



# Aspen University

## State/Territory Boards of Nursing Program Approvals

Aspen University is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC) and its home state of Arizona. 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 post- licensure nursing programs:

- [Bachelor of Science in Nursing \(RN-BSN Completion\)](#)
- Master of Science in Nursing
  - [Master of Science in Nursing – Administration and Management](#)
  - [Master of Science in Nursing – Forensic Nursing](#)
  - [Master of Science in Nursing – Informatics](#)
  - [Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Education](#)
  - [Master of Science in Nursing – Public Health](#)
- RN to Master of Science in Nursing (RN to MSN Bridge Program)

- [RN to Master of Science in Nursing – Administration and Management](#)
- [RN to Master of Science in Nursing – Forensic Nursing](#)
- [RN to Master of Science in Nursing – Informatics](#)
- [RN to Master of Science in Nursing – Nursing Education](#)
- [RN to Master of Science in Nursing – Public Health](#)
- [Doctor of Nursing Practice](#)
- Doctor of Public Health

Aspen University accepts student enrollments in the programs listed above, except where indicated below.

**DISCLAIMER:** Aspen University strongly encourages students to complete their clinical hours in their **approved state of residence**. While students may request to complete clinical hours in another **state or country**, approval is **not guaranteed**. Additionally, students planning to complete clinicals at a **military installation outside the U.S.** must first obtain approval from the **Military and VA division**.

To ensure compliance, students should **proactively contact their state board of nursing** for the most accurate and up-to-date information regarding the acceptance of clinical hours completed outside their state of residence.

<i>State Board of Nursing</i>	<i>*Most Recent Date Authorized (MM/DD/YYYY)</i>	<i>Confirmation or Approval Type</i>	<i>Notes</i>
<i>Alabama</i>	04/24/2024	Website/ Official Communication on file	No formal approval process was required. <b>Note:</b> Any student who is enrolled in an out-of-state nursing education program that requires the student to possess an RN license as a condition of enrollment and who is participating in clinical learning experiences in Alabama shall have a valid registered nurse license issued by Alabama, or multistate license issued by a party state, as defined in Chapter 4 of these rules.

<i>Alaska</i>	03/18/2025	Official communication on File	No formal approval process required for graduate distance education programs or RN-BSN programs. See <a href="#">Alaska BON FAQs</a> . Official communication on file indicating that the Alaska Board of Nursing does not have jurisdiction over the institution's programs.
<i>Arizona</i>	07/01/2016	Website/email	No formal approval process was required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs.
<i>Arkansas</i>	04/26/2024	Website	No formal approval process was required, as this board only approves programs preparing RN and practical nurse candidates for licensure. <a href="https://www.arsbn.org/education">https://www.arsbn.org/education</a> .
<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>	02/21/2025	Website/email/Statues	Currently not accepting new students residing in the state of Connecticut. This is due to provisional approval issued by the State of Connecticut Office of Higher Education. No formal approval process is required pursuant to section 20-90 of the Connecticut General Statutes. <a href="#">Nursing Education Programs and Licensure Requirements General</a> <b>Note:</b> Faculty providing on-site clinical supervision to students in cooperating health care agencies shall maintain an active registered nurse license in the state of Connecticut, have earned baccalaureate and master's degrees one of which must be in nursing, and have clinical experience in their teaching area. The overall faculty/student ratio shall be no less than one (1) clinical faculty member for every ten (10) students engaged in direct clinical experiences. The ratio of faculty to precepted students shall be no less than (1) faculty member for every sixteen (16) students. The preceptor to student ratio shall be no less than (1) preceptor for every (2) students. Preceptors shall work in collaboration with program faculty, who retain responsibility for student evaluation.
<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. <a href="https://floridasnursing.gov/education-and-training-programs/">https://floridasnursing.gov/education-and-training-programs/</a>
<i>Georgia</i>	02/11/2025	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. <a href="https://sos.ga.gov/page/about-georgia-board-nursing">https://sos.ga.gov/page/about-georgia-board-nursing</a> <b>Note:</b> Students, faculty and preceptors must be duly licensed by the Georgia Board of Nursing or have a multistate license from another Nurse Licensure Compact Jurisdiction.
<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>	03/15/2024	Official Letter on File	Formal approval process was required; official approval letter on file from the State of Idaho Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, Board of Nursing for the RN-BSN, MSN, and DNP programs. <b>Note:</b> Faculty teaching core nursing courses to students located in Idaho must maintain a current registered nurse license or privilege to practice in Idaho.
<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. <a href="http://nursing.illinois.gov/PostLeducation.asp">http://nursing.illinois.gov/PostLeducation.asp</a>
<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. <a href="https://www.in.gov/pla/2490.htm">https://www.in.gov/pla/2490.htm</a>
<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. While the Board does not approve out-of-state nursing education programs, out-of-state programs must follow all applicable Iowa laws and regulations. <a href="#">Out-of-State Nursing Program Criteria.</a> <b>Note:</b> Faculty, preceptors, and post-licensure students must have an active Iowa nursing license or an active multistate license. Clinical contracts must include: (1) Identification of responsibilities of both parties, (2) Faculty control, selection, and guidance of student learning experiences, (3) Provisions for annual review, and (4) Provisions for termination of the contract.

<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. <a href="https://kbn.ky.gov/Education/Pages/nursing.aspx">https://kbn.ky.gov/Education/Pages/nursing.aspx</a>
<i>Louisiana</i>	03/21/2025	Regulation and 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. <b>Note:</b> Though the Michigan Board of Nursing does not regulate post-licensure programs or clinical placements, preceptors and supervising faculty should have a Michigan license if they have any supervisory responsibilities over the clinical experience.
<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. <a href="https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/education/">https://mn.gov/boards/nursing/education/</a>

<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. <a href="https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-schools-of-nursing.asp">https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-schools-of-nursing.asp</a>
<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. <a href="http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nur#18">http://boards.bsd.dli.mt.gov/nur#18</a>
<i>Nebraska</i>	04/06/2022	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to the Nebraska Board of Nursing website the board does not approve post-licensure programs (online or other delivery methods). <a href="https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/nurse-licensing.aspx">https://dhhs.ne.gov/licensure/pages/nurse-licensing.aspx</a> <b>Note:</b> Concerning faculty requirements, Nebraska adheres to the recommendations outlined by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing. Practice is determined by the student's location. Consequently, if the student is situated in a state different from the home state of the nursing program, faculty members must be licensed in the state where the student is located. Preceptor qualifications for post-licensure programs are defined by the nursing program.
<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>	08/23/2021	Website and Communication on File	Currently only admitting students in the RN to BSN, MSN AM, MSN NE and DNP program. No formal approval process is required for the New Jersey Board of Nursing. 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

			<p>licensure as a registered professional nurse." Further communication on file from state indicating they do not regulate or have oversight of post-licensure programs.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p> <p><a href="https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/Pages/default.aspx">https://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/nur/Pages/default.aspx</a></p>
<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.
			<a href="https://www.ncbon.com/education-programs-outside-of-north-carolina">https://www.ncbon.com/education-programs-outside-of-north-carolina</a>
<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. <b>NOTE:</b> Students who are already registered nurses are required to have an active, current license in South Carolina or another Compact state when enrolled in a Master's Degree in Nursing Program and taking clinical courses in this state. <a href="https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/pdf/FAQEducation.pdf">https://llr.sc.gov/nurse/pdf/FAQEducation.pdf</a>
<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. <a href="http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/PDF/FAQeducation.pdf">http://doh.sd.gov/boards/nursing/PDF/FAQeducation.pdf</a>
<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	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.
<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). <a href="https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/EducationPrograms/">https://www.dhp.virginia.gov/Boards/Nursing/EducationPrograms/</a>
<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. <a href="https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/education/Pages/default.aspx">https://wvrnboard.wv.gov/education/Pages/default.aspx</a>
<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. <a href="https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/fm3067OEE.pdf">https://dsps.wi.gov/Documents/fm3067OEE.pdf</a> <b>Note:</b> Faculty and preceptors for clinicals taking place in the state of Wisconsin must have a Wisconsin license or privilege to practice in Wisconsin.
<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.

**Most Recent Date Authorized – Definition:** This date indicates the most recent authorization or renewal date for the state or the date when it was determined that authorization is not required. Since most states do not require authorization, **annual audits** are conducted to ensure ongoing compliance with state regulations. This date is updated if a state requires renewal or following the completion of an audit.

### 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.

Antigua & Barbuda		Determining Authorization	Currently reviewing regulations to determine nursing board authorization.
American Samoa		Currently not Authorized	Currently reviewing regulations to determine authorization status.
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.
Austria		Not Authorized	Only higher education qualifications from institutions with accreditation from regional accrediting agencies are accepted. Further cannot admit students due to GDPR restrictions.
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.
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	10/12/2023	Approved	Can enroll for all programs. Communication on file for the Department of Public Health & Social Services.
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

\*\*The history of state authorization approvals is maintained and filed by the OARCIE department.

**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.