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. As a caution, admissions may be restricted or limited until required approvals have been granted. 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 at stateauthorization@brandman.edu.

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For information and resources about student loan repayment, or to submit a complaint relating to your student loans or student loan servicer, please visit www.wsac.wa.gov/loan-advocacy (http://www.wsac.wa.gov/loan-advocacy) or contact the Student Loan Advocate at loanadvocate@wsac.wa.gov.

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