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Accreditation and Reciprocity Information

Northwest Mississippi Community College provides distance education programs and coursework to out-of-state students under the authority of an agreement with the Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation (MCCA). Mississippi, through its membership in the regional compact (Southern Regional Education Board – SREB), has joined the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). SARA provides a reciprocity agreement that allows each member state the right to provide online education to residents of other member states without additional authorization required. All states are not currently members of NC-SARA.

If you are a Northwest Community College (NWCC) student or prospective student who will not reside in Mississippi while enrolled in NWCC online programs or courses, please be aware that many states have prescribed an authorization process for out-of-state institutions delivering online programs to its state residents. Through such processes, states strive to ensure quality postsecondary education, to preserve the integrity of an academic degree and to instill greater consumer protection for its student citizens.

Northwest Mississippi Community College's participation in SARA allows students from NC-SARA approved states to enroll in NWCC's online programs or courses. For more information visit [SARA for States](#).

Accreditation

Northwest Mississippi Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) to award Associate of Arts and Associate of Applied Science Degrees. Degree-granting institutions also may offer credentials such as certificates and diplomas at approved degree levels. Questions about the accreditation of Northwest Mississippi Community College may be directed in writing to the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, GA 30033-4097, by calling (404) 679-4500, or by using information available on the [SACSCOC website](#).

NWCC holds membership in the American Association of Community Colleges, the Mississippi Association of Community Colleges, the Mississippi Association of Colleges and the Southern Association of Community and Junior Colleges and Community Colleges of Appalachia. Additionally, NWCC is officially recognized by various occupational accrediting agencies, such as the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326; Phone 404-975-5000 and Mississippi Institutions for Higher Learning (IHL), 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211 or call 601-432-6198. Visit the [Mississippi Institutions for Higher Learning \(IHL\) website](#) for more information. For more information visit our [Accreditation page](#) on the NWCC website.

Out-of-State/Distance Student Complaint Procedure

Northwest Mississippi Community College provides procedures for students to resolve complaints or grievances with the College. Visit the [Complaint and Grievance Procedures](#) found in the NWCC Bulletin under General Information on the NWCC Website. Students will need to submit the [Northwest Mississippi Community College State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement Student Complaint Form](#). If



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your complaint is not resolved at the institutional level by filing a complaint pursuant to the student grievance policy, the College recognizes and accepts Mississippi Commission on College Accreditation (MCCA) oversight in resolving complaints from students taking distance education under the auspices of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). Out-of-state students residing in NC-SARA (National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement) states may submit complaints to the MS-SARA portal agent. For information review the [MCCA Student Complaint Process](#) on the MCCA website.

To file a complaint with MCCA, a student should complete the [MCCA Student Complaint Form](#) available on the website. MCCA is located at 3825 Ridgewood Road, Jackson, MS 39211 and can be reached by telephone 601-432-6372.

Professional Licensure

States and other government entities have established 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. If you are considering a program that leads to a professional license in your state, it is highly recommended that you first check with your State to verify if our program actually does meet the requirements of the state in which you intend to practice, as well seek guidance from the appropriate licensing agency in your home state before beginning the academic program located outside your state. For information on licensures visit the [Professional Licensure or Certifications page](#) on the NWCC website.

Northwest Mississippi Community College participates in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements.

