

This email message is being sent on behalf of MacGregor M. Stephenson, Assistant Commissioner; Workforce, Academic Affairs and Research; Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

TO: Presidents and Chief Instructional Officers of Community and Technical Colleges
Presidents and Chief Academic Officers of Universities and Health-Related Institutions
CTC Liaisons

FROM: MacGregor M. Stephenson

DATE: January 23, 2013

As a member of the Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), Texas has signed an out-of-state distance education reciprocity agreement with other SREB states.

Currently institutions are required to obtain permission from each state in which a distance education student resides. Many institutions have found this to be an expensive and arduous task. Institutions that are not in compliance may risk sanctions, fines, and other penalties in those states in which they enroll students but are not authorized to provide education.

This reciprocity agreement only applies to institutions that have programs listed in SREB's Electronic Campus and do not trigger the definition of physical presence in the state in which the program is being delivered. The Electronic Campus is a free service to students and institutions that functions as an "electronic marketplace" of online courses and programs from colleges and universities in all 16 SREB states. At this time 13 SREB states have signed this agreement-- Arkansas, Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Institutions wishing to participate in this agreement must list their distance education courses and/or programs in SREB's Electronic Campus. The attached documents are from SREB and provide more information about the Electronic Campus and the reciprocity agreement. **For more information regarding this agreement or the Electronic Campus, please contact. Dr. Van L. Davis, Van.Davis@thehb.state.tx.us, 512-427-6223.**

Attachments:

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