



## State Authorization Disclosures

United States Department of Education (34 CFR § 668.43)

### State Authorization Information

Aspen University is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) and is an approved participant institution in NC-SARA under the authority of Colorado, its home state and member of NC-SARA. Current NC-SARA authorization and any additionally required state authorizations are on file with the Office of Accreditation, Regulatory Compliance and Institutional Effectiveness and updated at least annually. DEAC's State Authorization Form for Distance Education provides information on an institution's status to deliver distance education programs and courses within each state where students are enrolled. In some cases, individual states have provided additional authorizations to operate as noted.

The information contained in this disclosure pertains to the following programs:

- Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Studies: <https://www.aspen.edu/education/associates-early-childhood-studies/>
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Studies: <https://www.aspen.edu/education/bachelors-early-childhood-studies/>
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Studies (Completion): <https://www.aspen.edu/education/bachelors-early-childhood-studies-completion/>
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure): <https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/bsn/>
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion): <https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/rn-bsn/>
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration: <https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/bachelors-business-administration/>
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Completion): <https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/bachelors-business-administration-completion/>
- Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration: <https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/bachelors-health-care-administration/>
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Studies: <https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/bachelors-psychology-addiction-studies/>
- Master of Education: <https://www.aspen.edu/education/masters-education/>
- Master of Science in Nursing: <https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/msn/>
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing: <https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/rn-msn/>
- Master of Business Administration: <https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/mba/>
- Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Studies: <https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/masters-psychology-addiction-studies/>
- Master of Science in Information Management: <https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/masters-information-management/>
- Master of Science in Information Systems: <https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/masters-information-systems/>
- Master of Science in Information Technology: <https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/masters-information-technology/>
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation: <https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/masters-technology-innovation/>
- Doctor of Science in Computer Science: <https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/doctoral-computer-science/>
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning: <https://www.aspen.edu/education/edd-health-care/>; <https://www.aspen.edu/education/edd-higher-education-leadership/>; <https://www.aspen.edu/education/edd-k12-education-leadership/>; <https://www.aspen.edu/education/edd-organizational-leadership/>; <https://www.aspen.edu/education/edd-organizational-psychology/>
- Doctor of Nursing Practice: <https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/dnp/>

| State      | Completed State Process   | Date Authorized (MM/DD/YYYY) | Notes or Explanations  |
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| Alaska     | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Alabama    | SARA and State Authorized | 02/01/2020                   | Additional Letter of Exemption from Alabama Commission on Higher Education, dated 8/7/19.  |
| Arkansas   | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                   | No additional documentation required beyond SARA for online programs.  |
| Arizona    | SARA and State Authorized | 02/01/2020                   | Additional License to Grant an Accredited Vocational and Degree Program by Arizona Private Post-Secondary Education, dated 7/1/20. This license is applicable to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure)* program and renewed annually. |
| California | Authorized                | 02/28/2019                   | Letter of Registration from BPPE.  |

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| Colorado             | Licensed and Authorized   | 12/11/2015                                   | Letter of Full Authorization from Colorado Commission on Higher Education. Authorized under CO-SARA as a SARA participating institution 02/01/2020.  |
| Connecticut          | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | Registered with proof of SARA authorization as required for online programs.   |
| Delaware             | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| District of Columbia | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Florida              | SARA and State Authorized | 02/01/2020<br>SARA<br><br>08/24/20<br>FL CIE | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.<br><br>Provisional License granted by Florida Dept of Education, Commission for Independent Education, letter on file. This license is applicable to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure)* program and renewed annually. |
| Georgia              | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Hawaii               | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Iowa                 | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Idaho                | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Illinois             | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Indiana              | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Kansas               | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Kentucky             | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Louisiana            | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Massachusetts        | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Maryland             | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Maine                | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Michigan             | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Minnesota            | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Missouri             | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Mississippi          | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Montana              | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| North Carolina       | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| North Dakota         | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Nebraska             | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| New Hampshire        | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| New Jersey           | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| New Mexico           | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| Nevada               | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |
| New York             | SARA Authorized           | 02/01/2020                                   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.  |

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| Ohio           | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Oklahoma       | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Oregon         | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Pennsylvania   | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Rhode Island   | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| South Carolina | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| South Dakota   | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Tennessee      | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Texas          | SARA and State Authorized     | 02/01/2020<br>SARA<br><br>THECB:<br>04/09/2020<br><br>TWC:<br>03/10/2020 | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.<br><br>For the BSN Pre-licensure program only, regulatory approval letter is on file from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as well as a regulatory exemption letter from the Texas Workforce Commission. |
| Utah           | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Virginia       | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Vermont        | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Washington     | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Wisconsin      | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| West Virginia  | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Wyoming        | SARA Authorized               | 02/01/2020   | No additional documentation beyond SARA required for online programs.   |
| Puerto Rico    | SARA and Territory Authorized | 02/01/2020   | Additional Registry of Exempt Institution Certificate, effective June 29, 2016.   |

**\*Note:** SARA has no effect on state professional licensing requirements and requires institutions to provide information to students on programs that may lead to licensure in the states in which they intend to seek such licensure (2020 SARA Manual). Aspen's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure) program is its only program that has the potential to lead to professional licensure in all states and territories as identified above. Upon completion of their studies in this program, students are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) in the state in which they choose to practice (the NCLEX is the national registered nurse examination used by all states for potential registered nursing licensure). Students provide their state board of nursing applicable forms to the School of Nursing, which completes them on behalf of the individual student, and take the exam in the state in which they choose to practice. Upon passing the NCLEX, students then work with their state Board of Nursing to finalize their professional licensure.

### Licensure/Certification Disclosures

Institutions are required to disclose the extent to which each of its programs lead to professional licensure or certification in each state where such licensure is required for employment in an occupation (34 CFR § 668.43(a)(5)(v)). The curriculum either meets state educational requirements for licensure or certification, does not meet state education requirements licensure or certification, or the institution has not made such a determination.

- Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Studies
  - Does not meet state educational requirements for licensure or certification in any of the 50 states or District of Columbia.
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Studies
  - Does not meet state educational requirements for licensure or certification in any of the 50 states or District of Columbia.
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure)\*
  - Meets state educational requirements for RN licensure in all 50 states and District of Columbia.
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Studies
  - Does not meet state educational requirements for licensure or certification in any of the 50 states or District of Columbia.

- Master of Education
  - Does not meet state educational requirements for licensure or certification in any of the 50 states or District of Columbia.
- Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Studies
  - Does not meet state educational requirements for licensure or certification in any of the 50 states or District of Columbia.

Many of Aspen's programs are not in fields where professional state licensure or certification are required for employment or are advanced degree programs where licensure is required for admission. The following apply to this:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN Completion)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Information Management
- Master of Science in Information Systems
- Master of Science in Information Technology
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation
- Doctor of Science in Computer Science
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning
- Doctor of Nursing Practice

### Enrollment Demographics Disclosures

For CY2019, Aspen provides the following required enrollment demographic data (34 CFR §668.43(a)(13)). Although the regulation requires information for full-time students only, these percentages represent our entire student body.

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| <b>Pell Grant Recipients</b> |
| 14%                          |

| AU Gender |                     |
|-----------|---------------------|
| Gender    | Percent of Learners |
| Female    | 83.4%               |
| Male      | 16.4%               |
| Unknown   | .02%                |

| AU Self-Identified Ethnicity              |                     |
|---|---------------------|
| Labels                                    | Percent of Learners |
| American Indian or Alaska Native          | 0.9%                |
| Asian                                     | 3.6%                |
| Black or African American                 | 15.9%               |
| Hispanic/Latino                           | 8.2%                |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.5%                |
| Two or more races                         | 2.1%                |
| Unknown                                   | 35.9%               |
| White                                     | 32.8%               |