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## Out-of-State Students

We are glad that you are interested in continuing your education at Columbus State University!

If you will be living outside of Georgia while taking classes, our ability to offer online programs or field experiences (internships, clinicals, student teaching, etc.) to you may be limited. We are not legally able to offer programs or courses if we are not able to meet the regulatory requirements for activity in the state where you will be physically located.

Columbus State University's programs leading to all levels of licensure, endorsement, and certification are designed to meet the requirements of the appropriate professional licensing boards in Georgia. The ability of our professional licensure programs to meet state educational requirements for licensure or certification may be limited in other states.

To find out whether Columbus State University is able to offer your program of interest in the state where you will be living, or if the program will meet state educational requirements for licensure or certification in your state, please visit our [Program State Authorizations and Approvals page](#).

If you will be living internationally, or if you have questions related to state authorization contact the State Authorization office at [state\\_authorization@columbusstate.edu](mailto:state_authorization@columbusstate.edu).

The State Authorization office can only address questions related to state authorization or professional licensing board approval and licensure, for all other questions please contact the appropriate department:

- [Academic department](#) - for general questions related to the program you are interested in
- [Admissions](#) - for questions related to admissions requirements, deadlines, process, etc.

## Out-of-State Student and Consumer Complaints

Columbus State University desires to resolve student and consumer grievances, complaints and concerns in an expeditious, fair, and pleasant manner. Complaints regarding any aspect of CSU operations should be filed internally to CSU authorities first and then, if necessary, to external authorities. Visit our [Student and Consumer Complaint Process page](#) for more information.

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### Out-of-State BSN Students

The Nursing (BSN) program is currently only approved to be offered to students who are physically present in Georgia or Alabama. This program is designed to text-ly to initial RN licensure from the Georgia Board of Nursing and prepares students to take the Georgia NCLEX exam.

CSU **has not made a determination** as to whether this program meets the state educational requirements for state licensure or certification in any state other than Georgia. If you would like more information on additional licensure requirements for your state, you may contact the [state board](#) in your state.

If you are physically located outside of Georgia or Alabama, but intend to be licensed in Georgia, you may sign an attestation to be considered for enrollment. You will find an example of the attestation below, which you will be able to complete as part of the admissions application. To apply and complete the form, please visit our [Apply Now](#) page. If you have additional questions or information regarding current state board requirements, you can contact the Academic Compliance Coordinator, Ms. Danique Rouse, at [state\\_authorization@columbusstate.edu](mailto:state_authorization@columbusstate.edu).

For more information on our BSN program, please visit our [Program State Authorizations and Approvals - BSN page](#).

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## Out-of-State Teacher Education, Educational Leadership, and Counseling Students

Columbus State University's Teacher Education and Counseling programs **meet the educational requirements** for state licensure or certification in Georgia or Alabama. CSU **has not made a determination** as to whether these programs meet the state educational requirements for state licensure or certification in any state other than Georgia or Alabama.

If you are physically located outside of Georgia or Alabama, but intend to be licensed in Georgia or Alabama, you may sign an attestation to be considered for enrollment. You will find an example of the attestation below, which you will be able to complete as part of the admissions application. To apply and complete the form, please visit our [Apply Now](#) page. If you have additional questions or information regarding current state board requirements, you can contact the Academic Compliance Coordinator, Ms. Danique Rouse, at [state\\_authorization@columbusstate.edu](mailto:state_authorization@columbusstate.edu).

For more information on our Teacher Education, Educational Leadership, and Counseling programs, please visit our [Program State Authorizations and Approvals](#) page.

[Sample Out-of-State Student Attestation](#)

## Resources

Visit our [Student Resources](#) page for helpful information and tools for online students.

## SARA Approved Institution

Columbus State University has been approved by GA-SARA to participate in the [National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements](#). NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education.