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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 24, 2013 9:20 AM  
**To:** Matthew Huckaby  
**Subject:** RE: Arkansas State University Distance Education

The Educational Approval Board (EAB) appreciates your institution making inquiry about the requirements for offering distance learning programs to Wisconsin residents.

Under s.38.50 (1)(e) 2., Wis. Stats., “[s]chools that are supported mainly by taxes” are exempt from EAB oversight. Given that the exemption is not restricted to public institutions governed by the state of Wisconsin, the EAB has consistently interpreted this provision to mean any public college or university that is an instrumentality of a state is exempt. Because your institution meets this criterion, it is deemed to be exempt from EAB oversight.

Should your institution offer programs in a regulated profession, such as nursing, counseling or teacher training, you are advised to contact those respective oversight bodies about requirements specific to those programs.

More information is available on the EAB’s website at <http://eab.state.wi.us/resources/online requirements.asp>.

David Dies  
Executive Secretary

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**From:** Matthew Huckaby [<mailto:mhuckaby@astate.edu>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 23, 2013 3:55 PM  
**To:** Dies, David  
**Subject:** Arkansas State University Distance Education

Greetings:

Arkansas State University-Jonesboro (ASU) is currently updating records in regards to offering distance education programs (EdS-Educational Leadership, MSE- Theory and Practice, MSE- Educational Leadership/Principalship, MSE- Curriculum and Instruction, MSE- Special Education p-4, MSE – Special Education 4-12, MPA, MS-Sport Administration, MS- College Student Personnel-forthcoming, and a BS –Interdisciplinary Studies) in the state of Wisconsin via on-line delivery. Accordingly, all coursework for our programs is offered completely online; the university will not have any kind of physical presence within the state. Most of these programs require that each student identify a mentor or sponsor for the required program internship. This component is overseen by a local school district administrator or relevant entity in your state who mentors the student to relate their learning specifically to your state’s educational practices or relative to the curriculum of their program; no university faculty will be present in the state. ASU is a public, four-year university accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

We will not have any type of administrative office in your state.

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**Re:** Out-of-State Educator Preparation Program Approval and 2008 HEOA

Recent updates to §600.9 of the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act will go into effect July, 2011. In short, the provision requires that, if an institution offering postsecondary education to students in a State in which it is not physically located, including through distance or correspondence education, the institution must meet any State requirements for it to be legally offering postsecondary education in that State.

**We are responding to your inquiry about our state requirements for program approval of postsecondary programs leading to a Wisconsin teaching, pupil services, or administrator license.**

The program approval process in Wisconsin for Institutions of Higher Education and Alternative Route to Licensure programs headquartered in the state is conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction with approval granted by the State Superintendent.

The State Superintendent does not have authority to approve out-of-state programs, but does accept the institutional endorsements from out-of-state as noted in the following two citations:

*PI 34.05 (4) The state superintendent does not approve programs outside the state of Wisconsin. The state superintendent may accept the institutional endorsement from any out-of-state institution that is accredited by a regional institutional accreditation agency and the approved program meets requirements comparable to those provided under this chapter.  
(PI 34)*

*PI 34.17 (5) An initial educator license may be issued to an applicant who completes an approved program from out of state, who has fewer than 5 years of successful experience in an early childhood through adolescence school setting in his or her respective teaching, pupil services or administrative license, and who has met the competency test requirements under s. PI 34.15 (2) (a) 3. a. The applicant shall provide evidence that the requirements under s. PI 34.15 (4) have been met before qualifying for a professional educator license.*

When a Wisconsin citizen seeks postsecondary educator preparation through a program offered by an institution/program headquartered out-of-state including online, correspondence, or satellite center programs, they are considered an out-of-state applicant when seeking a Wisconsin educator license. Guidance for out-of-state applicants can be found at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/tepd1/oos.html>.