



DEAC CONSUMER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE FORM

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name of Institution: Aspen University

Address: 1660 S. Albion St. Suite 525 Denver, CO 80222

Year Founded: 1987

First Accredited: June, 1993

Chief Executive Officer: Michael Mathews

Chief Academic Officer: Cheri St. Arnauld, EdD

Accreditation(s) and Agency E-mail Contact Information:

Aspen University is accredited by the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC). The Accrediting Commission of the DEAC is listed by the U.S. Department of Education as a recognized accrediting agency and is recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation.

Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC)
1101 17th Street, NW, Suite 808
Washington, DC 20036
(202) 234-5100
<http://www.deac.org>

The baccalaureate and master's degree in nursing at Aspen University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education.

Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education
655 K Street, NW, Suite 750
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 887-6791
<http://www.aacnursing.org/CCNE>

Aspen University has been approved by the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (heather.delange@dhe.state.co.us) to participate in the National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements. NC-SARA is a voluntary, regional approach to state oversight of postsecondary distance education. <http://nc-sara.org/>

Aspen University has been approved by Arizona Private Post-secondary Education and the Arizona Board of Nursing (<http://www.azbn.gov/media/2739/nursing-programs-list.pdf>) to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-licensure) at the institution's Phoenix, AZ location.

Aspen University has been reviewed and approved as a provider of project management training by the [Project Management Institute \(PMI\)](#).

Aspen University's bachelor's and master's degrees in Psychology and Addiction Counseling are approved by the [National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors \(NAADAC\)](#). The NAADAC approved education providers offer training and education for those who are seeking to become certified and those who want to maintain their certification. All educational training programs are reviewed for content applicability to state and national certification standards.

The School of Business and Technology at Aspen University is an Educational Member of the International Accreditation Council for Business Education (IACBE), and has affirmed its commitment to excellence in business education.

Participation in Funding Programs: Title IV, Federal Direct Loans (Subsidized Loans, Unsubsidized Loans, PLUS Loans), Pell Grants, Military (<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>), AmeriCorps (www.nationalservice.gov)

MISSION AND DESCRIPTION:

Institution Mission Statement: *Aspen is dedicated to offering any motivated college-worthy student the opportunity to receive a high quality, responsibly priced distance-learning education for the purpose of achieving sustainable economic and social benefits for themselves and their families.*

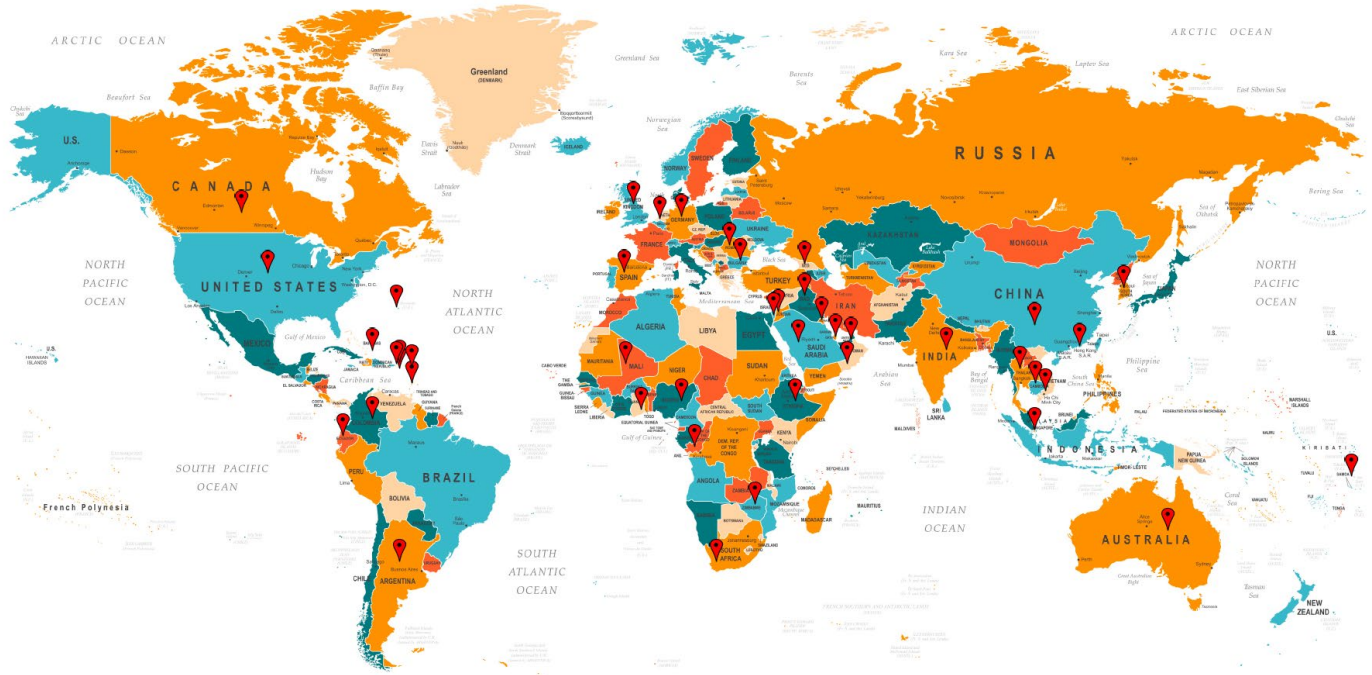
<https://www.aspen.edu/mission>

Areas of Special Focus: Aspen University offers certificates, and associate, baccalaureate, masters, and doctoral degrees in four schools: School of Nursing, School of Business and Technology, School of Education, and School of Professional Studies. The University's degree programs have been developed as a direct response to the needs of adult learners. Although traditional financial aid is available, a pioneering Monthly Payment Plan (MPP) for students has been implemented, offered entirely interest free, making it essentially a no-interest private student loan designed to allow students to achieve their degree and minimize debt upon graduation.

Aspen University is dedicated to helping students achieve upward mobility and long-term economic success through superior education, financial prudence, and career advancement. To accomplish this, Aspen has two overarching goals. Its Academic Achievement Goal is to transition motivated learners to higher levels of productive citizenship by providing a readily accessible education that teaches knowledge and skills of enduring value. Its Economic Responsibility Goal is to offer tuition rates low enough that a majority of our students will not incur debt through utilization of federal financial aid.

Description of Institution: Aspen University has its origins in the International Academy, created in the 1960s to improve the way education was disseminated. The International Academy evolved into ISIM University, with a primary focus on technology and business education. In the late 1980s, operations moved to Colorado and in 1993, the University was successful in acquiring national accreditation with the Distance Education and Training Council, now the Distance Education Accrediting Commission (DEAC). In 2003, the University underwent a change in ownership, a name change to Aspen University, and a successful reaccreditation review.

In 2011, the University underwent a second change of ownership to Aspen Group, Inc. (AGI), a post-secondary education company with an overarching vision of making higher education affordable again in America. In 2012, it became a publicly traded post-secondary institution (ASPU). In 2014, it again experienced a successful re-accreditation review and in 2017, AGI was uplisted on the NASDAQ. Aspen was recently reaccredited until 2024. Aspen is dedicated to providing the highest quality education experiences taught by top-tier professors - 58% of faculty hold doctoral degrees. Its diverse student population hails from 46 countries.



Student Demographic Profile: (As of December 31, 2018)

Gender	Percent
Male	16.86%
Female	82.60%
Unknown	<1%

Race/Ethnicity	Percent
American Indian or Alaska Native	<1%
Asian	1.44%
Black or African American	10%
Hispanic	4.86%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1%
White	12.78%
Two or more races	<1%
Not specified	69.06%

Average Age	
Undergraduate	42
Graduate	44

Degree Programs:

School of Professional Studies

- Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling
- Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice
- Bachelor of Science in Medical Management
- Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling
- Master of Science in Criminal Justice

School of Education

- Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education
- Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education
- Master of Education
- Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning

School of Nursing

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (RN-BSN)
 Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Pre-lic)
 Master of Science in Nursing
 Doctor of Nursing Practice

School of Business and Technology

Bachelor of Science in Business Administration
 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/Innovation
 Doctor of Science in Computer Science

Program Tuition/Costs: <http://www.aspen.edu/tuition-rates>

SUCCESS INDICATORS:

Program Graduation Rates:

Aspen University’s student population is a unique blend of adult learners who are completing their programs while working and managing homes and families. Considering this, we firmly believe students should have ample time to complete their degrees. It should be noted, though, that individual student success cannot be determined from cohort graduation rates. The table below indicates graduation rates by program for the 2018 DEAC Reporting Year. Programs with too few students to be statistically significant are designated as “Not reported given cohort<25.”

Program	Graduation Rate (2018 DEAC Reporting Year)
Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education	Not reported given cohort<25
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling	Not reported given cohort<25
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration + BSBA Completion Program	35%
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice + BSCJ Completion Program	52%
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education + BSECE Completion Program	58%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion Program)	84%
Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Administration (formally BS in Medical Management)	Not reported given cohort<25
Master in Business Administration	48%
Master in Education	Not reported given cohort<25
Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling	70%
Master of Science in Criminal Justice	Not reported given cohort<25
Master of Science in Information Management	Not reported given cohort<25
Master of Science in Information Systems	Not reported given cohort<25
Master of Science in Information Technology	Not reported given cohort<25
Master of Science in Technology and Innovation	Not reported given cohort<25
Master of Science in Nursing	51%
RN-to-Master of Science in Nursing	53%
Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning	Not reported given cohort<25
Doctor of Science in Computer Science	Not reported given cohort<25

Percentage of students surveyed* who responded that, YES:

Upon completing their studies, they achieved the goals they had when they started the course or program.	They would recommend these studies to a friend.	All things considered, they were satisfied with their studies at Aspen University.
97%	96%	97%

*DEAC 2018 Reporting Year