

State Authorization and Professional Licensure

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Misericordia University has been approved as a participating institutional member in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) since January 1, 2017. NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary education. Institutions that are members of NC-SARA are authorized to provide online education to students from all NC-SARA member states. States and institutions that choose to become members of NC-SARA operate under a set of policies and standards that are overseen by NC-SARA and administered by four regional higher education compacts. For more information about the NC-SARA initiative, visit <https://nc-sara.org> .

Professional Licensure

At Misericordia University, programs in certain licensed professions (*Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Medical Imaging, Nursing, Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, Physician Assistant, Speech-Language Pathology, Teacher Education, Social Work*) are designed to fulfill the educational prerequisites for licensure in Pennsylvania. When a student graduates from one of the Misericordia University academic programs listed above in italics, the student has the minimum educational qualifications to apply for Pennsylvania licensure in the student's field of study, or, where relevant, to sit for the national credentialing examination granted by program-related professional organizations.

Eligibility for professional designations varies by profession and state location, and often involves more than successful degree completion (such as submitting an application, passing an examination, paying an entrance/application fee, or providing evidence of work experience). In addition, educational requirements for professional licensure may vary from state to state. To assist students who now live or may one day live outside of Pennsylvania, Misericordia University is currently updating individual academic program information that explains whether each professional program fulfills educational requirements for a licensing credential in each US state and territory. As this work progresses, students seeking assistance can contact their academic advisor or refer to the table below of State Licensing Boards in their program of interest.

	State Licensing Boards
Nursing	National Council of State Boards of Nursing – State Licensure Requirements https://ncsbn.org/14730.htm
Occupational Therapy	National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy List by State https://nbcot.org/-/media/NBCOT/PDFs/State_Contact_List.ashx

Physician Assistant	National Commission on Certification of Physician Assistants (NCCPA) – State Licensing Boards https://nccpa.net/state-licensing-boards/
Physical Therapy	The Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy (FSBPT) – Licensing Authorities Contact Information https://fsbpt.org/Free-Resources/Licensing-Authorities-Contact-Information
Radiology Technician	American Society of Radiology Technologists (ASRT) – Individual State Licensure Information https://asrt.org/main/standards-and-regulations/legislation-regulations-and-advocacy/individual-state-licensure
Social Work	Association of Social Work Boards (ASWB) License Map https://aswb.org/regulation/help-with-federal-financial-aid-disclosure-requirements
Speech Pathology	American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) State Requirements and Contact Information https://asha.org/advocacy/state/
Teacher Education	National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) – Websites of Jurisdictions https://nasdtec.net/page/State_Directory_Map