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SARA Policy in Effect

- In an email sent to SARA contacts March 13, 2025 NC-SARA shared that effective January 1, 2026, one of the approved policies from the 2024 SARA Policy Modification Process (PMP), PMP24-0619: Responsibilities for Resolving Complaints, expands on an existing requirement for all SARA-participating institutions. Please review our previous message and reference the *SARA Policy Manual* (Section 4.4.a).

- ***Coming soon*!** - a new version of the application and approval form for institution participation in SARA, effective July 1, 2025. This will primarily reflect PMP24-0630 Aligning Professional Licensure Disclosure Requirements, language for which can be found in the *SARA Policy Manual* (Section 5.2). An email to all institution contacts will be sent in the middle of May to inform you that the new application is available on the NC-SARA website and to provide guidance on when to use it. NC-SARA will temporarily post a "redlined" version to bring your attention to the changes. The latest institution application and any relevant guidance is always available on the following page of the NC-SARA website.

Please note, an institution only needs to complete the application once a year at the point of your annual renewal for SARA participation.

Reminder: 2025 SARA PMP Policy Forum - April 25, 2025 10am-12pm MT
NC-SARA will host a Public Forum for this year's cycle of the SARA Policy Modification Process (PMP). During the forum individuals or organizations who have submitted proposals to modify SARA Policy will have the opportunity to

present their proposals publicly. Presenters will respond to questions submitted by viewers during the forum. This webinar will be recorded. The recording and slides will be posted on the NC-SARA website after the forum. Register now and review the order of proposal presentations on the NC-SARA website.

2025 NC-SARA Data Reporting
It's almost time for the SARA annual data collection/reporting. The SARA data reporting window this year will be **May 15 – June 15**. The data reporting process has been improved. Learn about the changes and verify that your data reporting contacts have access to the portal via the NC-SARA website.

Update on SARA Institutional Closures Working Group
The SARA Institutional Closures Working Group was created to consider SARA-wide institutional closure requirements that will allow for a strategic, structured, and transparent process for managing closures of SARA-participating institutions, prioritizing the interests of students while ensuring regulatory compliance and maintaining institutional integrity. To be more effective, the group decided to break up into three subcommittees: teach-out plans/agreements; financial arrangements; and academic records (records retention). The subcommittees meet regularly, and the teach-out agreement subcommittee has submitted a proposal (PMP25-0746) for the 2025 SARA Policy Modification Process.

Connections Corner
Is your institution doing something unique that involves your SARA participation, including through an institution system or with other institutions? Are you aware of events or programs related to distance education that are open to all? We hope to include your good work and recommendations in future newsletters. Please email Jared Abdirkin (jabdirkin@nc-sara.org) to share!

SARA Learning Station
The SARA Learning Station is your one-stop shop to access NC-SARA's resources for learning about SARA, including quick-start guides, SARA 101, and other online courses for those who are new and experienced with SARA. Learning resources for institutions have been developed in collaboration with our regional compact partners and SARA SPEs. Institutions should always check with their SPE for any state-specific requirements.

NC-SARA Webinars
While we'd love for you to join our webinars live, if your schedule doesn't allow it or if you want to revisit any portion of these programs, please look for the recording and slides to be posted on our Webinars webpage soon after each program date.

SARA State Portal Entity (SPE)
You can find the current contact information for your state's SPE(s) on our SPE Contacts webpage.

SARA-Participating Institutions
You can find all actively-participating SARA institutions in each state and territory at any given time in the SARA-Participating Institution Directory.

Missed a previous newsletter?
NC-SARA will be posting previous versions of this quarterly newsletter at the bottom of the following page of the NC-SARA website.

Distance Education News and Research

[At community colleges, online classes remain popular years after pandemic | EdSource](#)

[Two-thirds of colleges are prioritizing online versions of on-campus programs, poll finds | Higher Ed Dive](#)

[According To the New UPCEA and Collegis Report, 71% of Prospective Graduate Students Prefer Fully Online Programs | Higher Ed Dive](#)

[Understanding the Inner Workings of a High-Quality Online Program | The evoLLLution](#)

["The Online Overhaul" of American Higher Ed | enrollify (Podcast Recording)](#)

We welcome your thoughts, ideas, and questions.
Thank you for reading!

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