

## **Distance Education Disclosures**

United States Department of Education (34 CFR § 668.43)

Aspen University is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)<sup>1</sup>. 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:

- Certificate in Project Management: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/project-management-certificate/">https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/project-management-certificate/</a>
- Certificate in eLearning Pedagogy: https://www.aspen.edu/education/elearning-certificate/
- 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): <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/education/bachelors-early-childhood-studies-completion/">https://www.aspen.edu/education/bachelors-early-childhood-studies-completion/</a>
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure)<sup>2</sup>: 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: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/bachelors-business-administration/">https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/bachelors-business-administration/</a>
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration (Completion): <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/bachelors-business-administration-completion/">https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/bachelors-business-administration-completion/</a>
- Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/bachelors-health-care-administration/">https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/bachelors-health-care-administration/</a>
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Studies: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/bachelors-psychology-addiction-studies/">https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/bachelors-psychology-addiction-studies/</a>
- Master of Education: https://www.aspen.edu/education/masters-education/
- Master of Science in Nursing: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/msn/">https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/msn/</a>
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/rn-msn/">https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/rn-msn/</a>
- Master of Business Administration: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/mba/">https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/mba/</a>
- Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Studies: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/masters-psychology-addiction-studies/">https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/masters-psychology-addiction-studies/</a>
- Master of Public Health: https://www.aspen.edu/health-sciences/master-of-public-health/
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/masters-technology-innovation/">https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/masters-technology-innovation/</a>
- Education Specialist in Leadership and Learning: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/education/education-specialist-leadership-and-learning-program-organizational-leadership/">https://www.aspen.edu/education/education-specialist-leadership-and-learning-program-health-care-administration/</a>, <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/education/education-specialist-leadership-and-learning-program-organizational-psychology/">https://www.aspen.edu/education/education/education-specialist-leadership-and-learning-program-health-care-administration/</a>, <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/education/education-specialist-leadership-and-learning-program-higher-education-leadership/">https://www.aspen.edu/education/education/education-specialist-leadership-and-learning-program-higher-education-leadership/</a>
- Doctor of Science in Computer Science: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/doctoral-computer-science/">https://www.aspen.edu/business-technology/doctoral-computer-science/</a>
- Doctor of Nursing Practice: <a href="https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/dnp/">https://www.aspen.edu/nursing/dnp/</a>

## **State Authorization**

State	Status	Notes or Explanations
Alabama	Licensed	License issued for all programs. Aspen is not accepting BSNPL* students in Alabama at this time, as it is in teach-out.
Alaska	Exempt	All programs are exempt from authorization with the exception of the BSNPL* program which is not approved. The institution is exempt from authorization under provisions of AS 14.48 and 20 AAC 17.015 because the program is online or distance delivered and does not have a physical presence in the state.
Arizona	Licensed	AZPPSE granted a regular accredited vocational and degree program license for Aspen programs. Aspen is not accepting BSNPL* students in Arizona at this time,

 $<sup>^{\</sup>mbox{\tiny 1}}$  Currently operating under a Show Cause Directive.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Program currently in teach out.

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Arkansas	Granted Certification	as it is in teach-out.  Can enroll for the following programs: BSBA, BSBA (Completion), BSHCA, BAPAS, RN to BSN, RN to MSN, MSN, DSCS, EdD, and DNP. The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board has granted certification for the above programs. Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board certification does not constitute an endorsement of any institution, course or degree program. Such certification merely indicates that certain minimum standards have been met under the rules and regulations of institutional certification as defined in Arkansas Code §6-61-301.
California	Registered	Letter of Registration from BPPE indicating that the institution has met the qualifications for registration under the Act, pursuant to California Education Code (CEC) section 94801.5. All programs are registered.
Colorado	Authorization Not Required	100% fully online distance education programs are approved, pursuant to current regulations that permit limited field placements.
Connecticut	Provisional Approval	Currently not accepting any new students who reside in the state of Connecticut.  Currently enrolled students are authorized to continue their program under the provisional approval granted by the state.
Delaware	Application in Process	Currently not accepting students who reside in the state of Delaware. Confirmed currently enrolled students are approved to continue their program while the state authorization application is in process.
District of Columbia		Currently not accepting students who reside in the District of Columbia.
Florida	Licensure not Required Licensed for BSNPL*	Online programs with the exception of the BSNPL* (see below) do not trigger physical presence and therefore are not required to be licensed by the Florida Commission for Independent Education.  Annual License granted for the Florida location by Florida Dept of Education, Commission for Independent Education.
Georgia	Authorized	Certificate of Authorization issued for all programs. Aspen University has met the requirements set forth by the Nonpublic Postsecondary Educational Institution Act of 1990 of O.C.G.A. § 20-3-250.
Hawaii	Exempt	If an institution is accredited by a nationally approved accredited agency, it is exempt from licensure. Aspen satisfies the exemption requirement.
ldaho	Exempt	All programs are exempt from registration under Idaho Administrative Code 08.01.11 Subsection 200.04.
Illinois	Limited Physical Presence Exemption	Can enroll for all fully online programs. Aspen meets the description of an institution with Limited Physical Presence and the Illinois Board of Higher Education grants continuous approval unless certain conditions change.
Indiana	Approved	All programs are approved. Aspen has been granted status as an out-of-state institution with no physical presence in Indiana in accordance with Indiana Administrative Code IC 21-18.5-6-12.
lowa	Application Filed	Currently not accepting any new students who reside in the state of lowa.  Confirmed currently enrolled students are approved to continue their program while the state authorization application is under review. The education programs will not lead to lowa education licensure.
Kansas	Certificate of Approval	Can enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* Program. Aspen University has been issued a Certificate of Approval from the Board of Regents.
Kentucky	Limited Exemption	Can enroll for all programs EXCEPT the MSN, RN-MSN, RN-BSN, DNP, & MPH per Kentucky Regulation 13 KAR 1:020 Section1(9)(a)-(e). Confirmed currently enrolled students in all programs are approved to continue their program while the state authorization application is under review for the MSN, RN-MSN, RN-BSN, DNP programs.
Louisiana	Operating License	Can enroll for all online programs. Aspen University is currently licensed by the Board of Regents of the State of Louisiana. Licenses are renewed by the State Board of Regents every two years. Licensed institutions have met minimal operational standards set forth by the state, but licensure does not constitute accreditation, guarantee the transferability of credit, nor signify that programs are certifiable by any professional agency or organization.
Maine	Authorized	Can enroll for all online programs. Aspen has state authority for an online presence in the State of Maine.
Maryland		Currently not accepting students who reside in the state of Maryland.
Massachusetts	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all online programs. Aspen does not trigger one of the four activities that would trigger a physical presence in Massachusetts. The Board's definition of physical presence does not include 100% distance education or experiential learning activities within the Commonwealth.
Michigan	Certificate of Authorization	Can enroll for all online programs. Aspen has complied with the Michigan Higher Education Authorization and Distance Education Reciprocal Exchange Act, Act 45 of 2015.
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Minnesota	Conditional Approval	Confirmed currently enrolled students are approved to continue their program after signing a specific arbitration disclosure.
Mississippi	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all online programs. Mississippi does not regulate academic degree- granting institutions that are not domiciled, incorporated, or otherwise located in Mississippi. BSNPL* program is not approved.
Missouri	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all online programs. Aspen does not meet or conduct activities that trigger physical presence in Missouri.
Montana	Authorized	Can enroll for all programs except BSNPL*. Aspen satisfies the requirements of Montana Code 20-25-107 and Board of Regents Policy 221, which regulate the award of post-secondary degrees by educational institutions in the State of Montana.
Nebraska	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program. The institution's activities do not fall under the provisions of Nebraska Title 281, Chapter 7, Rules and Regulations for the Postsecondary Institution Act.
Nevada	Experiential License	Can enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program.
New Hampshire	Exempt	Can enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program. Aspen University is excluded from the jurisdiction of the New Hampshire Higher Education Commission.
New Jersey	Non-NC- Registered	RN to BSN, MSN-A&M, MSN-NE, and DNP programs have been registered as a Non-NC-SARA institution. Currently not accepting or enrolling students residing in New Jersey for any other program. Under Title 9A Higher Education New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Licensure Rules, 9A:1-7.5. Out-of-State institutions that wish to offer NJ residents distance learning programs with no physical presence in NJ are not required to seek licensure from the Secretary. However non-NC-SARA institutions are required to register their programs with the state.
New Mexico	Authorized	All programs are approved except the BSNPL* program.
New York	Approved	Can enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program. Aspen University has been approved to offer distance education in New York State.
North Carolina	Application in Process	Currently not accepting new students who reside in the state of North Carolina.  Confirmed currently enrolled students are approved to continue their program while the state authorization application is in process.
North Dakota	Authorized	Authorized to operate in North Dakota under North Dakota Century Code 15-18.1 and enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program.
Ohio	OBHE: Authorized OSBCCS: Authorization not required	All programs are approved. OBHE requires authorization for only those online programs that contain components such as internships, externships, practicum, clinical placements, field placements, student teaching, etc. that will be completed in the state of Ohio. Chancellor's staff has determined that Aspen University meets the Chancellor's standards for offering such experiences in the state.
Oklahoma	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program. Out-of-state institutions do not require Oklahoma authorization to offer online-only degree-related distance education in Oklahoma.
Oregon		Currently not accepting students who reside in the state of Oregon. Confirmed currently enrolled students in all programs are approved to continue their program while the state authorization application is under review.
Pennsylvania	Registered	All online programs are approved. The institution is registered as an out-of-state distance education provider to enroll residents of Pennsylvania. The BSNPL* program is not approved.
Rhode Island		Currently not accepting students who reside in the state of Rhode Island.
South Carolina	Exempt	All programs are exempt except the BSNPL* program and Aspen is not accepting applications for students in this program. South Carolina Commission on Higher Education does not have jurisdiction where institutions enroll SC residents into fully online courses or programs.
South Dakota	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program. South Dakota only authorizes institutions that have a physical location in the state.
Tennessee	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program. The institution does not engage in any activity creating a physical presence thereby authorization is not required.
Texas	Authorized	Licensed for all online programs and the BSNPL* program at the TX campus.  The school is not regulated by the TWC pursuant to Chapter 132 of the Texas  Education Code.
Utah	Registered	Received Certificate of Postsecondary State Authorization for all programs, verifying that Aspen University has met the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §13-34a-204 to be a registered postsecondary school.
Vermont	Authorization not Required	Programs of education offered solely online are exempt from registering with the state. The BSNPL* program is not approved.

Virginia	Approved	Can enroll in all online programs. SCHEV determined that the institution meets all requirements for distance education certification as stated in section §23.1-219(f) of the Code of Virginia.
Washington	Limited Exemption and Application on File	All online programs are exempt EXCEPT the MSN, RN-MSN, RN-BSN, DNP, & MPH as their practicum or immersion requirements are considered operation in the state. Currently enrolled students in all programs are approved to continue their program while the state authorization application is in process. Not accepting applications from new students in the following programs: RN-BSN, RN-MSN, MSN, DNP, and MPH.
West Virginia	Approved	Approved to offer online educational programs to West Virginia residents.
Wisconsin	Approved	The Educational Approval Program (EAP), under Wis. Stats. § 440.52 (10)(a), granted approval to Aspen University for all programs with the exception of the BSNPL* program.  Note: Faculty and preceptors for clinicals taking place in the state of Wisconsin must have a Wisconsin license or privilege to practice in Wisconsin.
Wyoming	Approved	Approved to offer online educational services to Wyoming students.

#### **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 and should maintain a current address within their Student Portal.

### Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure) Notices

\* Aspen is not enrolling new students in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure) program. The program is in teach-out for currently enrolled students in all locations.

Aspen's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-Licensure) program is the only program offered by Aspen that has the potential to allow graduates to apply for professional licensure. 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) and submit an application for licensure. Students provide their state board of nursing applicable forms to the School of Nursing and Health Sciences, 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 secure their professional licensure, including requirements beyond educational background and NCLEX passage.

#### **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.

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure)
  - Meets state educational requirements to apply for RN licensure in Arizona, Texas, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. This program is currently in teach-out, all locations will conclude by September 2024.

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 into the program.

- Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Studies
- Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN Completion)
- Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
- Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration
- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Studies
- Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Studies
- Master of Education
- Master of Science in Nursing
- Registered Nurse to Master of Science in Nursing (RN-MSN)
- Master of Public Health
- Master of Business Administration
- Master of Science in Technology and Innovation
- Education Specialist
- Doctor of Science in Computer Science
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning
- Doctor of Nursing Practice

## **Global Disclosure**

#### **Countries and Territories**

Aspen University may not be able to accept online students receiving their education from certain international countries or US territories. The chart below is not exhaustive and reflects only those that Aspen has researched or contacted. In addition, while degrees conferred by Aspen University are recognized in the United States, they may not be recognized in other countries. While Aspen University works to carefully track compliance issues related to online global education, it is the student's responsibility to ensure compliance with their local laws and regulations and to understand current circumstances or special requirements.

International students are encouraged to research the policies pertaining to degree and licensure recognition in their home country or territory including, but not limited to:

- Whether Aspen University is authorized to offer online programs in the country.
- Whether the online degree will be recognized or require revalidation in the country where the student intends to work.
- Whether the student will be subject to additional tax withholding.
- Whether the required technologies (e.g., internet accessibility, websites, technology platforms, etc.) are available in the student's country of residence.

Further, military students located outside of the United States may be subject to the laws of the country for which they are located.

Countries	Status	Notes or Explanations	
Albania	Not Authorized	National legislation, Higher Education Institutions are not allowed to offer online programs. Also, degrees earned at distance learning institutions are not recognized by Albania.	
American Samoa	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Antigua and Barbuda	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Argentina	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Australia	Authorization not Required	The Australian Government TEQSA does not regulate Transnational Higher Education (TNE) into Australia for institutions that enroll Australian students into online courses that are wholly or mainly (50%) or more originating from overseas locations.	
Azerbaijan	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Bahamas	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Barbados	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Bermuda	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs.	
Brazil	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
British Virgin Islands	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Brunei	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Cameroon	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Canada	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs in the provinces of Alberta; British Columbia; New Brunswick; Northwest Territories; Manitoba; Nova Scotia; Nunavut; Ontario; Saskatchewan; Newfoundland and Labrador (institution is not registered or regulated by the Province of Newfoundland and Labrador); Yukon; and Quebec.	
Cayman Islands	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
China	Not Authorized	Following a January 2023 announcement, online credentials obtained from a foreign institution will no longer be recognized, Chinese students enrolled with foreign schools, colleges, and universities must study in-person rather than online.	
Costa Rica	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Dubai	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	

Egypt	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Federated States of Micronesia	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Ghana	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Grenada	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Guam	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs.	
Haiti	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
India	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs. Letter on file stating no formal approval process for educational programs.	
Israel	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Jamaica	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Japan	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Jordan	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Kenya	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Korea	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Kuwait	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Mexico	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Myanmar	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Nigeria	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Northern Mariana Islands	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Philippines	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Puerto Rico	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Qatar	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Republic of the Marshall Islands	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Republic of Palau	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Saint Lucia	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Saudi Arabia	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Scotland	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Singapore	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization	
Thailand	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Trinidad and Tobago	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	
Turkey	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Uganda	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
U.S. Virgin Islands	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs. There is no formal approval process for educational programs.	
Wale	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs other than Nursing programs.	

Zambia	Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations for postsecondary authorization.	
Zimbabwe	Authorization not Required	Can enroll for all programs. Students cannot be on the OFAC sanction list.	

# **Enrollment Demographics Disclosures**

For CY2023, 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.

Pell Grant
Recipients
5.62%

AU Gender		
Percent of		
Gender	Learners	
Female	85.4%	
Male	15.6%	
Unknown	0.0%	

AU Self-Identified Ethnicity		
Self-identified Ethnicity	Percent of Learners	
American Indian or Alaska Native	< 1%	
Asian	7.2%	
Black or African American	23.1%	
Hispanic/Latino	3.5%	
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	< 1%	
Two or more races	3.5%	
White	53.1%	
Unknown	8.1%	