

SREB's Electronic Campus - Why

- The driving force creating the Electronic Campus was reciprocity for the courses and programs listed on the EC – because they met the *Principles of Good Practice and Common Standards*
 - SREB's Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRA)

SREB's Electronic Campus (EC)

SREB

- Launched in 1998 with 100 courses.
- Academic Year 2014-2015
 - Almost 37,000 courses
 - more than 3,400 programs
- Institutions are regionally accredited, not-for-profit and chartered in a SREB state
- State review and approval
- Institutions meet *Principles of Good Practice and Common Standards*

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A voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of distance education

SREB's Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRRA)

- All 16 SREB states participate in SECRRRA
- **Voluntary for states and institutions**
- **Institutions participate only if state joins**
- Limited to **for-credit** online courses and programs *activated* on the Electronic Campus
- SECRRRA was the only regional reciprocity agreement in the nation until 2014

Moving from SECRRRA to SARA – Differences

- **Consistent use of Physical Presence**
- **All degree-granting postsecondary institutions from all sectors**
- **Student Complaint Process formalized**
- **Institution approved**
 - **Not specific courses and programs**
- **Reduced authorization “costs”**

SECRRRA SARA

- **SREB is fully supportive of the national State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA)**
 - **Cannot have a ‘competing’ process for reciprocity**
 - **Transition will impact the Academic Common Market/Electronic Campus**
 - **Regional Compact for Health Professions**

When – The Specifics

- **SREB is supportive of the national State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). SARA implementation in the SREB region is ongoing. SARA implementation in SREB states ongoing.**
- **When eight SREB states have joined SARA, SREB will announce the date SREB’s Electronic Campus Regional Reciprocity Agreement (SECRRA) will be dissolved and remove the reciprocity agreement for the region.**
- **It is anticipated eight SREB states will have joined in SARA by the end of the first quarter of 2016.**



When – The Specifics

- SREB is committed the transition from SECRRRA to SARA, the notification period is expected to be between 18 – 24 months.
- Maintaining SECRRRA and transitioning to SARA will result in parallel operations. Electronic Campus States and Institutions will continue with current processes and procedures to maintain participation in SECRRRA and reciprocity with the other SREB states.
- Institutions in SREB states that do not join SARA after SECRRRA dissolves will need to seek authorization from all states including the SREB region.

For More Information

- For more information: www.nc-sara.org
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