

STATE AUTHORIZATION

The United States Department of Education requires that institutions comply with various authorization requirements in each state in which distance education instruction is delivered to its residents. In addition, and pursuant to 34 CFR 668.43(b), institutions must provide current and prospective students with contact information for filing complaints with the appropriate state agency in their home state. Some states also require Brandman University to include specific language in the catalog and/or website.

To satisfy these requirements, contact and other information for each state's Higher Education Department (or equivalent) are listed below by state. Regarding complaints, we encourage all students to review and utilize our University Complaint Policy which can be found in the General Information section.

Further, Brandman University regularly monitors developments in each state's laws and works with Higher Education authorities to maintain compliance. However, due to the complex and ever changing landscape of State Authorization, our approach and status in each state is subject to change. We will continue to monitor changes in each state's laws and our out-of-state activities. If authorization becomes necessary, we will take the appropriate next steps.

If you have concerns or questions about State Authorization, distance education requirements, or the availability of certain programs in your state, please contact the office of the Director of State Authorization and Legal Affairs.

Alabama

Alabama Commission on Higher Education

Elizabeth C. French
Director, Office of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning
Alabama Commission on Higher Education
334-242-2179
elizabeth.french@ache.alabama.gov

Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education Office of Private School Licensing Division

Annette Funderburk
Private School Licensure Specialist
Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education
Office of Private School Licensing Division
334-293-4651
annette.funderburk@accs.edu (annette.funderburk@dpe.edu)

Alaska

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Kierke A. Kussart
Program Coordinator for Institutional Authorization
Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education
907-465-6741
Kierke.kussart@alaska.gov
EED.ACPE-IA@alaska.gov

Arizona

Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education

Teri Stanfill
Executive Director
Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education
602-542-2399
teri.stanfill@azppse.gov

Keith Blanchard
Deputy Director
Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education
602-542-5769
keith.blanchard@azppse.gov

Arkansas

Arkansas Department of Higher Education

Alana Boles
Coordinator, Academic Affairs
Arkansas Department of Higher Education
501-371-2060
Alana.Boles@adhe.edu

Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education
Brenda Germann
Director
Arkansas State Board of Private Career Education
501-683-8000
brenda.germann@arkansas.gov

California

California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

Leeza Rifredi
Deputy Bureau Chief
Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
916-431-6959
bppe.licensing@dca.ca.gov

Colorado

Colorado Department of Higher Education

Heather DeLange
Academic Policy Officer
Colorado Department of Higher Education
1560 Broadway, Suite 1600
Denver, CO 80202
303-862-3001
heather.delange@dhe.state.co.us

Connecticut

The Connecticut Office of Higher Education

Noah Dion
Director, Academic Affairs
Office of Higher Education
860-947-1822
NDion@ctdhe.org

Delaware

Delaware Department of Education

Teacher & Administrator Quality Development
Delaware Department of Education
302-857-3388
IHE@doe.k12.de.us

District of Columbia

District of Columbia Higher Education Licensure Commission

1050 First Street NE, 5th Floor
Washington, DC 20002
osse.elcmail@dc.gov

Florida

Commission for Independent Education Florida Department of Education

Susan Hood
Operations and Management Consultant Manager
Florida Department of Education
850-245-3200
susan.hood@fldoe.org

Sam Ferguson
Executive Director
Commission for Independent Education
850-245-3200
sam.ferguson@fldoe.org

Karl Washington
Educational Policy Analyst
Commission for Independent Education
850-245-3200
karl.washington@fldoe.org

Georgia

Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

Laura S. Vieth
Deputy Director
770-414-3206
lauras@gnpec.org

Hawaii

Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program

Bobbi Lum-Mew
Hawaii Post-Secondary Education Authorization Program
808-586-7327
hpeap@dcca.hawaii.gov

Idaho

Idaho State Board of Education

Val Fenske
Private Postsecondary & Proprietary School Coordinator
Idaho State Board of Education

650 West State Street, (PO Box 83720), Boise, ID 83720-0037
208-332-1587
valerie.fenske@osbe.idaho.gov

Illinois

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Dr. Dan Cullen
Deputy Director, Academic Affairs
Illinois Board of Higher Education
1 N.Old, State Capitol Plaza, Suite 333
Springfield, IL 62701
217-557-7382
Cullen@ibhe.org

Indiana

Indiana Commission for Higher Education

Ken Sauer, Ph.D.
Senior Associate Commissioner for Research and Academic Affairs,
Indiana Commission for Higher Education (CHE)/Executive Director
Indiana Board for Proprietary Education
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 550 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-1984
317-464-4400 Ext. 121
ksauer@che.in.gov

Ross Miller
Director of Accreditation and Regulatory Compliance
Indiana Board for Proprietary Education/
Indiana Commission for Higher Education
101 W. Ohio Street, Suite 670
Indianapolis, IN 46204-1984
Phone: (317) 464-4400 Ext. 138
Fax: (317) 233-4219
rmiller@bpe.che.in.gov

Iowa

Iowa College Student Aid Commission

Carolyn Small
Postsecondary Registration Administrator
Iowa College Student Aid Commission
515-725-3413
carolyn.small@iowa.gov

Kansas

Kansas Board of Regents

Crystal Puderbaugh
Senior Associate Director, Academic Affairs
Kansas Board of Regents
785-430-4287
cpuderbaugh@ksbor.org
Jennifer Armour
Associate Director, Academic Affairs
Kansas Board of Regents
785-430-4288

jarmour@ksbor.org

Danielle Garretson
Office Operations Associate
Kansas Board of Regents
785-430-4290
dgarretson@ksbor.org

Kentucky

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

Sarah Levy, J.D.
Director of Postsecondary Licensing
Council on Postsecondary Education
1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 320
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601
Tel: 502.573.1555 Fax: 502.573.1535
sarah.levy@ky.gov

Louisiana

Louisiana Board of Regents

LeAnn Detillier,
Assistant Commissioner for Program Administration,
Louisiana Board of Regents
225-342-4253
leann.detillier@la.gov

Maine

Maine Department of Higher Education

Angel Martinez Loreda
Higher Education Specialist
Maine Department of Education
Augusta, Maine 04333
207-624-6846
angel.loredo@maine.gov

Maryland

Maryland Higher Education Commission

Monica Wheatley, Associate Director of Collegiate Affairs, Office of
Academic Affairs
Maryland Higher Education Commission
6 North Liberty Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
410-767-3301
monica.wheatley@maryland.gov

Massachusetts

Massachusetts Department of Higher Education

One Ashburton Place, Room 1401
Boston, MA 02108
approvalquery@bhe.mass.edu

Michigan

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Michael Beamish
Manager

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs Corporations,
Securities, and Commercial Licensing Bureau, Licensing Division
PO Box 30718- Lansing, MI 48909
517-241-6806
beamishm@michigan.gov

Minnesota

Brandman University is registered with the Minnesota Office of Higher
Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136A.71. Registration is not
an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may
not transfer to all other institutions

Minnesota Office of Higher Education

1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55108
651-642-0533
www.ohe.state.mn.us (<https://www.ohe.state.mn.us>)

Betsy Talbot
Manager Institutional Licensure and Registration
Minnesota Office of Higher Education
1450 Energy Park Dr., Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55108
651-259-3965
Betsy.talbot@state.mn.us

Mississippi

Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation

Menia Dykes
Director of Accreditation
Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation
3825 Ridgewood Road
Jackson, MS 39211
601-432-6372
mdykes@mississippi.edu

Missouri

Missouri Department of Higher Education

Leroy Wade
Deputy Commissioner
Missouri Department of Higher Education
573-751-1176
leroy.wade@dhe.mo.gov

Montana

Montana University System Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

State Authorization Compliance Agent
Montana University System
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
2500 Broadway, BOX 203201
Helena, MT 59620-3201
406-444-6570
stateauthorization@montana.edu

Nebraska

Nebraska Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

Kathleen Fimple
Academic Programs Officer
Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education
402-471-0030
kathleen.fimple@nebraska.gov

Nebraska Department of Education, Private Postsecondary Career Schools

Brad Dirksen
Program Director
Nebraska Department of Education
402-471-4825
Brad.dirksen@nebraska.gov

Nevada

Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education

Kelly D. Wuest
Administrator
Nevada Commission on Postsecondary Education
702-486-7330
kdwuest@cpe.state.nv.us (dperlman@cpe.state.nv.us)

New Hampshire

New Hampshire Department of Education Division of Higher Education- Higher Education Commission

Patricia Edes
Assistant to Director
New Hampshire Department of Education
Division of Higher Education, Higher Education Commission
603-271-0257
patricia.edes@doe.nh.gov

New Jersey

New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education

Rochelle Hendricks
Secretary of Higher Education
State of New Jersey Higher Education
P.O. Box 542
Trenton, NJ 08625-0542
609-292-4310
Executive Assistant: Lauren Banks
lauren.banks@oshe.nj.gov (Carol.Johnson@oshe.nj.gov)
<http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation>

New Mexico

New Mexico Higher Education Department

Michelle Casias, Director, Private Postsecondary Schools Division,
New Mexico Higher Education Department
2044 Galisteo Street, Suite 4
Santa Fe, NM 87505
(505) 476-8409
Private.Schools@state.nm.us

Brandman University is seeking Licensure for programs with clinical or internship components.

New York

New York Office of College and University Evaluation

Leslie Templeman
Director
Office of College and University Evaluation
New York State Education Department
leslie.templeman@nysed.gov

North Carolina

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors

Terrence Scarborough
Director of Licensure
The University of North Carolina General Administration
919-962-4558
trscarborough@northcarolina.edu

North Dakota

North Dakota University System

Tanya Spilovoy
Director, Distance Education and State Authorization
North Dakota University System
1815 Schafer Street, Ste.202 Bismarck, ND 58505-0230
tanya.spilovoy@ndus.edu

Ohio

The Ohio Board of Regents

Matt Exline
Assistant Director, Program Development and Approval
614-728-3095
mexline@regents.state.oh.us

Oklahoma

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Daniel Archer
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
darcher@osrhe.edu

The Oklahoma Board of Private Schools

Nora Ann House, MBA, CPA Director
The Oklahoma Board of Private Schools
405-528-3370
nhouse@obpvs.ok.gov

Oregon

Oregon Office of Degree Authorization

Juan Baez-Arevalo
Director of Private Postsecondary Education
Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission
503-947-5977
juan.baez-arevalo@state.or.us

Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Department of Education

Patricia Landis
 Division Chief, Higher and Career Education
 Pennsylvania Department of Education
 717-783-8228
RA-COLLUNIVSEMINFO@state.pa.us

Rhode Island

Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner

Michael Walker-Jones
 Assistant Commissioner
 Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner
 401-736-1122
michael.walker-jones@ribghe.org

South Carolina

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

Clay Barton
 Program Coordinator, Postsecondary Institution Licensing
 South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
 1122 Lady Street
 Suite 300
 Columbia, SC 29201
 803-737-7781
cbarton@che.sc.gov (lgoodwin@che.sc.gov)

South Dakota

South Dakota Secretary of State

Krista Rounds
 Postsecondary Education
 Office of Secretary of State-State Capitol
 500 East Capitol Avenue
 Pierre SD 57501-5070
 605-773-3537
sos.edu@state.sd.us

Tennessee

Tennessee Higher Education Commission Division of Postsecondary State Authorization

Information regarding THEC's authority and policies:
 Julie M. Woodruff
 Assistant Executive Director for DPSA and Lead Attorney
 Tennessee Higher Education Commission
 615-253-8857
julie.woodruff@tn.gov (lindsey.vaughan@tn.gov)

Texas

The student complaint form is available on the THECB website. All complaints must be submitted to the Agency on the student complaint form.

<http://www.theccb.state.tx.us/index.cfm?objectId=051F93F5-03D4-9CCE-40FA9F46F2CD3C9D>

For specific information regarding student complaints pursuant to Title 19 of the Texas Administrative Code, Sections 1.110-1.120 please see the following site:

[http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac\\$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=19&pt=1&ch=1&sch=E&rl=Y](http://info.sos.state.tx.us/pls/pub/readtac$ext.ViewTAC?tac_view=5&ti=19&pt=1&ch=1&sch=E&rl=Y)

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

Cathie Maeyaert
 Special Projects Director
 Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
 512-427-6527
Cathie.Maeyaert@THECB.state.tx.us

Utah

Utah Division of Consumer Protection

Marla Winegar
 Administrator
 Utah Division of Consumer Protection
 801-530-6601
mwinegar@utah.gov

Vermont

Vermont State Board of Education Through the Vermont Agency of Education

Cassandra Ryan
 Postsecondary Approval Coordinator
 802-479-8545
cassandra.ryan@state.vt.us

Virginia

State Council for Higher Education in Virginia

Sylvia Rosa-Casanova
 Director, Private and Out of State Postsecondary Education
 State Council of Higher Education for Virginia (SCHEV)
 101 N.14th street Richmond VA 23219
 804-225-3399
SylviaRosaCasanova@schev.edu

Washington

Brandman University is authorized by the Washington Student Achievement Council and meets the requirements and minimum educational standards established for degree-granting institutions under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act. This authorization is subject to periodic review and authorizes Brandman University to offer specific degree programs. The Council may be contacted for a list of currently authorized programs. Authorization by the Council does not carry with it an endorsement by the Council of the institution or its programs. Any person desiring information about the requirements of the act or the applicability of those requirements to the institution may contact the Council at P.O. Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 or by email at DegreeAuthorization@wsac.wa.gov.

Washington Student Achievement Council

Tivoli Sharp
 Program Administrator/Degree Authorization
 Washington Student Achievement Council
 360-753-7869
tivolis@wsac.wa.gov

West Virginia

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

Keri Ferro
Director of Statewide Academic Initiatives
West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
304-558-0261
keri.ferro@wvhepc.edu

Wisconsin

Wisconsin Educational Approval Board

David C. Dies
Executive Secretary
Wisconsin Educational Approval Board
608-267-7733
david.dies@eab.wisconsin.gov

Wyoming

Wyoming Department of Education

Elaine Marces
Private School Program Manager
Wyoming Department of Education
307-777-6210
elaine.marces@wyo.gov