

# Authorizations

## Campus Locations and Regulatory Agencies

In addition to accreditation by the New England Commission of Higher Education, Northeastern University is regulated by local authorities for its global campus network locations. These agencies are as follows:

- Arlington, Virginia
  - State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- Charlotte, North Carolina
  - Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina
- Miami, Florida
  - Florida Commission for Independent Education
- Portland, Maine
  - Maine State Board of Education
- Oakland, California
  - Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
- San Francisco, California
  - Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
- San Jose, California
  - Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education
- Seattle, Washington
  - Washington Student Achievement Council
- Toronto, Ontario, Canada
  - Ministry of Colleges and Universities
- Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada
  - Ministry of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills

## Required Disclosures

### VIRGINIA

Northeastern has processes in place to ensure that student grievances are treated with respect and addressed in a fair and professional manner. Students can report concerns to the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution (<https://www.northeastern.edu/osccr/>) or the University Ombuds (<https://provost.northeastern.edu/ombuds/>). At the Arlington campus, students can contact the on-site student support specialist or the campus principal.

If a student's problem has not been resolved in pursuance of the Northeastern grievance policy, they may contact the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia. SCHEV representatives can be reached via telephone at (804) 225-2600; via fax at (804) 225-2604; at this website (<https://www.schev.edu/students/resources/student-complaints/>); or by mail at 101 N. 14th Street, 10th Floor, James Monroe Building, Richmond, VA 23219.

The Virginia State Approving Agency (SAA) is the approving authority of education and training programs for Virginia. Our office investigates complaints of GI Bill® beneficiaries. While most complaints should initially follow the school grievance policy, if the situation cannot be resolved at the school, the beneficiary should contact our office via email [saa@dvs.virginia.gov](mailto:saa@dvs.virginia.gov). *GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at <http://www.benefits.va.gov/gibill/>.*

### NORTH CAROLINA

Northeastern has been evaluated by the University of North Carolina and is licensed to conduct higher education degree activity in the state. The university's guaranty bond for unearned prepaid tuition is on file with the Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina and the Office of the General Counsel at Northeastern. North Carolina students may view a copy of the Tuition Guaranty Bond by contacting Northeastern's Risk Services at 716 Columbus Avenue (Columbus Place), Suite 301 CP, Boston, MA 02120.

If students are unable to resolve a complaint offered by the Northeastern grievance procedures, they can submit a complaint through the online student complaint form at <https://studentcomplaints.northcarolina.edu/form> (<https://studentcomplaints.northcarolina.edu/form/>), or by mail to North Carolina Post-Secondary Education Complaints, 140 Friday Center Drive, Chapel Hill, NC 27517. <https://www.northcarolina.edu/post-secondary-education-complaints/>.

### FLORIDA

Northeastern University—Miami is accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE) and is provisionally licensed in the state of Florida by the Commission on Independent Education (CIE). Additional information regarding the institution may be obtained by

contacting the Commission for Independent Education, Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400, toll-free telephone number (888) 224-6684.

The transferability of credits you earn at Northeastern is at the complete discretion of an institution to which you may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree you earn in the educational program is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which you may seek to transfer. If the credits or degree that you earn at this institution are not accepted at the institution to which you seek to transfer, you may be required to repeat some or all of your coursework at that institution. For this reason you should make certain that your attendance at this institution will meet your educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which you may seek to transfer after attending Northeastern to determine if your credits or degree will transfer.

## CALIFORNIA

Any questions a student may have regarding this catalog that have not been satisfactorily answered by the institution may be directed to the Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (<http://www.bppe.ca.gov>), 1747 N. Market Blvd., Ste. 225, Sacramento, CA 95834; P.O. Box 980818, West Sacramento, CA 95798-0818, (888) 370-7589, or by fax (916) 263-1897.

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The Office of Student Assistance and Relief is available to support prospective students, current students, or past students of private postsecondary educational institutions in making informed decisions, understanding their rights, and navigating available services and relief options. The office may be reached by calling (888) 370-7589 or by visiting <https://osar.bppe.ca.gov/>.

## WASHINGTON

Northeastern is authorized by the Washington Student Achievement Council and meets the requirements and minimum educational standards established for degree-granting institutions under the Degree-Granting Institutions Act. This authorization is subject to periodic review and authorizes Northeastern to offer specific degree programs. The council may be contacted for a list of currently authorized programs. Authorization by the council does not carry with it an endorsement by the council of the institution or its programs. Any person desiring information about the requirements of the act or the applicability of those requirements to the institution may contact the council at P.O. Box 43430, Olympia, WA 98504-3430 or by email at [degreeauthorization@wsac.wa.gov](mailto:degreeauthorization@wsac.wa.gov).

The transferability of credits earned at Northeastern is at the discretion of the receiving college, university, or other educational institution. Students considering transferring to any institution should not assume that credits earned in any program of study at Northeastern will be accepted by the receiving institution. Similarly, the ability of a degree, certificate, diploma, or other academic credential earned at Northeastern to satisfy an admission requirement of another institution is at the discretion of the receiving institution. Accreditation does not guarantee credentials or credits earned at Northeastern will be accepted by or transferred to another institution. To minimize the risk of having to repeat coursework, students should contact the receiving institution in advance for evaluation and determination of transferability of credits and/or acceptability of degrees, diplomas, or certificates earned. The Washington Student Achievement Council has authority to investigate student complaints against specific schools. WSAC may not be able to investigate every student complaint. Visit <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/student-complaints> (<http://www.wsac.wa.gov/student-complaints/>) for information regarding the WSAC complaint process.

## ONTARIO

Master of Science in Project Management (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/professional-studies/masters-degree-programs/project-management-ms/>)

This institution has been granted consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree program for a five-year term starting July 28, 2021. Prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

Master of Science in Regulatory Affairs (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/professional-studies/masters-degree-programs/regulatory-affairs-ms/>)

This institution has been granted consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree program for a five-year term starting June 25, 2021. Prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

Master of Professional Studies in Analytics (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/professional-studies/masters-degree-programs/analytics-mps/>)

This institution has been granted consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree program for a five-year term starting March 6, 2020. Prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Master of Professional Studies in Informatics (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/professional-studies/masters-degree-programs/informatics-mps/>)**

This institution has been granted consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree program for a five-year term starting March 6, 2020. Prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Master of Science in Information Systems (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/multidisciplinary/information-systems-msis/>)**

This institution has been granted consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree program for a five-year term starting July 28, 2021. Prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Master of Science in Biotechnology (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/science/chemistry-chemical-biology/biotechnology-ms/>)**

This institution has been granted consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree program for a five-year term starting September 14, 2021. Prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Master of Science in Cyber-Physical Systems (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/multidisciplinary/cyber-physical-systems-ms/>)**

This institution has been granted consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree program for a five-year term starting January 18, 2023. Prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Master of Science in Bioinformatics (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/science/biology/bioinformatics-ms/>)**

This institution has been granted consent by the Minister of Colleges and Universities to offer this degree program for a five-year term starting January 18, 2023. Prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**BRITISH COLUMBIA**

**Master of Science in Computer Science (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/computer-information-science/computer-science/computer-science-mscs/>)**

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills effective July 7, 2019, having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Align—Master of Science in Computer Science (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/computer-information-science/computer-science/computer-science-mscs/#alignprogramrequirements#text>)**

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills effective July 7, 2019, having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Master of Science in Data Analytics Engineering (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/mechanical-industrial/data-analytics-engineering-ms/>)**

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills effective November 29, 2021, having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Master of Science in Information Design and Data Visualization (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/arts-media-design/art-design/information-design-data-visualization-ms/>)**

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills effective October 28, 2021, having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**Master of Professional Studies in Analytics (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/professional-studies/masters-degree-programs/analytics-mps/>)**

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills effective October 28, 2021, having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (e.g., acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

**MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEMS (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/engineering/multidisciplinary/information-systems-msis/>)**

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills effective March 3, 2023, having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective

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MASTER OF professional studies in digital media (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/professional-studies/masters-degree-programs/digital-media-mps/>) (**including** connect (<https://catalog.northeastern.edu/graduate/professional-studies/masters-degree-programs/digital-media-mps-connect/>))

This program is offered under the written consent of the Minister of Post-Secondary Education and Future Skills effective June 6, 2023 having undergone a quality assessment process and been found to meet the criteria established by the minister. Nevertheless, prospective students are responsible for satisfying themselves that the program and the degree will be appropriate to their needs (for example, acceptable to potential employers, professional licensing bodies, or other educational institutions).

Distance Education/State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement Student Complaint Procedures (<https://www.northeastern.edu/graduate/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/25.-Student-Complaint-Procedure-with-links.pdf>)