

## Professional Licensure/Certification Requirements

The U.S. Department of Education requires all institutions of higher education to provide state licensure information for programs designed to meet educational requirements for employment which requires a specific licensure or certification. Professional licensure refers to specific standards required to legally practice in a profession. Since professional licensure is generally regulated at the state level, it is often necessary to obtain a separate license for each state in which one wishes to practice. The programs at St. Luke's College were developed to meet licensing/certification requirements for Iowa.

St. Luke's College has been approved by Iowa to participate in the National Council for State Authorization and Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA). NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education. As a participating institution, St. Luke's College may offer online programming to students in most other SARA member states without seeking authorization in that state. All states EXCEPT California are currently authorized as SARA member states. Additional information regarding SARA can be found at [NC-SARA](#).

Please note that licensure for certain state-regulated occupations may rely on national certification or licensure exams. Passing a national exam is not a guarantee of a graduate's ability to obtain a state license. St. Luke's College will work to disclose the most up-to-date information for prospective and enrolled students. Students are highly encouraged to seek guidance from the appropriate licensing agency in their state of residence.

If you plan to enroll in a program that may lead to professional licensure, St. Luke's College strongly recommends that you inquire with the applicable licensing board in your state to determine all of the educational and other requirements for licensure before enrolling in the program. Other requirements may include, but are not limited to, additional post-graduation examinations or experience, application and licensing fees, criminal background checks, reference checks, and fingerprint submissions. To inquire as to other requirements, or to ask any other questions regarding licensure, please contact the licensing board in your state by clicking on the link to the agency in the disclosures below.

Please note that licensure requirements are always subject to change.

Additionally, you should note that licensing requirements vary by state and relocating could impact whether you will meet eligibility requirements for licensure. Check with the state licensing board where you desire licensure before relocating to ensure that you will be eligible for licensure or reciprocity.

Information regarding licensure programs offered by St. Luke's College is provided below.