

State Authorization Table

The United States Government and individual states mandate that higher education institutions offering distance or correspondence education have the approval of each state to operate in that state. Valdosta State University is working in good-faith to obtain authorization in all states. However not all states may have granted authorization, so we strongly recommend that our prospective distance education students contact either the VSU Office of Undergraduate Admissions or the VSU Graduate School to determine whether VSU is authorized to provide Postsecondary education in your state.

State	Required Action	Agency	Can we Market?	Can you Hire Faculty?	Can you have Practicum, clinical, etc.?	Can we have Recruiter in the State?	Comment/Notes
California \$750 for accredited institutions and \$5,000 non-accredited.	Exempt	Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No physical presence. http://www.bppe.ca.gov/applications/index.shtml
Connecticut	Exempt	Connecticut Office of Higher Education	After Approval	After Approval	After Approval	After Approval	No physical presence. http://www.ctohe.org/Postsecondary/DegreeGranting.shtml
District of Columbia	Required to register	District of Columbia Education Licensure Commission	After Approval	After Approval	After Approval	After Approval	Programs with a clinical, practicum, internship, lab, or externship trigger registration. Legislation will likely pass requiring state authorization for 100% http://osse.dc.gov/service/education-licensure-commission
Delaware \$250 annually for those with a physical presence	Exempt	Delaware Department of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not incorporated in state and no physical presence. http://regulations.delaware.gov/AdminCode/tit14/200/292.shtml#TopOfPage
Florida Can vary based on institutional characteristics and/or program mix.	100% Online Exempt, physical is Pending	Florida Department of Education, Commission for Independent Education	After Approval	After Approval	After Approval	After Approval or after completion of recruiter license	Application completed. Waiting for response from FL representative for next steps. Process has been escalated to VP level due to no response from FL rep. We have been informed that if the program is 100% online, then it is exempt. http://www.fldoe.org/cie/pdf/chapter6E_rules.pdf

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Hawaii	Exempt	Community Education Section	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No licensure or approval.
							http://cca.hawaii.gov/hpeap/forms/
Kentucky Programs with a clinical, practicum, internship, lab, or externship trigger	Required to register	Council on Postsecondary Education	No	No	Unclear	No	\$1,000 in-state application, \$5,000 out-of-state application, plus program fees - annual fees range from \$250-\$12,000 based on enrollment http://cpe.ky.gov/policies/academicpolicies/ \$150 for initial application. Other fees may apply. http://www.bpe.ky.gov/Pages/applications.asp
		Kentucky State Board for Proprietary Education					
Massachusetts	Required to apply.	Board of Higher Education	No	No	No	No	Programs with a clinical, practicum, internship, lab, or externship may trigger registration. \$10,000 application fee, then \$4000 annually http://www.mass.edu/forinstitutions/academic/independentnewdegrees.asp
New Hampshire	Required to register	Department of Education, Division of Higher Education	Yes	Yes	No	No	Exempt for online programs but must apply if program
New Jersey	Online Exempt	Commission on Higher Education					100% online Programs are exempt.
New York	Online Exempt		Yes	No	No	No	Exempt for online programs but must apply if program has internships, practica, or clinicals.

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	Exempt		Yes	No	No	No	
North Carolina	Required to register.	Board of Governors	Yes	No	No	No	Programs with a clinical, practicum, internship, lab, or externship trigger registration.
Pennsylvania	Exempt	Department of Education	No	No	No	No	No physical presence. Apply yearly.
South Carolina	Exempt	South Carolina Commission on Higher Education	No	No	No	No	No physical presence.
Utah	Exempt	Division of Consumer	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Based on Accreditation by a regional or national
Wisconsin	Exempt	Educational Approval Board	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Schools supported mainly by Taxes are exempt

Figure 1. Alabama Disclaimer: Teaching Education: "State Authorization to provide a program related to the preparation of teachers or other P-12 school/system personnel does not indicate eligibility for an Alabama certificate. Applicants for the Alabama certificate based on reciprocity must meet Alabama's test requirements and submit a valid, renewable professional educator certificate/license issued by another state at the degree level, grade level, and in the teaching field or area of instructional support for which an Alabama certificate is sought for which Alabama issues a certificate. Applicants for Alabama certification in an area of administration must also document at least three years of full-time employment as an administrator in P-12 school system(s).

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Nursing: "State approval of a program to offer Alabama licensed nurses opportunities for advanced degrees does not indicate eligibility for approval to practice as an advanced practice nurse in Alabama. Applicants for approval in Alabama are required to meet the Alabama requirements for national certification, graduation from a specific-type program for the advanced practice approval, and completion of the appropriate application. Any program offering a pre-licensure track to Alabama students shall meet the requirements of Alabama regulations for pre-licensure programs o the graduate may not be eligible to take the national licensure examination required by the Alabama Board of Nursing to enter the practice. Www.abn.alabama.gov"