



**The State Authorization Network (SAN) Awards
The WCET SANSational Awards
April 27, 2017**

The call for nominations for the WCET SANSational Award is now open!

The WCET SANSational Award recognizes outstanding efforts by SAN member institutions and organizations in developing a high-quality, comprehensive solution to a challenging state authorization issue. This award is meant to showcase good practice in state authorization work while encouraging others to strive for continued progress.

Works Nominated for the WCET SANSational Award should:

- Present solutions that meet the requirements and needs of regulators, SARA, the institution, and (most especially) students.
- Demonstrate a clear, comprehensive, and practical solution to meeting compliance requirements.
- Exhibit capability to be adapted or replicated as a model for others.

Eligibility

WCET SAN members (institutions, organizations, or corporations) in good standing are eligible to be nominated for a WCET SANSational Award. Members may nominate themselves for the award. Look to your own campus and to those of your network for successful works that meet the WCET SAN criteria. Encourage your colleagues to submit a nomination.

Awardee Selection

The WCET SANSational Award Committee, comprised of Jeannie Yockey-Fine of Cooley LLP, Sharyl Thompson of HER Consulting, Brianna Bates of New York University (a 2015 WCET SANSational award winner), and Heather Jaramillo of University of New Mexico (a 2016 WCET SANSational award winner) will review all nominations and select the recipients. The WCET SANSational Award Committee may grant a maximum of three awards per topic and reserves the right to grant fewer than three awards per topic.

Awardee Recognition

Recipients of the 2017 WCET SANSational Award will:

- Be recognized in a WCET press release.
- Be recognized on the WCET SAN web pages as an award winner.
- Be recognized at the 2017 WCET Annual Meeting SAN Workshop to be held on October 24-27, 2017 in Denver, Colorado
- Be allowed to display the WCET SANSational Award logo on their website and printed materials indicating that they have been awarded the 2017 WCET SANSational Award.

Award Criteria

The WCET SANSational Award recognizes outstanding efforts by SAN member institutions and organizations in applying an innovative solution to challenging state authorization work. Well-written nominations that directly address each criterion are encouraged for this competitive award. Each nomination should:

- Declare to which category you are responding;
- Include a brief description/summary of your institution;
- Provide the heading for each criteria (bulleted lists below) and your response;
- Each nomination should not exceed four pages in length and should contain links to any web pages referenced.

The Awards for 2017

WCET SANSational Award will be awarded separately in each of the following categories:

- **Location:** How do you identify where your students are located?
- **Institutional Authorization:** Notifications and disclosures for institutional state authorizations and compliance status.
- **Licensure Programs:** Notifications and disclosures for professional licensure program status in each state.

Location: How do you identify where your students are?

To be successful in assuring compliance for institutional state authorization and requisite professional licensing board approvals for licensure-track programs, each institution needs to know where their students are when receiving the instruction. Describe any technologies or tools used to determine and track student location. SAN is searching for clear, comprehensive, and practical solutions to this requirement. Applicants should describe their process and address the following criteria:

- Comprehensive. Describe the process (or processes) used to account for all students enrolled in other states both in distance education courses and field experiences of distance and campus-based students (internships, field trips, etc.).
- Frequency. Describe the frequency with which you identify where your students are located and why you believe that frequency is appropriate.
- Student Requirements. Describe if the process is mandatory or if students opt out of identifying where they are located.
- Practical. Describe how the solution is not overly burdensome for institutional personnel or the student.

Institutional Authorization: Notifications and disclosures for state authorization

Institutions are expected (sometimes required) to provide clear notifications and disclosures about their state authorization status to the general public and students. Please describe all the methods, locations, and messages you use to disclose your institution's state authorization status.

- Visibility. Describe all the methods by which the general public or a student can learn about your institution's authorization status and where these are located.
- Accuracy. Describe the process for ensuring the accuracy of the disclosures initially and then keeping them current.
- Ease of use. Describe how the general public and the students can locate these disclosures.
- Ease of understanding. Provide the language your institution uses for these disclosures.

Licensure-track Programs: Notifications and disclosures for professional licensure

Institutions are required to provide clear notifications about an institution's status regarding professional licensure-track programs in each state where a student intends to practice. Please describe all the methods and locations you use to notify students and the message you use to inform them about your status regarding professional licensure-track programs.

- Visibility. Describe all the places where the general public and a student are informed about the acceptability of your professional licensure programs in each state, where these disclosures are located, and how to find each one.
- Ease of use. Describe how the general public and the students can locate these disclosures.
- Ease of understanding. Provide the language your institution uses for these disclosures.

Deadline to Apply:

June 30, 2017

Submit nominations via email to Marianne Boeke at marianne@nchems.org

Identify a contact person including email address and phone number.

Acknowledgment of nomination receipt will be sent for each submission.

All Award winners will be notified by August 31, 2017.

Questions:

On the process or status of nominations:

Marianne Boeke at Marianne@nchems.org or 303-497-0357.

On the suitability of a potential nomination:

Cheryl Dowd at cdowd@wiche.edu or 303-541-0210

