What does this mean for NYU?

As of April 2017, NYU is a participating SARA member institution. With SARA membership, many of the current compliance restrictions in place will be covered.* For example, SARA allows for the following in the 47 SARA states, the District of Columbia, and the Virgin Islands:

- Unlimited enrollments in wholly online offerings
- Non-classroom experience placements** of up to 10 students per site per program
- Unrestricted activity for institutional marketing***, academic proctoring, and faculty state of residence

*SARA does not cover professional licensure or certification programs/courses with activities that require state licensing board approval.
**Non-classroom experience placements include any experiential learning that occurs outside of the classroom including, but not limited to internships, externships, clinicals, practicums, clerkships, etc.
***All consumer protection, misrepresentation and federal laws still apply.

Maximizing NYU’s ability to educate students nationally remains a primary mission of the Office of Academic Program Review & Assessment (OAPRA). Historically, we have worked to comply with regulations state by state, adjusting our strategy based on different compliance triggers and the needs and priorities of NYU schools. In many cases, SARA will make things easier. As SARA does not cover all NYU activities in all states and territories, individual state authorization may still be necessary in states also covered by SARA. The OAPRA will continue to dedicate significant time and resources to navigate this complex landscape, developing and communicating sound strategies to support our mission while ensuring ongoing compliance. As we analyze the implications of SARA membership for NYU, the OAPRA will provide clear and simple guidance about how to proceed.

Professional Licensure Disclosure Statements

Due to SARA and new federal distance education rules, schools are required to publicly disclose if a program meets state-by-state prerequisites for professional licensure or certification. By July 1, 2018, these disclosure statements must be individually provided to students, and schools must be able to prove acknowledgment that they were received.

The Professional Licensure Presentation during the Annual State Authorization Meeting introduced these regulations in detail and may be found here. Please contact Lina Janusas, lina.j@nyu.edu, with any questions.
Federal Distance Education Rules

The US Department of Education passed new distance education rules that influence NYU’s distance education activities for all programs, including non-classroom experiences, and additional regulations for programs that lead to professional licensure. This requires institutions to demonstrate compliance in every state from which students are enrolled or conduct activities. Although the regulations could still be modified or suspended prior to the effective date of July 1, 2018, there is no concrete information on pending changes.

What does this mean NYU?

Once the new distance education rules are implemented on July 1, 2018, state regulation non-compliance could have potential federal financial aid consequences in addition to state penalties. Please continue to be mindful of compliance requirements for all out-of-state activities. It is important to continue to keep OAPRA well-informed of current and future non-classroom experience projects prior to implementation in order to remain compliant. For any questions about activities that warrant tracking, please visit the NYU State Authorization website, where a current list of activities requiring authorization is maintained. Communication will also continue through newsletters, the Annual State Authorization Meeting, regular non-classroom experience data collection, and consultations with the OAPRA.

Annual State Authorization Meeting

Thank you for your participation in the Annual State Authorization meeting. Recordings of the presentations may be found below.

>>Download the Annual State Authorization Presentation
>>Download the Professional Licensure Presentation

New and current regulations were discussed during the meeting. In order for schools to maintain compliance, please review the next steps document and handouts provided at the meeting via this link.

In order to better serve our schools, there will be a procedural change this academic year. The Multi-State Authorization Compliance Officer will now individually meet with each school’s liaison on an annual basis to review state authorization compliance as well as address any questions or concerns. These meetings will be held between October 2017 and February 2018. Please expect contact from our office in the near future.

Welcome Ms. Lina Janusas

The OAPRA joyously welcomes a new team member, Ms. Lina Janusas, who is serving as NYU’s Multi-State Authorization Compliance Officer. Lina is the new state authorization lead officer at NYU, and is responsible for managing compliance with state authorization regulations necessary for all NYU academic programs. She joins the OAPRA from NYU Rory Meyers College of Nursing (NYU Meyers) where she developed her interest and knowledge of higher education regulatory environments, state authorization, program review, and accreditation. Lina holds a baccalaureate degree in History of Art from University of California, Berkeley and a Post-Baccalaureate certificate in Visual Arts from UC Berkeley Extension. Lina is currently pursuing a Graduate Certificate in IT and transitioning into the MS degree in Management and Systems with a concentration in Database Technologies from the NYU School of Professional Studies. Please join us in welcoming Lina to the team!

She can be reached at 212-998-2093 and lina.j@nyu.edu.
State Authorization Data Requirements

Key to NYU’s ongoing compliance

Non-Classroom Experience Report Data Collection
The Non-classroom Experience Report is due three times a year and includes data related to where and when students complete non-classroom experiences. State Authorization Liaisons from each school provide this information to the OAPRA on or by May 1, August 31, and December 1. These data are required for reporting to individual states and for other institutional compliance reports, including NC-SARA. In addition, the Non-Classroom Report influences OAPRA’s compliance strategy in order to better support each school’s objectives for providing quality education to students across the nation.

The Non-classroom Experience Report allows the OAPRA to provide aggregate data visualizations university-wide and to schools. Each State Authorization Liaison should expect a school-specific data report that includes these visualizations. Some schools may find it helpful to use these data to conduct individual school-specific analysis as well as using the data visualizations as a marketing tool to highlight non-classroom experiences. These visualizations are similar to the university-wide data images above, such as the frequency of non-classroom experiences reported by NYU degree granting units (figure 1) and the number of NYU non-classroom experiences by location (figure 2). Other metrics will be provided to liaisons including the average length and frequency of non-classroom experiences and the percentages of non-classroom experiences by different variables such as non-credit v. for-credit and placement types.

Non-New York State Authorization Form
At NYU, schools proposing a new program or substantive changes to an existing program are required to go through a multi-step academic program review process to ensure appropriate compliance with internal and external protocols. The Non-New York State Authorization form collects data relevant to activity subject to state authorization compliance, including: non-classroom experiences, distance education, proctoring, faculty state of residence, and marketing/advertising. Completion of this form ensures that all NYU programs (both new and revised programs) remain compliant with state authorization requirements.

Thank you for your ongoing support in providing this information to our office!
With over 50 years of service to NYU, Russ Hamberger retired this year. We are elated to celebrate Russ’s retirement and words cannot express the deep appreciation felt university-wide for his tenure with the NYU community. Russ has provided a wealth of knowledge on higher education regulations to NYU, and he has truly been vital to NYU’s growth and success at every level. Russ’s dedication to the University is unparalleled, and we hope that you will join us in congratulating Russ on his retirement!

**Office Merger**

With the Retirement of Associate Provost Russ Hamberger, the Office of Academic Program Review (APR) and the Office of Academic Assessment (OAA) have integrated into a single, centralized Provostial unit, the “Office of Academic Program Review & Assessment” (OAPRA). Under Assistant Vice Provost Diana Leilani Karafin’s leadership, the OAPRA will be responsible for managing institutional program approval, state authorization, and academic assessment.

**Appreciation and Thanks to Mr. Rishabh M. Verma**

The OAPRA would like to extend our appreciation to its Graduate Research Analyst, Rishabh M. Verma! Rishabh worked with the OAPRA for the 2016-2017 academic year, and he has been an integral part of NYU’s continued state authorization compliance success. He has been able to successfully contribute to preparing multiple state authorization initial and renewal applications. Many NYU schools have had the opportunity to work with Rishabh as he developed high level data visualizations and presentations of data results. Rishabh will continue pursuing a master’s degree in Management of Technology from the NYU Tandon School of Engineering. His helpful and jovial nature made work fun, and we ask that you join us in wishing Rishabh all the best in his future endeavors.