



Aspen University

State/Territory Boards of Nursing Program Approvals

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. Appropriate state board of nursing approval or authorization documentation is on file with the Office of Accreditation, Regulatory Compliance and Institutional Effectiveness and updated as required. Aspen submits applications and annual reports as required. Where specific clinical approval is required, Aspen files the required documentation or approval request. The following information is applicable to these pre-licensure and post-licensure nursing programs:

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure)
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN Completion)
- Master of Science in Nursing
- RN to Master of Science in Nursing
- Doctor of Nursing Practice

State Board of Nursing	Most Recent Date Authorized (MM/DD/YYYY)	Confirmation or Approval Type	Notes
<i>Alabama</i>	03/08/2022	Website	Formal student approval process is required. The Alabama Board of Nursing requires approval of each individual clinical by student within the state. https://www.abn.alabama.gov/nursing-programs/#tab-outofstate
<i>Alaska</i>	11/08/2021	Official communication on File	No formal approval process was required, official communication on file indicating that the Alaska Board of Nursing does not have jurisdiction over our programs.
<i>Arizona</i>	07/01/2016 07/01/2022	Website/email Provisional Approval on file: BSNPL	No formal approval process was required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs. AZBN provisionally approved the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure) program to be offered at its locations in Phoenix, AZ. Formal letter on file. Aspen remains on provisional approval through March 2025.
<i>Arkansas</i>	01/01/2018	Website	No formal approval process was required, this board only approves programs preparing RN and practical nurse candidates for licensure. https://www.arsbn.org/education
<i>California</i>	03/30/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required, official communication on file from the California Board of Nursing stating that the CA BRN does not approve or regulate post-licensure programs.
<i>Colorado</i>	03/25/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the Colorado Board of Nursing, indicating that the only post licensure nursing education programs that require Colorado State Board of Nursing approval are LPN to ADN OR LPN to BSN that serves as an educational requirement for a RN license.
<i>Connecticut</i>	04/01/2022	Website/email/Statutes	No formal approval process was required. Approved pursuant to section 20-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/Agency_Regulations/Sections/pdfs/Title20ProfessionalLicensing/2026NursingEducationProgramsandLicensureRequirementspdf.pdf?la=en

<i>Delaware</i>	04/11/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the Delaware Board of Nursing indicating that it does not review and approve on-line post licensure nursing programs.
<i>District of Columbia</i>	12/25/2015	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official ruling documentation on file, indicating that only pre-licensure and/or advanced practice nursing programs needs approval by the District of Columbia Board of Nursing.
<i>Florida</i>	04/11/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required for out-of-state distance learning and post-licensure degree programs. According to the Florida Board of Nursing website, out-of-state distance learning & post-licensure programs are not required to secure authorization from the FFBN. https://floridasnursing.gov/education-and-training-programs/
	03/13/2020	Official communication on file	FLBON approved the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure) program to be offered at its location in Tampa, FL. Formal letter on file.
<i>Georgia</i>	07/07/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required by the Georgia Board of Nursing. According to the Georgia Board of Nursing website, the board only approves nursing education programs which prepare nurses for initial entry into nursing practice. https://sos.ga.gov/page/approved-programs-and-nclex-information .
	11/29/2021	Initial Approval on File: BSN-PL	Georgia BON approved the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure) program.
<i>Hawaii</i>	04/11/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required. Official communication on file from the Hawaii Board of Nursing indicating that the Hawaii Board does not license/approve out-of-state post licensure programs.
<i>Idaho</i>	03/30/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official documentation on file. The Idaho Board of Nursing chooses not to approve programs Leading to Initial Licensure: LPN/RN/APRN with a home base outside of Idaho as long as they maintain National Certification and approval from their local Board of Nursing or State Regulatory Agency. The Idaho Board of Nursing does not exercise its authority to approve post-licensure RN to BSN, Non-APRN MSN/DNP or PhD located outside Idaho that do not lead to new licensure.

<i>Illinois</i>	04/06/2022	Website/email	No formal approval process was required, as the Illinois Nursing Workforce Center does not regulate or approve post-licensure or APRN programs. http://nursing.illinois.gov/PostLeducation.asp
<i>Indiana</i>	03/30/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required, per the Indiana Board of Nursing website, the Indiana Board of Nursing does not review or accredit RN-BSN programs or any graduate level nursing programs. https://www.in.gov/pla/2490.htm
<i>Iowa</i>	04/04/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process is required; official communication from the Iowa Board of Nursing, indicating that the board does not have out-of-state programs go through the official approval process.
<i>Kansas</i>	03/31/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs; official communication on file from the Kansas State Board of Nursing.
<i>Kentucky</i>	10/27/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to the Kentucky Board of Nursing website, the KBN does not approve out-of-state nursing education programs. The KBN only approves and regulates prelicensure nursing education programs that originate within Kentucky. https://kbn.ky.gov/Education/Pages/nursing.aspx
<i>Louisiana</i>	03/30/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process for post-licensure programs; communication on file from the Louisiana State Board of Nursing.
<i>Maine</i>	03/31/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; communication on file from the Maine Board of nursing, indicating that the Maine State Board of Nursing does not approve post licensure nursing programs.
<i>Maryland</i>	10/28/2020	Website/email	No formal approval process was required. Exempt, per communication with the state: "Maryland is a member of the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (NC-SARA usually referred to as SARA). SARA member programs that include a field experience (i.e., clinical) in Maryland with a simultaneous enrollment of 10 or fewer students at a single site for each online program are exempt from obtaining permission from the Maryland Higher Education Commission (MHEC) to operate in Maryland. If more than 10 students are simultaneously enrolled, at a single site, the full certificate of authorization (COA) registration must be completed.

<i>Massachusetts</i>	03/30/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing, indicating that the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Nursing does not regulate post licensure programs.
<i>Michigan</i>	08/02/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the Bureau of Professional Licensing; indicating that the Bureau has no requirements for post-licensure nursing programs.
<i>Minnesota</i>	08/13/2021	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to the Minnesota Board of Nursing website the board only approves pre-licensure programs. Further defined as those programs preparing persons for licensure as advanced practice registered nurses, professional or practical nurses. https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/education/
<i>Mississippi</i>	04/05/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the Mississippi stating that the Mississippi Board of Nursing does not regulate or approve nursing programs.
<i>Missouri</i>	04/11/2022	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to NCSBN Missouri Board of Nursing has no requirements specific to distance education. https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-schools-of-nursing.asp
<i>Montana</i>	05/10/2022	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to the Montana Board of Nursing website, the board requires programs that lead to initial licensure to be approved by their board. RN to BSN or graduate level nursing programs do not need Montana Board of Nursing approval. http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nur#18
<i>Nebraska</i>	04/06/2022	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to the Nebraska Board of Nursing website and the board only approves programs leading to initial licensure as an LPN or RN. https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/nurse-licensing.aspx
<i>Nevada</i>	03/31/2016	Letter on file	No formal approval process was required; letter on file from Nevada Board of Nursing indicating that the Nevada Board of Nursing does not regulate or approve post licensure nursing programs.
<i>New Hampshire</i>	03/31/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file; The New Hampshire Board of Nursing does not regulate post-licensure or APRN degree programs. The Nur 602.15 Distance Education-Pre-Licensure rules do not pertain to post licensure programs, such as a BSN or MSN, in which the student already has their RN. The rules also do not apply to a post licensure DNP. Only distance programs in which the student is earning their initial RN, must the school follow the rules pursuant to Nur602.15 for clinical placements/preceptorship in New Hampshire.

<i>New Jersey</i>	04/06/2022	Website and Communication on File	No formal approval process was required. According to the New Jersey Board of Nursing Chapter 37, it states they accredit "a degree program meaning a program conducted by an educational institution with a program in nursing, which leads to a degree in nursing and makes a student eligible for licensure as a registered professional nurse." Further communication on file from state indicating they do not regulate or have oversight of post-licensure programs. If the NJ students will be doing clinicals, the state requests that the school voluntarily provides me with an Excel spreadsheet list of the students with their preceptors and their credentials along with the following prior to the clinical start dates. https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/Pages/default.aspx
<i>New Mexico</i>	11/13/2017	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the New Mexico Board of Nursing stating that the NM Board of Nursing has jurisdiction of nursing practice and pre-licensure (RN and LPN) education programs, but does not have jurisdiction of post-licensure programs including APRN and RN to BSN programs.
<i>New York</i>	04/01/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required. However, according to formal communication on file from the New York Office of the Professions, the state is Currently in the process of revising the guidelines regarding out of state Permission to Operate requests for Nursing programs. The institution was advised from the state to wait to submit any requests that the institution may have for Permission to Operate until the state's new policies are in place.
<i>North Carolina</i>	03/30/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to the North Carolina Board of Nursing website, the North Carolina Board of Nursing does not approve/accredit nursing education programs which are outside of North Carolina jurisdiction, including out-of-state online programs/correspondence courses. https://www.ncbon.com/education-programs-outside-of-north-carolina
<i>North Dakota</i>	03/03/2022	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the North Dakota Board of Nursing, indicating no approval is required.
<i>Ohio</i>	03/31/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file; indicating that the Ohio Board does not regulate or approve post-licensure nursing education programs.
<i>Oklahoma</i>	04/04/2022	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file; indicating that the Oklahoma Board of Nursing does not review or approve out of state post licensure nursing education. Per regulation Title_485 (page 24) the Oklahoma BON requires programs leading to initial licensure that wish to conduct clinical experiences in Oklahoma

			must obtain prior permission from the Board.
<i>Oregon</i>	12/14/2021	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication from the Oregon State Board of Nursing, indicating that the Board of Nursing does not provide any approval for a post-licensure nursing program EXCEPT those that lead to advanced practice credentials (e.g. nurse practitioner, clinical nurse specialist, certified registered nurse anesthetist).
<i>Pennsylvania</i>	04/06/2022	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the PA Department of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, stating that the State Board of Nursing regulates pre-licensure and certified registered nurse practitioner programs located in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
<i>Rhode Island</i>	04/01/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; communication on file from the Rhode Island Board of Nursing; indicating approval is not required.
<i>South Carolina</i>	03/31/2022	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the board; the South Carolina Board of Nursing only approves programs that prepare students for initial licensure.
<i>South Dakota</i>	06/01/2020	Website	No formal approval process was required; the South Dakota Board of Nursing only regulates those programs that are located within the state of South Dakota. http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/PDF/FAQeducation.pdf
<i>Tennessee</i>	12/01/2016	Approval letter and certificate on file	Formal approval process was required; received Tennessee Board of Nursing approval for the RN to BSN, MSN and RN to MSN with specialty tracks: Forensic, Informatics, Administration, Nursing Education and Public Health programs and DNP; official approval letter on file from the Tennessee Board of Nursing.
<i>Texas</i>	04/12/2016 07/25/2020	Official communication on file Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required for its non-licensure programs; official communication on file; The Texas Board of Nursing only requires approval of pre-licensure programs that require clinicals. The Texas Board of Nursing does not review and grant an accreditation-type approval of advanced practice registered nurse education programs in the state of Texas in the same manner in which it reviews and approves pre-licensure registered and vocational nursing education programs. TBON approved the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure) program to be offered at its location in Austin, TX. Formal letter on file.

<i>Utah</i>	09/05/2016	Approval letter on file	Formal approval process was required; official approval letter from the State of Utah Department of Commerce on file; approval received for all the nursing programs.
<i>Vermont</i>	04/01/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; communication on file from the Vermont Board of Nursing stating that out-of-state distance programs (pre-licensure and post-licensure) are not under the jurisdiction of the Vermont Board of Nursing when offering their program(s) to Vermont residents. Therefore, prior approval of the institutions nursing program (pre-licensure and/or post-licensure) is not required.
<i>Virginia</i>	08/16/2021	Website	No formal approval process was required; the Virginia Board of Nursing regulates in-state educational programs for Nurses (RN and LPN). https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/EducationPrograms/
<i>Washington</i>	03/25/2018 DNP: 02/07/2020	Approval letters on file	Formal approval process was required; official approval letter on file from the Washington Student Achievement Council, for the RN-BSN, MSN/Forensic Nursing, MSN/Informatics, MSN/Nursing Admin, MSN/Public Health, RN-MSN/Forensic Nursing, RN-MSN/Informatics, RN-MSN/Nursing Administration, RN-MSN Public Health, RN-MSN/NE and MSN/NE. Aspen University is approved by the Washington State Nursing Care Quality Assurance Commission to conduct practice experiences in the state of Washington for the Doctorate of Nursing Practice program.
<i>West Virginia</i>	04/11/2016	Website/email	No formal approval process was required; West Virginia Board of nursing only approves out of state pre-licensure nursing programs using West Virginia Health Care Facilities for student clinical rotations. https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/education/Pages/default.aspx
<i>Wisconsin</i>	04/12/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required; The Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services, only requires out-of-state schools preparing students for practical nurse licensure or registered nurse licensure must be approved by the Wisconsin Board of Nursing. https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/fm3067OEE.pdf
<i>Wyoming</i>	05/28/2019	Official communication on file	No formal approval process is required. Though the Wyoming State Board of Nursing (WSBN) does not provide approval of online post-licensure nursing education programs, official communication on file indicates they do require educational programs who offer any clinical or preceptor components to complete and submit specific items regarding the clinical course to the board.

Countries and Territories

Aspen University may not be able to accept online students from certain international countries. In addition, while degrees conferred by Aspen University are recognized in the United States, they may not be recognized in other countries. International students are encouraged to research the policies pertaining to degree and licensure recognition in their home country prior to enrolling in Aspen's education programs.

American Samoa		Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations to determine authorization status.
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Australia	4/19/2022	Authorization not Required	The Australian Government TEQSA does not regulate TNE into Australia for institutions that enroll Australian students into online courses that are wholly or mainly (50%) or more completed from overseas locations.
Federated States of Micronesia	01/02/2018	Does not Regulate	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs. Communication on file from the FSM Department of Education.
Guam	08/09/2021	Approved: No Formal Process	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs. Letter on file stating no formal approval process for educational programs.
India	11/9/2021	Approved: No Formal Process	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs. Letter on file stating no formal approval process for educational programs
Jamaica		Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations to determine authorization status.
Marshall Island		Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations to determine authorization status.
Northern Mariana Island		Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations to determine authorization status.
Philippines		Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations to determine authorization status.
Puerto Rico	02/01/2020	Territory Authorized	Additional Registry of Exempt Institution Certificate, initially effective June 29, 2016.
United Arab Emirates		Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations to determine authorization status
Virgin Islands	1/11/2022	Approved No Formal Process	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs. Letter on file stating no formal approval process for educational programs

State Relocation Notice

Students who relocate while enrolled in a degree program may be unable to complete their studies if they are moving to a country or state where the University is not currently authorized to offer that particular program. Students should contact their Academic Advisor if they are considering relocating during their course of study.

***Note:** 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.