

ACCREDITATION AND AFFILIATIONS

State Authorizations

The South College Main Campus and Parkside Learning Site are authorized by the Tennessee Higher Education Commission to confer Doctor of Pharmacy, Doctor of Physical Therapy, Master of Education, Master of Health Science, Master of Business Administration, Master of Science, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Business Administration, and Associate of Science degrees, as well as various certificate level programs. This authorization must be renewed each year and is based on an evaluation of minimum standards concerning quality of education, ethical business practices, health and safety, and fiscal responsibility. South College is approved for the training of veterans and other eligible beneficiaries by the Tennessee Division of Veterans Education.

South College is an institutional participant in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA). SARA is an agreement among member states, districts and territories that establishes comparable national standards for interstate offering of post-secondary distance education course and programs. It is intended to make it easier for students to take online courses offered by post-secondary institutions based in another state. SARA covers all interstate placements in clinical or practica situations among SARA member states, no matter the nature of the main program. However, some such placements may also be subject to the rules of professional licensing boards, in which case the placement must also meet such requirements.

Current members of SARA include **Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming**. For more information about SARA, please visit <http://www.nc-sara.org/>.

Without a physical presence in **California**, South College is not required to seek approval from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education under the California Private Postsecondary Act of 2009 (www.bppe.ca.gov/lawsregs/ppe_act.shtml). Communication from the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education confirming South College does not trigger a physical presence in the state and is not regulated by the Bureau is on file.

Without a physical presence in **Connecticut**, South College is not regulated by the Connecticut Office of Higher Education (61 Woodland Street; Hartford, CT 06105-2326; 860-947-1800; www.ctohe.org) and is therefore not required to seek licensure. Communication from the Connecticut Office of Higher Education confirming South College does not trigger a physical presence in the state and is not regulated by the Office of Higher Education is on file.

Without a physical presence in **Florida**, South College is not regulated by the Commission for Independent Education of the Florida Department of Education (325 W Gaines St, Suite 1414; Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400; 850-245-3200; www.fldoe.org/cie) and is therefore not required to

seek licensure. Communication from the Department confirming South College does not trigger a physical presence in the state and is not regulated is on file.

Without a physical presence in **Massachusetts**, South College is not regulated by the Massachusetts Department of Higher Education (One Ashburton Place, Room 1401; Boston, MA 02108; 617-994-6950; www.mass.edu) and is therefore not required to seek licensure.

Without a physical presence in **New Jersey**, South College is not required to seek approval from the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education (PO Box 542; Trenton, NJ; 08625-0542; 609-292-4310; www.state.nj.us/highereducation). Communication from the New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education confirming South College does not trigger a physical presence in the state and is not regulated is on file.

Without a physical presence in **New York**, South College is not required to seek approval from the Office of College and University Evaluation New York State Education Department (5 North Mezzanine, Education Building; 89 Washington Avenue; Albany, NY 12234; 518-474-2593; www.highered.nysed.gov). Communication from the Department confirming South College does not trigger a physical presence in the state and is not regulated is on file.

Professional Licensure

Important Note for Prospective Students: If you are considering an academic program that leads to a professional license in your state, it is highly recommended that you first seek guidance from the appropriate licensing agency in your home state BEFORE beginning the academic program located outside your state. It is the student's responsibility to contact the appropriate licensing board in his/her home state to confirm whether a South College program will meet the requirements for licensure in that state.

Important note for students interested in pursuing School of Education programs: Educator licensure and certification are regulated individually by State Departments of Education. Students who seek admission to any School of Education program should contact their home state's Department of Education for applicable requirements rules and regulations. Students are responsible for determining whether the South College program will meet their home states' requirements for certification, licensure, or other credential. States may be policies similar to the following Alabama policy.

Alabama

Educator Preparation Programs: State authorization to provide a program related to the preparation of teachers or other P-12 school/system personnel does not indicate eligibility for an Alabama certificate. Applicants who complete an educator preparation program at an institution outside of Alabama must apply for an Alabama professional educator or professional leadership certificate through the Alabama Certificate Reciprocity Approach. Current requirements may be found at www.alsde.edu.