

**FAQs regarding Aspen University's  
Show Cause Directive  
from the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)**

**Has Aspen University lost its accreditation?** No. Aspen University is under a Show Cause Directive from the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC), the university's institutional accreditor and remains accredited while it is on Show Cause.

**May I remain in my distance education program?** Yes. Aspen remains fully accredited for the Show Cause Directive's oversight period.

**What is a Show Cause Directive?** A Show Cause Directive is an enforcement action focused on specific areas of perceived non-compliance to which Aspen must respond through narrative, documentation, and other evidence within the specific remediation timeframe.

**Why has DEAC placed Aspen University under a Show Cause Directive?** Aspen University was placed under a Show Cause Directive on Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023, for concerns regarding the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Pre-licensure (BSN) program quality and integrity and issues relating to communication, notice, and timely disclosure of information.

**Will this affect my educational experience?** No, this will not impact your educational experience. Your faculty and program administrators are ready to help you complete your programs. Exceptional curriculum has been designed to provide a quality education for you at a reasonable price in alignment with our mission. Personnel in the Financial Aid and Student Accounts departments will continue to work with you to finance your education appropriately. Your Academic Advisors remain available to respond to your questions and encourage you in your career aspirations. Supporting you, our beloved students, has been and will continue to be our primary goal.

**As a nursing student does this impact the CCNE accreditation?** No. The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, the master's degree program in nursing, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Aspen University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.