

Statement of State Approval

If you are considering applying to The Sanville Institute it is important for you to understand what it means that we are state-approved, and not accredited:

The Sanville Institute is a private, non-profit, unaccredited school that is approved by the State of California's Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (www.bppe.ca.gov). "Approved" means compliance with state standards as set forth in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 [California Education Code, Title 3, Division 10, Part 59, Chapter 8, §94897(l)].

The Sanville Institute is not accredited by an accrediting agency recognized by the United States Department of Education, by WASC (Western Association of Schools and Colleges), or any other independent accrediting body. The PhD in clinical social work is an academic degree and has no impact on licensure.

Prospective students should be aware that a degree program that is unaccredited or a degree from an unaccredited institution is not recognized for some employment positions, including, but not limited to, positions within the State of California.

Additionally students enrolled in an unaccredited educational institution are not eligible for federal financial aid programs.

Although certain limitations are associated with a doctoral degree from an unaccredited institution, it may help a prospective student to know why The Sanville Institute is not accredited, what it means, and what has been the experience of its students and graduates.

- The Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education (www.bppe.ca.gov) has developed rigorous standards for approved schools, to protect prospective students from for-profit "diploma mills." The Sanville Institute is proud of its doctoral program having been approved continuously for over 30 years, with no complaints to the Bureau and with much praise from our students.