Federal Regulations Professional Licensure Quick Primer

Important points to remember:
- Effective July 1, 2020 – Tied to participation in Title IV Federal Financial Aid.
- Replaces formerly effective regulations that required notifications for distance education (former 668.50).
- NOW for all programs leading to professional licensure or certification as described in 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v).

Public Notifications: 34 CFR 668.43(a)(5)(v)
- Educational programs that are
  - Designed to meet educational requirements for a specific professional license or certification that is required for employment in an occupation, or
  - Advertised as meeting such requirement.
- Information regarding whether completion of that program would be sufficient to meet licensure requirements in a State for that occupation, including
  - Lists of all States:
    - curriculum meets state requirements,
    - curriculum does not meet state requirements,
    - institution has made no determination.

Individualized Notifications: 34 CFR 668.43(c)
- To prospective students if the curriculum does not meet state requirements or the institution has made no determination where the prospective student is located prior to enrollment in the program. (Prior to enrollment = Prior to financial commitment)
- To enrolled students within 14 calendars days of the institution making a determination that the curriculum does not meet state requirements where the student is located.

Resources:
- Professional Licensure Disclosures: Implementation Handbook for Institutional Compliance with the 2019 Federal Regulations. Includes Flowchart! Author: Shari Miller
- SAN Virtual Seminar 2020 - HEA & Federal Rulemaking: The Impact on Institutional Compliance – videos and documents available (or find on Youtube Playlist)
- SAN Special Interest Team on Professional Licensure: White paper on licensing compacts, WCET Frontiers Articles, Checklists, and Research Template
- Final Federal Regulations for State Authorization Released; Nov. 4, 2019; WCET Frontiers; Cheryl Dowd and Dan Silverman
- Board of Nursing Professional Licensure Requirements - by state - prepared by National Council State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN)
- Professional Licensure Directory (contact information in each state for state boards of Counseling, Nursing, Psychology, Social Work, Teacher Education)
- Common Professional Board National Links: Updated April 2020 (requires SAN Member login)
- Licensed Professions per State with Board links Updated April 2020 (requires SAN Member login)