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***SREB's Electronic Campus
Regional Reciprocity Agreement
(SECRRA) to
State Authorization Reciprocity
Agreements (SARA)***

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Related Definitions

- **SHEEO – State Higher Education Executive Officer**
 - Secretary of Higher Education, Maryland Higher Education Commission
- **State Authorization** – State law requires that an institution be authorized to operate in a state, including offering online courses and programs
- **Reciprocity** - a situation or relationship in which two people or groups agree to do something similar for each other, to allow each other to have the same rights, etc.
- **Electronic Campus State Partner – SHEEO Agency**
 - Aware of authorized programs for institutions within agency and coordinates all participating agencies
- **Electronic Campus Institutional Coordinator**
 - Knowledgeable about the growth and development of distance learning in all areas and departments of the institution and authorized to commit institution to participation



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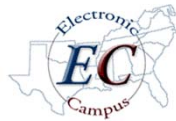
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- **Created in 1948 by Southern governors and legislators who recognized the link between education and economic vitality**
- **Works with 16 member states to improve public education at every level, from pre-K through Ph.D.**
- **Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia and West Virginia.**

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SREB's Electronic Campus - Why

- January 1998, Electronic Campus launched
- More than a catalog....
- More than degree completion information
- **SREB State SHEEO's agreeing to reciprocity based upon participation**
- **Reciprocity for the courses and programs listed on the Electronic Campus – because they met the *Principles of Good Practice, Common Standards* and had passed the review process.**

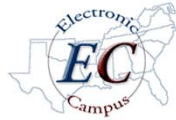




SREB's Electronic Campus (EC)

- Launched in 1998 with 100 courses.
- Fall 2013: Close to 10,000 courses
- March 2014: 2,312 degree programs
- All SREB states have institutions that list courses and programs
- Institutions are **regionally accredited, not-for-profit** and chartered in a SREB state
- **State review and approval by state agency**
- **Institutions meet *Principles of Good Practice and Common Standards***



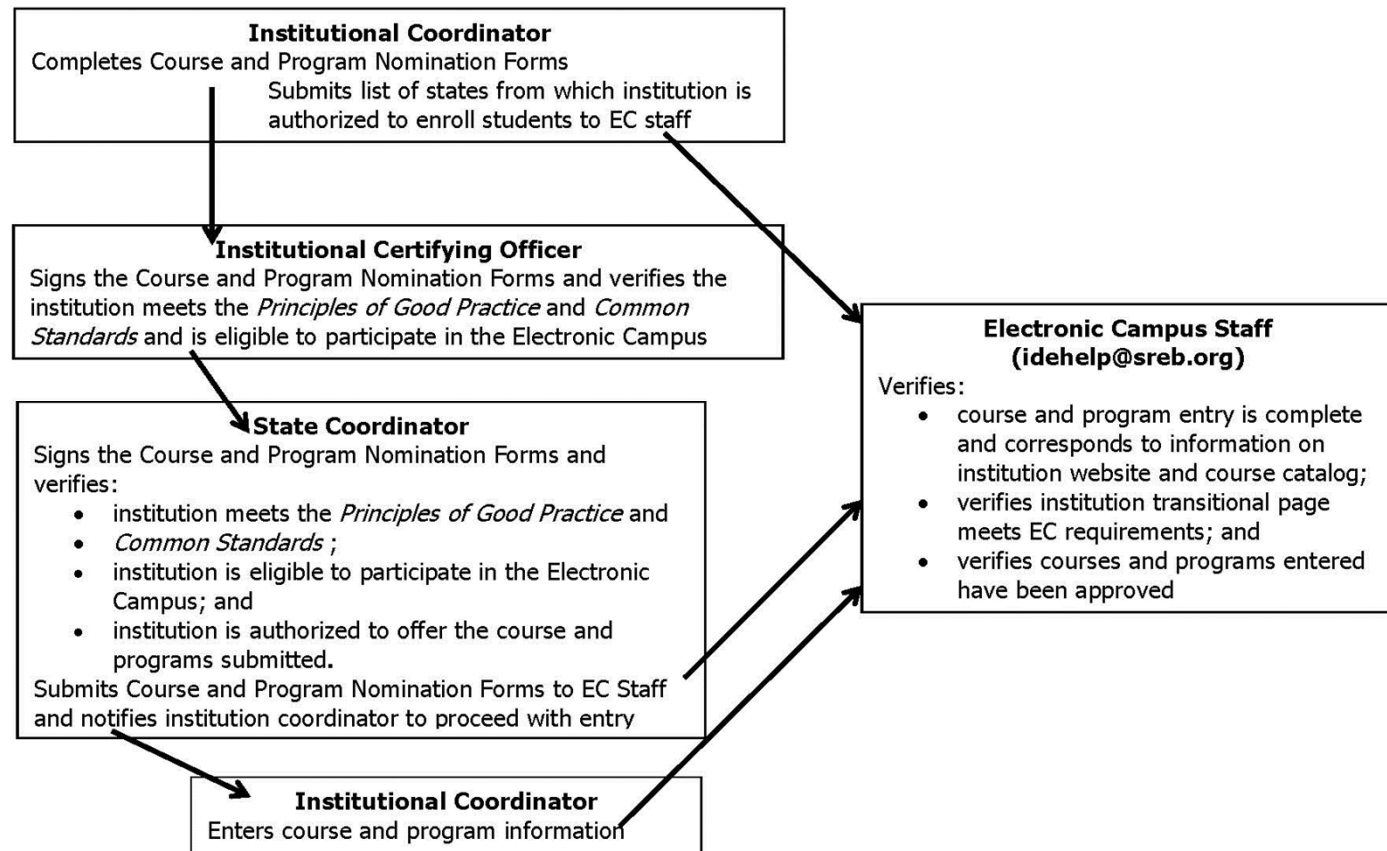


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State Approval Process

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What is the Approval Process?



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SREB's Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRA)

- In 2012 all 16 SREB states were asked to re-affirm original reciprocity arrangement
- July 1, 2014 – all 16 SREB states will participate
- **Voluntary for states and institutions**
- **Institutions participate only if state participates**
- **RECIPROCAL...states not agreeing to participate will be required to seek approval in other SREB states**

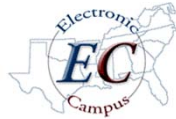




SREB's Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRA)

- **SECRRA was the only regional reciprocity agreement in the nation until 2014**
- **SECRRA reinforces the past Electronic Campus arrangement (approval process, *Principles of Good Practice and Common Standards*)**
- **Limited to for-credit online courses and programs activated on the EC**
- **Regionally accredited, not-for-profit institutions**
- **Physical Presence**





Moving from SECRRA to SARA

- **Moving from regional to national reciprocity made possible by Lumina Foundation**
- **SREB is fully supportive of State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)**
- **SREB is committed to “leave no state behind” during the transition from SECRRA to SARA**





Moving from SECRRA to SARA – When?

- **Gradual SARA implementation in SREB states**
- **SECRRA and SARA parallel for the next couple of years**
- **Electronic Campus State Coordinators will continue with current procedures to maintain participation in SECRRA**





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