



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	Date	Confirmation or Approval Type	Notes
<i>Alabama</i>	1/1/2016	Website	Formal process is required. The Alabama Board of Nursing requires approval of each individual clinical within the state. https://www.abn.alabama.gov/nursing-programs/#tab-outofstate
<i>Alaska</i>	4/12/2016	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>American Samoa</i>		Website	No formal approval process was required for post-licensure, non-APRN programs, or APRN programs.
<i>Arizona</i>	07/01/2016 11/21/2017	Website/email Provisional Approval	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 for offering at its locations in Phoenix, AZ. Provisional approval is required until a program experiences its first graduating class with passing NCLEX scores, which is expected in Summer 2020.
<i>Arkansas</i>	1/1/2018	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>	3/30/2016	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>	3/25/2016	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>	03/30/2016	Website/email	No formal approval process was required. https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/Departments-and-Agencies/DPH/dph/Agency_Regulations/Sections/pdfs/Title20ProfessionalLicensing/2026NursingEducationProgramsandLicensureRequirementspdf.pdf?la=en

<i>Delaware</i>	4/11/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; official communication on file from the Delaware Board of Nursing; indicating that the Delaware Board of Nursing 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>	4/11/2016	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/
<i>Georgia</i>	7/7/2016	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/index.php/licensing/plb/45/board_services_-_nursing_education_program_approval
<i>Guam</i>	7/7/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required as Guam has no requirements specific to nursing education programs.
<i>Hawaii</i>	4/11/2016	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>	3/30/2016	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>	11/4/2015	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>	3/30/2016	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>	4/4/2016	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>	3/31/2016	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/pon/Pages/school.aspx
<i>Louisiana</i>	3/30/2016	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>	3/31/2016	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>Marshall Islands</i>	3/31/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required as the Marshall Islands currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs.
<i>Maryland</i>	11/29/2016	Website/email	No formal approval process was required. However according to the Maryland Board of Nursing website and email on file from the Maryland Board of Nursing, they state, though the program is not physically located in MD, the Board needs to be kept abreast of your program's presence, course offerings (brief descriptions, numbers of students, nursing student licenses and expiration dates), MD teaching faculty (credentials, brief CV, specialty, license number and its expiration) and clinical facilities. Out-of-state nurse clinical faculty/preceptors, nursing program officials who visit/consult with students or facility personnel must be licensed in Maryland.
<i>Massachusetts</i>	3/30/2016	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>	8/2/2016	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>	8/2/2016	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>	4/5/2016	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>	4/5/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to the Missouri Board of Nursing website, the board only approves Missouri programs leading to first time licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) or a Registered Nurse (RN). https://pr.mo.gov/nursing-faq-education.asp
<i>Montana</i>	4/5/2016	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>	4/6/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required. According to the Nebraska Board of Nursing website, the board only approves programs leading to initial licensure as an LPN or RN. http://dhhs.ne.gov/publichealth/pages/crlNursingAppdNsgProgStudentLoanAct.aspx
<i>Nevada</i>	3/31/2016	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>	3/31/2016	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>	3/31/2018	Website	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." http://www.njconsumeraffairs.gov/regulations/Chapter-37-New-Jersey-Board-of-Nursing.pdf

<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>	4/1/2016	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>	3/30/2016	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>	4/5/2016	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>	3/31/2016	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>	4/5/2016	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.
<i>Oregon</i>	4/1/2016	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>	7/20/2016	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>Puerto Rico</i>	11/13/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required; as Puerto Rico currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. http://www.salud.gov.pr/Pages/Home.aspx
<i>Rhode Island</i>	4/1/2016	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>	3/31/2016	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>	10/14/2017	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>	12/1/2016	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, DNP; official approval letter on file from the Tennessee Board of Nursing.
<i>Texas</i>	4/12/2016	Official communication on file	No formal approval process was required; 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>	9/5/2016	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>	4/1/2016	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>Virgin Islands</i>	4/1/2016	Website	No formal approval process was required; as Virgin Islands currently has no requirements specific to nursing education programs. http://www.thevibnl.org/
<i>Virginia</i>	11/30/2016	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/PublicResources/EducationPrograms/

<i>Washington</i>	3/25/2018	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>	4/11/2016	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>	4/12/2016	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>	9/7/2016	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.