



Guidelines to Identify a Program as PLC

Under the Higher Education Act of 1965, that provides financial assistance and other resources for students and institutions of higher education, the Department of Education promulgated federal regulations to ensure compliance.

Licensure and disclosure requirements specify that programs which require professional licensure or certification (PLC) for employment must disclose PLC specific information to students planning to enroll or who are enrolled in those programs.

- per § 668.43 Institutional and programmatic information.
 - (a)(5)(v) *“If an educational program is designed to meet educational requirements for a specific professional license or certification that is required for employment in an occupation, or is advertised as meeting such requirements, a list of all States where the institution has determined, including as part of the institution’s obligation under [§ 668.14\(b\)\(32\)](#), that the program does and does not meet such requirements; and”*

Regulations require disclosures to be provided to students at multiple points, examples include prior to enrollment and when they change plans or addresses. Students choosing programs that do not require PLC for employment will be confused if receiving disclosures about licensure if it does not apply. Conversely, when it is applicable, we want students who need to consider PLC to be aware of the requirements.

For programs that are eligible for Title IV aid under the Higher Education Act of 1965, as new programs are proposed or existing programs are modified, PLC requirements are to also be considered. (Refer to the following table)

