



## Board of Regents Emergency Policy: Proprietary Schools Temporary Modality Changes Update

In response to the rapidly evolving impact on postsecondary education of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Regents Proprietary Schools Section offers the following guidance regarding the continued use of delivery and modality changes for proprietary school programs.

The Board of Regents provides broad approval to proprietary schools to use distance learning modalities without going through the standard approval process. School may temporarily offer on-ground (in-person) programs via online delivery, or a hybrid delivery, without prior approval from the Board of Regents as content allows. For those schools that offer the Certified Nursing Assistant program, please seek the approval from the LA Department of Health, Health Standards Section, prior to offering the classroom portion of the program online. Schools with other programs that have requirements set by outside boards, agencies, or other regulatory bodies must receive permission from the applicable regulatory bodies to remove any in-person requirements as this flexibility is not available for courses that lead to licensure if the licensing body will not accept distance learning courses or hours or give credit for them toward the number of hours a student must complete. The Board of Regents has extended authorization of these temporary modality changes through August 2022 or until as such time as the state of Louisiana is no longer under a state of public health emergency due to COVID-19. Any school that would like to continue offering a new program or using distance education in a manner requiring the Board of Regents' approval after that time must follow the existing program change procedure.

Further, for those schools that are accredited, please follow the guidelines set out by your accrediting body and the U.S. Department of Education as their emergency policies might have changed since the start of the pandemic.

Schools should continue to follow the safe reopening instructions for each Phase as documented in [Proprietary Schools Reopening Safely Webinar – June 11, 2020](#) and [Higher Ed Reopening Safely Guidance September 14, 2020](#).