Jersey: [New Jersey Board of Nursing](https://www.state.nj.us/health/professional)
New Mexico: [New Mexico Board of Nursing](https://www.nmboan.org)
New York: [NYS Office of Professions/Nursing](https://www.oits.ny.gov/oop/)
North Carolina: [North Carolina Board of Nursing](https://www.ncibo.org)
Ohio: [Ohio Board of Nursing](https://www.ohio.gov)
Pennsylvania: [State Board of Nursing](https://www.pbnursing.org)
Rhode Island: [Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education](https://www.rinurse.org)
Vermont: [Vermont State Board of Nursing](https://www.publicservice.vermont.gov)
Virginia: [Virginia Board of Nursing](https://www.vbondo.com)

**Nursing:** [National Council of State Boards of Nursing](https://www.ncsbn.org) GSC’s RN-to-BSN and MSN programs are post-licensure.

**Other Disclosures for these programs:**

*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: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, 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.