

Professional Licensure / Certification Requirements

Bellin College participates in federal financial aid programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965. Therefore, Bellin College is required to comply with the Program Integrity Misrepresentation rules published in 2010 and State Authorization regulations (which vary from state to state) in application to online/distance education programs. The regulations require institutions of higher education to obtain approval from the states in which they provide postsecondary education programs. Bellin College participates in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA), which is an agreement among states that establishes national standards for the interstate offering of postsecondary distance education courses and programs. Through SARA, Bellin College may provide distance education to residents of any other SARA member state without seeking authorization from each SARA member state.

We urge students / graduates to review the regulations regarding authorization of your specific state if you are **all** the following:

- a U.S. citizen
- do not live in Wisconsin
- are thinking about enrolling in a Bellin College program with the intent of residing outside of WI post graduation.

If you become a Bellin College student, you are responsible for checking program authorization and licensure requirements in your state of residence. Rules and regulations vary by state. If you move to a new state, you are responsible for ensuring our program is approved in your new state. **Note: State regulations are being modified frequently throughout the pandemic. Applicants and graduates interested in out of state licensure / certification are encouraged to keep up to date on the requirements of their desired state.**

National Licensure & Certification

Completion of Bellin College's CAAHEP accredited Bachelor of Science in Diagnostic Medical Sonography program meets the educational requirements to apply for the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) exams.

Licensure laws require that the individual meet and maintain certain professional standards. Though licensure laws vary from state to state, one typically must be certified by a nationally recognized organization as part of the licensure process, such as the ARDMS. Fees for licensure itself are typically paid to the state. For a list current list of states that require licensure visit: <https://www.sdms.org/advocacy/state-licensure>

Currently, there are four states that require a sonographer to be licensed:

- Oregon
- North Dakota
- New Hampshire
- New Mexico