

State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA)

In December 2021, Martin University became a member of National Council of State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) and was approved by the State of Indiana to participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). SARA is an agreement among its member states, districts and U.S. territories that establishes comparable standards for offering postsecondary distance education courses and programs. Distance Education as defined by SARA means instruction offered by any means where the student and faculty member are in separate physical locations. It includes, but is not limited to, online, interactive video and correspondence courses or programs.

Participation in SARA provides Martin University with authorization to provide postsecondary distance education to students in other States and territories covered by the agreement. A list of current, authorized SARA member states and institutions is available at [Directory | NC-SARA](#).

SARA applies only to distance education activities conducted across state lines. SARA does not affect the applicability of general-purpose state laws or the applicability of state professional licensing or other regulatory agency requirements. More information about SARA can be found at <https://www.nc-sara.org/>.

SARA Student Compliant Process

Martin University will assist students in resolving conflicts they may have with University instructors, University staff, or other students. The process for resolving conflicts can be found at the link below.

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Students are encouraged to attempt to resolve complaints through the Martin University process. However, all Martin University students may file a complaint with the Indiana Commission for Higher Education at the link below.

[Student Complaint Information - Indiana SARA Portal Agency](#)

Tel: 317.464.4400

All Martin University students may also file a complaint with their respective state's consumer protection office at the link below.

[State Consumer Protection Offices](#)

Additional information about the NC-SARA Student Complaint Process can be found at the link below.

[Student Complaints | NC-SARA](#)

Professional Licensure

States and other government entities establish standards of practice for the occupations or professions they have chosen to regulate, and they provide legal permission to practice those professions only to individuals who meet those standards. This is called professional licensure. **Participation in SARA does**

not satisfy state requirements pertaining to professional licensure. Academic programs and individual graduates must meet standards set by that state's licensure requirements for a graduate to be eligible for a license. As a participant in SARA, however, Martin University will keep all students, applicants, and potential students who have contacted the institution about the course or program informed as to whether such offerings meet state licensing or certification requirements. If Martin University is unable, after all reasonable efforts, to determine whether a program will meet state professional licensure requirements, The University will provide the student or applicant with current contact information for any applicable licensing boards and advise the student or applicant to determine whether the program meets requirements for licensure in the state where the student is located.

If you are considering enrolling in an online Martin University program that leads to a professional license, it is highly recommended you contact the University to determine if the program meets State licensing requirements before beginning your academic program.