

Certification Number 2016-632 English Version

I, Ricardo Aponte Parsi, President of the Puerto Rico Council on Education, CERTIFY:--

That the Puerto Rico Council on Education, in its meeting held on November 30, 2016, pursuant the authority conferred by the Reorganization Plan No. 1 of July 26, 2010, as amended, approved the participation of the Council in the State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA).

This initiative fosters the economic development of Puerto Rico through the growth of higher education. SARA allows higher education institutions licensed by the Council to offer their authorized courses and academic programs online to other SARA participating states and/or territories of the nation without having to seek license from them, appealing to the interest of important sectors of our fellow citizens in the United States to consider Puerto Rico an attractive jurisdiction to pursue their studies.

This approval is subject to:

- 1. the development of pertinent guidelines and regulations
- 2. the availability of funds to cover the cost of membership in subsequent years

The Council instructed the Executive Director to establish the Work Plan necessary to implement this initiative.

And therefore, I hereby issue this Certification in San Juan, Puerto Rico, today, December 9, 2016.

Ricardo Aponte Parsi

President

