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A voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of distance education

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Dear Dr. Robert Johnson,

On behalf of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements, I am pleased to welcome Central Baptist Theological Seminary as an institutional participant in the SARA initiative. Your institution will be listed on our website (www.nc-sara.org) and we encourage you to inform students of your participation. We have logos that you may use to help do that; use whichever you prefer. To access the logos, visit: www.nc-sara.org/logos (login: Institution; password: saralogo).

A great deal of work has gone into the development and implementation of the SARA initiative. We know that SARA will increase administrative efficiency and lower the costs of obtaining authorization to provide postsecondary distance education in states that join. These benefits will result in increased access as institutions like yours are able to more widely distribute academic programs and accept enrollments from students in many other states.

But increased access and efficiency will mean little if they are not accompanied by high quality. That is why all SARA institutions are committing to several steps designed to ensure that courses and programs they offer through the SARA initiative provide high-quality opportunities that can help students reach their goals.

Thank you for joining us in this work and best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Marshall A. Hill
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