## Ostwinkle, Christopher

**From:** SARA < SARA@ibhe.org >

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2022 10:03 AM **To:** Ostwinkle, Christopher; Mackey, Lynn

Cc: Newell, Jeff; SARA

**Subject:** Approved SARA Renewal - Joliet Junior College

Dear Ms. Mackey and Dr. Ostwinkle:

I am pleased to inform you that the renewal application for Joliet Junior College to continue membership in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) for another year, has been approved by the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE).

To finalize the renewal participation process, you must submit payment to the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA). Instructions and a payment link will be sent in an automated email to your institutional contacts.

If you have any questions about your membership in SARA, please contact us at <a href="mailto:sara@ibhe.org">sara@ibhe.org</a>.

or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:sara@ibhe.org">sara@ibhe.org</a>.

Sincerely,

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From: NC-SARA <info@nc-sara.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 11, 2022 12:13 PM
To: Mackey, Lynn; Ostwinkle, Christopher

**Cc:** sara@ibhe.org; bree@ibhe.org; jeff.newell@illinois.gov

**Subject:** SARA Participation Confirmation Letter for Joliet Junior College



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October 11, 2022

Joliet Junior College 1215 Houbolt Rd Joliet, Illinois 60431-8938 United States

Current participating period 12/16/2022-12/16/2023

On behalf of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA), I am pleased to welcome Joliet Junior College as an institutional participant in SARA. Your institution will be listed on our website (<a href="www.nc-sara.org">www.nc-sara.org</a>) as a participating institution.

## **Institutional Requirements to Maintain Participation**

The National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) was established to help expand students' access to educational opportunities and ensure more efficient, consistent, and effective regulation of distance learning programs.

Two critical components of our mission are:

- 1. to assure students are well-served in a rapidly-changing education landscape, and
- 2. to increase the quality and value of higher education credentials earned through distance learning programs.

SARA increases administrative efficiency and lowers the costs of obtaining authorization to provide postsecondary distance education in states that join. These benefits result in increased access as institutions like yours are able to make their academic programs more widely available and accept enrollments from students in all states except for California without additional work to seek state authorization.

But increased access and efficiency will mean little if they are not accompanied by high quality. That is why all SARA institutions annually commit to several requirements designed to ensure that courses and programs they offer through SARA provide high-quality learning opportunities that can help students reach their goals as well as to ensure appropriate consumer protections for students.

Institution staff working with SARA are encouraged to read the *SARA Policy Manual* (<a href="www.nc-sara.org">www.nc-sara.org</a>) and ask questions regarding policies about which they have concerns. We welcome your comments, questions, and concerns at <a href="mailto:info@nc-sara.org">info@nc-sara.org</a>.

Using the NC-SARA Approved Institution Seal	
Use of the NC-SARA Approved Institution Seal is encoura	ged to inform students of participation SARA. The institution
seal may be downloaded at	. The following language must be used with the NC-SARA $$
Approved Institution Seal: "(Name of institution) has been	en approved to participate in the National Council for State
Authorization Reciprocity Agreements."	
Thank you for joining us in this work and best wishes for	your continued success.
Sincerely,	
NC-SARA Staff	
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