State Authorization information
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On September 28, 2015 Illinois State University became an institutional participant in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) initiative.

Internship coordinators should consult the NC-SARA website, particularly the FAQs, for information concerning “licensed professions” for detailed information.

Generally, internships, professional practice, and field experiences can be completed in SARA participant states subject to the following two stipulations:

- No more than ten students from each program may be “present simultaneously at a single facility or site in a host state,” and
- ISU may have no “multi-year contract between a sending institution and a field site.”

If the proposed internship, placement or clinical experience in a SARA-participating state does not meet those requirements, please contact Jonathan Rosenthal.

Important note: SARA has no effect on state professional licensing requirements, which are considered separate from any degree approval. ISU courses and programs meet licensure requirements in Illinois only. Licensure in other states is regulated by each individual state.

As of this date, most states now participate in SARA. For the most up to date information, please consult the NC-SARA website.

The following states do not participate in SARA or have particular conditions.

- California is not a SARA state but allows internship/practicum/field experiences.
- Colorado requires that we provide the internship site, city, the academic program (for example, Criminal Justice), the number of students, dates of placement (for example, January 15, 2018 to May 15, 2018) as well as a brief synopsis of the work to be undertaken. This information must be submitted to the Colorado Department of Higher Education. Please send the required information to Soemer Simmons before the start date of the internship.
- Colorado has a law that requires student interns to be covered by worker’s compensation insurance, even if the internship is unpaid. Before placing any intern in Colorado, the ISU department must be willing to a) pay the costs associated with the worker’s compensation insurance or b) negotiate with the intern site to assume such costs.

Non-Illinois residents who have concerns about instruction, pedagogy, technology or other issues should refer to the complaint resolution site which has information pertinent to each state in which the university has been authorized to deliver online instruction.

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