

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.

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Alabama Renewal Fee of \$1,500 per 2 years.	Approved	Alabama Commission on Higher Education - Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Approved with Disclaimer See Fig. 1
		Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education - Office of Private School Licensing Division					http://www.accs.cc/pdfs/psl/Private_School_Licensure_Fee_Schedule.pdf
Alaska For initial authorization \$2,500.	Apply for exemption	Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Mail 3 page Exemption form and \$100 to request exemption. http://akadvantage.alaska.gov/About_Us/Programs_and_Services/Authorization.aspx
Arkansas Can vary based on institutional characteristics and/or program mix.	Exempt	Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board	Yes	Yes	No	Unclear	Exempt if part of SREB Electronic Campus.
		Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education					http://www.adhe.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/AcademicAffairsDivision/Delores/APPENDIX%20NDIX%20
Arizona	Exempt	Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Public institutions do not need to be authorized. No physical presence. http://azppse.state.az.us/UserFiles/PDF/Laws.pdf
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

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Colorado	Exempt	Colorado Department of Higher Education, Division of Private Occupational Schools	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No physical presence.
		Colorado Department of Higher Education					http://higher.ed.colorado.gov/DPOS/Schools/fe_eschedule.html
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% online programs.
							http://osse.dc.gov/service/education-licensure-commission
Delaware	Exempt	Delaware Department of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Not incorporated in state and no physical presence.
							\$250 annually for those with a physical presence
Florida	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.
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Hawaii	Exempt	Community Education Section	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No licensure or approval.

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	Exempt	Community Education Board	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	http://cca.hawaii.gov/hpeap/forms/
Idaho The annual registration fee is one-half of one-percent of Gross Idaho Tuition Revenue (.005 x GITR) for the previous registration year (\$100 minimum to \$5,000 maximum).	Exempt	Idaho Board of Education	No	Yes	Unclear	No	No physical presence required.
							http://www.boardofed.idaho.gov/priv_col_uni_v/faq.asp
Illinois Application is only needed for out of state for profit institutions	Exempt	Illinois Board of Higher Education	No	Unclear	No	No	Institutions must apply for the Limited Physical Presence exemption. No physical presence.
							http://www.ibhe.org/Academic%20Affairs/academicPrg/default.htm
Indiana	Exempt	Indiana Commission on Proprietary Education	No	No	No	No	No physical presence. \$2,000 for out-of-state; for accreditation renewals \$500 annually; out-of-state \$500/degree; degree renewals \$100 in and out-of-state every 5 years; agent applications \$80; agent renewal \$50 annually; certificate fee \$50 annually
							http://www.in.gov/cpe/files/2011_fee_schedule1.pdf
Iowa	Online Exempt	Iowa College Student Aid Commission	Yes	No	No	No	100% online programs are exempt. \$4000 registration fee every four years. Programs with a clinical, practicum, internship, lab, or externship are not exempt
							http://www.iowacollegeaid.gov/PostsecondaryRegistration/postsecondaryregistration.html
Kansas	Online approved	Kansas Board of Regents	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	No	MOU completed for 100% online

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	Online approved		Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	
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.aspx
		Kentucky State Board for Proprietary Education					
Louisiana	Required to apply.	Louisiana Board of Regents	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Programs with a clinical, practicum, internship, lab, or externship trigger registration. Institutions must follow the initial process for exemption status to be ^{SP} exempted . http://www.regents.doa.louisiana.gov/index.cfm?md=pagebuilder&tmp=home&pid=21&pnid
Maine	Approved	Department of Education	Unclear	Yes	Yes	No	Submitted exemption form online
Maryland	Required to apply	Maryland Higher Education Commission	Yes	Yes	No	No	Institutions are required to register fully online programs. All institutions must be registered (cost is \$1,000 per year) and/or authorized (cost varies, please see web site). http://www.mhec.state.md.us/higherEd/academic/OOS_Online/OOS_Online_Registration.asp
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

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Michigan	Exempt	Dept. of Energy, Labor, and Economic Growth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Public universities are not required to seek approval.
							http://www.michiganps.net/resources.aspx?_function=NSF
Minnesota	Required to register.	Minnesota Office of Higher Education	After Approval	After Approval	After Approval	After Approval	Programs with more than 50% online and internships, etc. Cost: \$2500 for bachelors, \$3000 for masters, \$3500 for doctoral
							http://www.ohe.state.mn.us/mPg.cfm?pageID=197
Mississippi	Exempt	Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	100% online Programs are exempt. Http://www.mississippi.edu/mcca/
		Commission on Proprietary School and College Registration					\$25 Fee for application packet. Http://www.sbcjc.cc.ms.us/program/psDefault.aspx
Missouri	Approved	Missouri Department of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Authorized to deliver online academic programs.
							http://www.dhe.mo.gov/psc/
Montana	Approved	Montana University System	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Authorized to deliver online academic programs.
Nebraska	Exempt		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No physical presence required.

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Nevada	Required to register.	Commission on Postsecondary Education	No	Yes	Yes	No	Can apply for exemption if online programs do not have a hands-on component (internships, practica, or clinicals). See NRS 394.098 and 099 for more details.
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 Mexico	Yes, required to apply	Higher Education Department					
New York	Online Exempt		Yes	No	No	No	Exempt for online programs but must apply if program has internships, practica, or clinicals.
North Carolina	Required to register.	Board of Governors	Yes	No	No	No	Programs with a clinical, practicum, internship, lab, or externship trigger registration.

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North Dakota	Approved	Dept. of Career and Technical Education	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Programs that require professional licensure consult with the appropriate licensing board.
Ohio	Online Exempt	Ohio Board of Regents	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Courses exclusively online are exempt with no physical presence.
Oklahoma	Online Exempt	State Regents for Higher Education	Yes	No	No	Yes	Programs with a clinical, practicum, internship, lab, or externship trigger registration. \$1200 initial registration fee
Oregon	Pending	Department of Education	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Exemptions are listed in ORS 345.015. 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.
Rhode Island	Exempt	Board of Governors for Higher Education	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	No physical presence.

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South Carolina	Exempt	South Carolina Commission on Higher Education	No	No	No	No	No physical presence.
South Dakota	Exempt	Board of Regents	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No physical presence.
Tennessee	Exempt	Higher Education Commission	No	No	No	No	No physical presence. 100% online only
Texas	Online exempt. Required to Register	Higher Education Coordination Board	Yes	Unclear	No	No	Exempt if program is 100% online. Physical presence is triggered if the program requires internships, practicum, and/or Clinical
Utah	Exempt	Division of Consumer	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Based on Accreditation by a regional or national
Vermont	Exempt	Higher Education Policy					

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Virginia	Exempt	Section 600.9 HEAD	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No physical presence
Washington	Pending		No	Yes	No	No	RCW 28C.10.050 exemptions are automatic. WAC 490-105-030(1) exemptions are not. Required to register for programs with a field. Waiting for clarification
West Virginia	Exempt	Higher Education Policy	No	No	No	No	No physical presence
Wisconsin	Exempt	Educational Approval Board	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Schools supported mainly by Taxes are exempt
Wyoming	Required to register						Has application process

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). www.alsde.edu"

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"

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