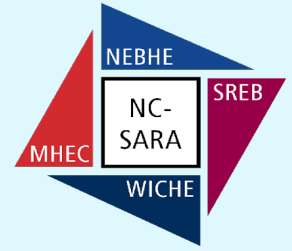


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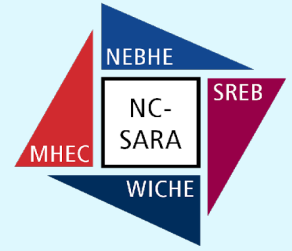
Proposed *SARA Manual* Changes for the May 2020 Board Meeting

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

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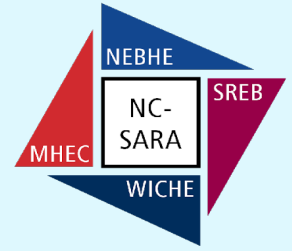
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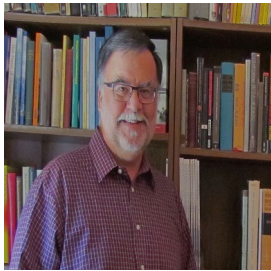
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Presenters

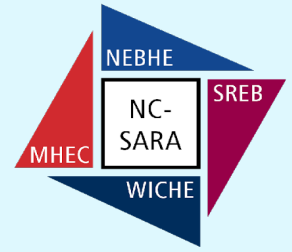


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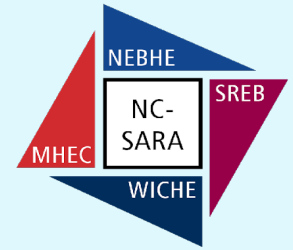
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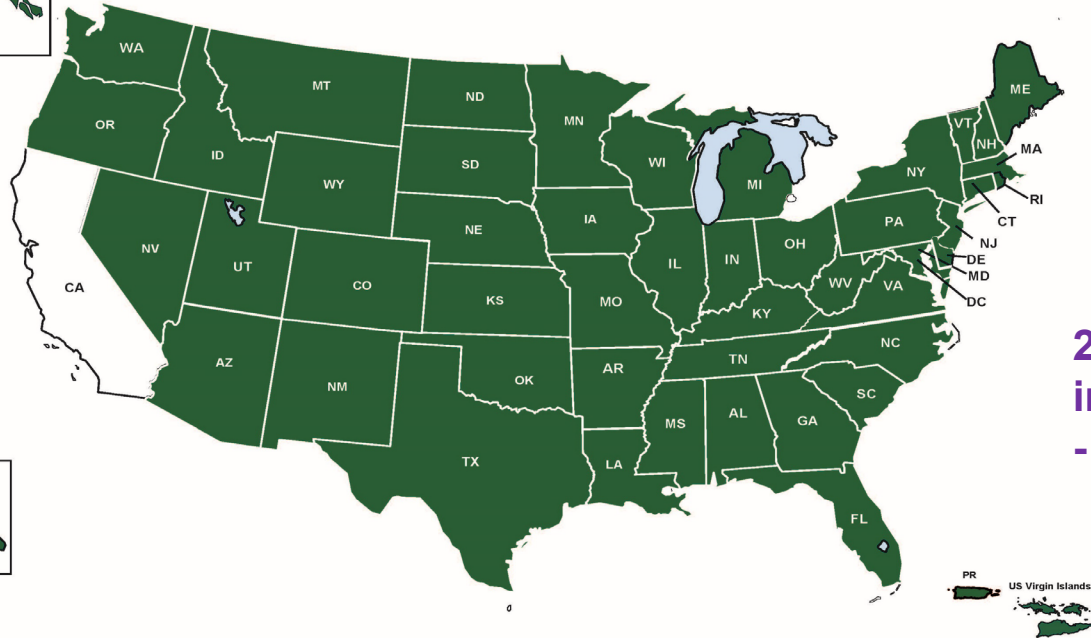


- The Current SARA Landscape
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- Draft Process Documents:
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The Current SARA Landscape



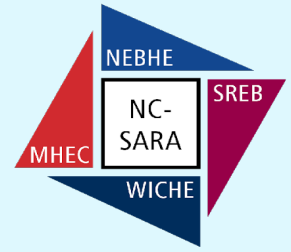
52 Members in SARA
49 states, the District of Columbia
Puerto Rico, and the US Virgin Islands



2083 participating institutions
- March 2020

 Approved as SARA state

Modifications to Align with the Federal Regulations

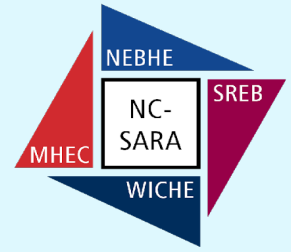


Section 2.5(h.1.)

was adjusted to align with Federal Regulations that were inadvertently left out of the SARA Manual.

Section 5.2

programs leading to Professional Licensure adjusted to correlate to new Federal Regulations.



Modifications to Clarify Processes

Section 2.5(c)

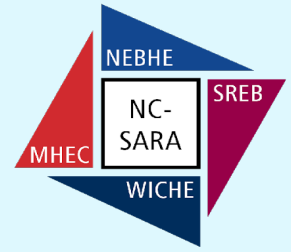
clarification on the need for all states to have a process to review institutions with a Federal Financial Responsibility Composite score between 1.0 and 1.5.

Section 2.5(e)

clarification of language regarding to which agency or body an institution may appeal a decision regarding participation in SARA.

Section 2.5(i)(7)

clarification of SARA student complaints attending an out-of-state branch campus.



Modifications to Clarify Processes

Section 2.5(o)

clarification of regulation of online/Distance Education activities by the Host State.

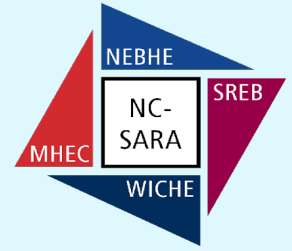
Section 2.5 (q)

addition of this sentence. “States shall have a process for considering applications for provisional status.”

Section 4.4(d)

treatment of SARA student complaints from a branch campus.

Modifications to Clarify Processes



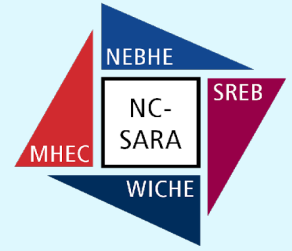
Section 5.3

Field trips and seasonal residential activity, clarification of policy with adjustment of words in Explanatory Note: SARA covers class field trips that do not involve multi-night residency

Section 5.7(a)

to align with SARA Policy, add, “and the provisions of section 2.5, subsections n and o.”

Modifications to Clarify Processes



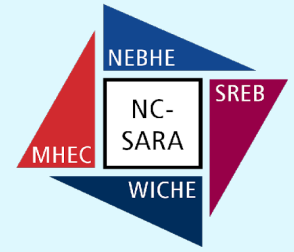
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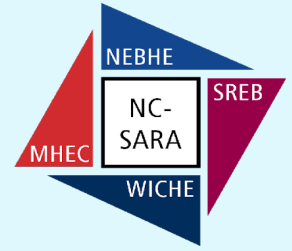
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Questions?



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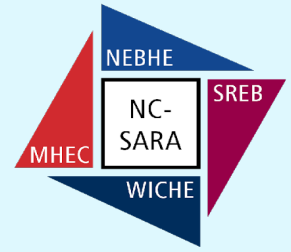


DRAFT – Process Documents

- **Provisional Status**
- **Branch Campuses**
- **Complaints**



DRAFT Process Documents – Provisional Status



Provisional Status

A SARA State Portal Entity may consider 8 reasons to place an institution on Provisional Status (*SARA Manual* Section 3.2).

NC-SARA will provide indication of the institution's Provisional Status on the NC-SARA website.

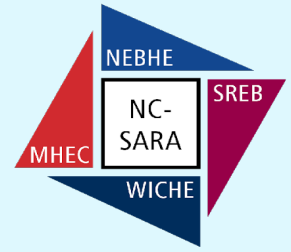
FORMS:

(AF3) SARA Institution Provisional Participation

(AF4) SARA Institution Provisional Participation Extension

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Process Documents – Branch Campus

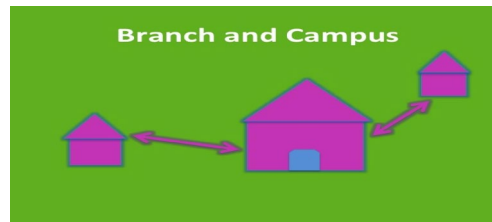


Branch Campus Determination:

- Does the Home State recognize it as a branch?
- Does the accreditor recognize it as a branch?

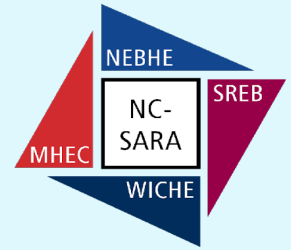
If yes to both, it is a branch campus for the purposes of SARA.

If it is not considered a branch by both the Institution's Home State and its accreditor, it is not a branch for SARA purposes.



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Process Documents – Complaints/Branch Campus



Branch Campus Complaints:

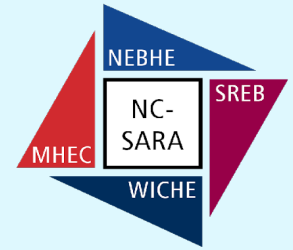
A student enrolled in a branch campus may complain to:

- SARA State Portal Entity where the branch campus is located
- Institution's Home SARA State Portal Entity

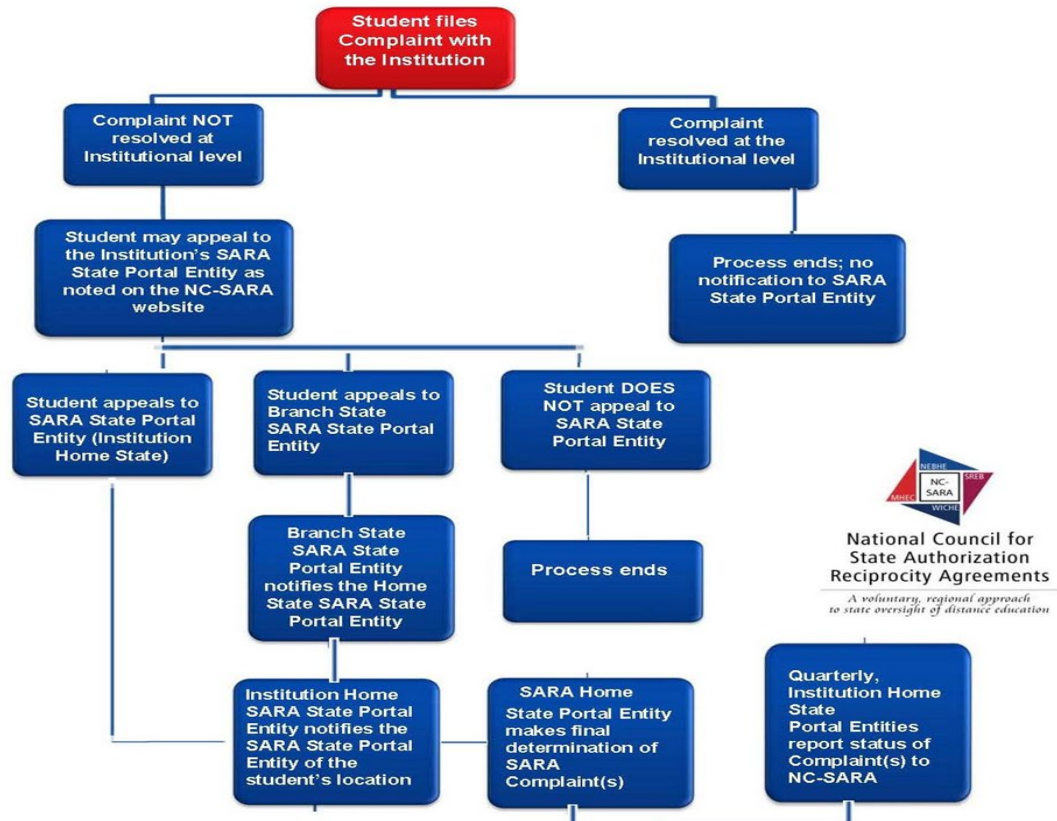
The State Portal Entity receiving the complaint shall notify the other affected State Portal Entity of the complaint.

The Home State Portal Entity is responsible to determine the disposition of a complaint against a branch campus of any of its SARA participant institutions.

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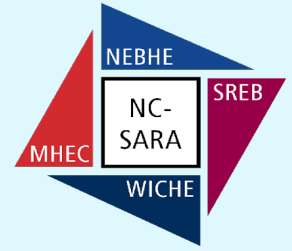
SARA Student Complaint Process



National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements
A voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of distance education

3/4/2020 *Student complaints about grades or student conduct may not be appealed to the SARA State Portal Entity. Complaints about fraud or criminal activity should be reported to your state Attorney General or the Office of Inspector General or complaint unit of the Dept of Education.

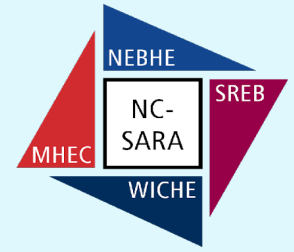
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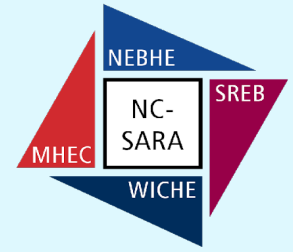
Please share your comments/thoughts with us regarding the proposed changes:

- Institutions
- State Portal Entity Staff
- Regional Compacts Staff
- Friends of SARA

Questions and Discussion



Resources



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