

## **State Authorization**

*Oklahoma Baptist University seeks to offer all online programs to all residents of the USA. OBU is a member of the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) and works with SARA as an approved institution. For a list of member states and member institutions, please visit <http://www.nc-sara.org/>. If your state is not listed as a SARA member, please contact our office so that we can work directly with your state for authorization.*

*State authorization of online degrees is a dynamic environment. In order to ensure an up-to-date status on a state's authorization, check this site, SARA or your state of residence before making final educational decisions. Understanding each state's authorizations, which include current circumstances and special requirements in a student's state of residence, is the responsibility of the student.*

## **Professional Licensure**

*If you are applying to the nursing program, please contact the appropriate licensing agency in your home state before beginning our academic programs in nursing. We will work with your home state's agency to follow guidelines for authorization, but also suggest that you contact them to ensure that OBU will meet the requirements of your state.*

## **Complaint Resolution**

*The Student Complaint and Grievance Policy does not supersede specific policies involving special cases such as academic integrity and grade appeals, Title IX, sexual harassment, and due process within discipline procedures/hearings. Those special cases have specific policies and procedures that are outlined separately. A student who is unsure of which policies or procedures should be followed may discuss the matter with the Dean of Students, Director of Human Resources, or the Title IX coordinator.*

*University policies provide the opportunity for students to file informal concerns or complaints, or formal grievances concerning any member of the University community while acting in an official capacity (e.g. faculty member, administrator, staff member). Information regarding procedures may be obtained from the Academic Center and/or the Office of Student Development.*

*Following the investigation, evaluation, and resolution of the formal grievance, the student and the University department/college will receive a written report of the outcome of the dispute. If the student's concern is not resolved at the formal grievance level, then the student is able to submit a final formal written grievance to the President by following the procedures outlined below.*

*The policy and form may be accessed at <https://www.okbu.edu/student-life/student-grievance-policy.html>*

*If the complaint is not resolved at the University level, the appropriate department can be contacted by visiting <http://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/index.html>.*