

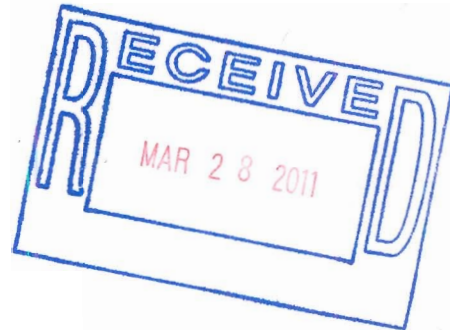


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Dear Dr. Noble:

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the Missouri Department of Higher Education (MDHE) policy on distance education from out-of-state public institutions

The MDHE requires out-of-state public institutions offering postsecondary education to students in Missouri to affirm, in writing, that the institution is accredited by a regional accrediting body, and that the institution will adhere to the MDHE Principles of Good Practice for Distance Learning and Web-Based Courses. (Policy for the Review of Academic Program Proposals)

Out-of-state public institutions wishing to offer distance education in Missouri in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education guidelines should submit a letter to the MDHE (at the address listed below) affirming their compliance with both regional accrediting standards and the MDHE Principles of Good Practice for Distance Learning and Web-Based Courses.

Missouri Department of Higher Education
Attention: Distance Education Certification
205 Jefferson Street
P.O. Box 1469
Jefferson City, MO 65102

Please note this statement is only applicable to out-of-state public institutions. All other institutions should refer to Proprietary School Certification for information on offering distance education within the state. MDHE's statement on distance education may be viewed anytime at www.dhe.mo.gov.

Please feel free to contact me with any additional questions.

With best regards,

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