Professional Licensure and Certification Requirements

Professional licensure and certification requirements often vary from state to state. Licensure and certification in one state does not mean automatic licensure in another. Westfield State does not offer online degree programs that lead to professional licensure, however we recognize that there may be instances in which individual online courses may be applied towards a professional licensure.

If you are seeking to use such a course toward earning a professional license please contact Jessica Tansey, Director of the College of Graduate & Continuing Education (jtansey@westfield.ma.edu, phone 413-572-8319, fax 413-572-5227), who will provide documentation about whether a course or program applies to a student's home state licensure requirements.

Students should also speak to their college's program advisor about licensure requirements.

It is also recommended that students contact the appropriate state licensing board from the state they are interested in practicing in (See below)

Alaska

Licensing Agency

Alaska Commission on Postsecondary Education

Arizona

Licensing Agency

Arizona State Board for Private Postsecondary Education
Arizona Board of Nursing

California

Licensing Agency

California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education

Colorado Licensing Agency

Colorado Department of Higher Education

Connecticut

Licensing Agency

The (Connecticut) Office of Higher Education

Hawaii

Licensing Agency

Hawaii Post-secondary Education Authorization Program (HPEAP)

Idaho

Licensing Agency

Idaho State Board of Education

Illinois

Licensing Agency

Illinois Board of Higher Education

Maine

Licensing Agency

Maine Department of Higher Education

Michigan

Licensing Agency

Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Mississippi

Licensing Agency

Commission on Proprietary Schools and College Registration (CPSCR)

Montana

Licensing Agency

Montana University System Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education

Nebraska

Licensing Agency

Nebraska's Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education

New Hampshire

Licensing Agency

New Hampshire Postsecondary Education Commission

New Jersey

Licensing Agency

New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Commission on Higher Education

North Dakota

Licensing Agency

North Dakota University System

Oklahoma

Licensing Agency

Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

South Carolina

Licensing Agency

South Carolina Commission on Higher Education

South Dakota

Licensing Agency

South Dakota Secretary of State's Office

Tennessee

Licensing Agency

<u>Tennessee Higher Education Commission Division of Postsecondary State Authorization</u> (DPSA)

Utah

Licensing Agency

Utah Division of Consumer Protection

Vermont

Licensing Agency

Vermont State Board of Education Through the Vermont Agency of Education

Virginia

Licensing Agency

State Council of Higher Education for Virginia