SARA Annual Data Reporting
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Issue
Institutions that participate in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) will submit their annual reporting of the previous year’s enrollments and out-of-state learning placements in the reporting window of May 15, 2020 – June 15, 2020. Staffing illness and other complications due to COVID-19 preventing timely submission of reporting should be communicated with NC-SARA to determine a plan for submission.

Impacted
All institutions that participate in SARA must submit annual data reports during the prescribed time period.

Effective Dates

Background
Annual data reporting is a responsibility of institutions that participate in SARA for the purpose of institutional approval for the institution’s out-of-state activities, such as students participating in distance education and experiential learning. The data reporting requires that the institution provide the enrollment numbers for students participating in 100% online courses captured from the previous fall data supplied to IPEDS. Institutions will also report the number of students engaged in certain out-of-state learning placements from the previous calendar year.

NC-SARA staff members have indicated that the data collected for this reporting period is unaffected by the COVID-19 pandemic as the data represents 2019 activity. They recognize that the data reporting for next year may require adjustments for which NC-SARA will be addressing by the end of this calendar year with the Data Advisory Committee and other members of the community. Any institutions that are having difficulty completing the reporting due to COVID-19 related staffing illness or other complications should communicate with NC-SARA as soon as possible to address the issue.

Recommended Action(s)
- Prepare Reporting – SARA participating institutions should submit their data report.
- Communicate with NC-SARA – Complications with timely reporting should be communicated to NC-SARA as soon as possible.

Resources
- NC-SARA Website
- NC-SARA Data Webpage and Resources

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