

Amendments to the Higher Education Act of 1965 include changes in regulation for state authorization for online programs.

St. Bonaventure University must be legally authorized to provide post-secondary educational instruction by certain states (or be exempt or otherwise not subject to such authorization in a state) before offering online courses or programs to students in that state. If you are not currently a matriculated student at St. Bonaventure University and you live outside of New York state, your eligibility to enroll in online courses may be restricted due to these state authorization requirements.

New York state is a member of the <u>National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity</u> <u>Agreements (SARA)</u>. St. Bonaventure University's membership is indicated at <u>nc-sara.org</u>.

The MSED in Counseling may lead to licensure and/or certification in most states, as it is a 60-credit-hour, CACREP accredited program. We strongly encourage you to contact your state's licensure board or education certification office to verify requirements for credentials in your state. As each state sets its own parameters for licensure and certification, it is the student's responsibility to know and understand any additional requirements set forth in his/her state for licensure or certification (i.e. additional clinical hours, specialized coursework).

Complaints

For all types of complaints concerning colleges and universities in New York state, the first course of action must be to try to resolve the complaint directly with the administration of the college or university involved. Information about addressing complaints and concerns with St. Bonaventure University is available on our <u>Conduct Issues & Complaints</u> page.

Students who have exhausted all internal St. Bonaventure complaint procedures and who remain unsatisfied may contact the appropriate agency in the state where the student lives. Contact information for all 50 states and the District of Columbia is provided by the State Higher Education Executive Officers Association.

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