



## 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](mailto: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 location: 4615 E. Elwood St., Suite 100, Phoenix, AZ 85040.

**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](http://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.

**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 re-accreditation 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 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 39 countries.



## Student Demographic Profile: (As of August 31, 2017)

Gender	Percent
Male	20%
Female	80%

Race/Ethnicity	Percent
Asian	2%
Black or African American	5%
Hispanic	2%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	<1%
White	17%
Two or more races	1%
Not specified	72%

Average Age	
Undergraduate	41
Graduate	42

### Courses/Programs/Degrees:

#### 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-licensure)  
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 and Innovation  
Doctor of Science in Computer Science

Average Program Tuition/Cost per credit hour: <http://www.aspen.edu/tuition-rates>

### SUCCESS INDICATORS:

#### Completion/Graduation Rate for ALL programs/courses:

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 program completion rates by program.

Program	150% Time to Completion	Graduation Rate (2017 DEAC Reporting Year)
Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education	3.75 years	Cohort <10
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling	7.5 years	Cohort <10
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration	7.5 years	Cohort <10
Bachelor of Science in Business Administration, (Completion Program)	3.75 years	44%
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice	7.5 years	Cohort <10
Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, (Completion Program)	3.75 years	35%
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education	7.5 years	Cohort <10
Bachelor of Science in Early Childhood Education, (Completion Program)	3.75 years	68%
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion Program)	3.75 years	76%
Doctor of Education in Leadership and Learning	7.5 years	29%
Master in Business Administration	4.5 years	50%
Master in Education	4.5 years	58%
Master of Arts in Psychology and Addiction Counseling	6 years	43%
Master of Science in Criminal Justice	4.5 years	33%
Master of Science in Information Management	4.5 years	Cohort <10
Master of Science in Information Systems	4.5 years	55%
Master of Science in Information Technology	4.5 years	60%
Master of Science in Nursing	4.5 years	62%
Master of Science in Technology and Innovation	4.5 years	62%
RN-to-Master of Science in Nursing	6 years	52%

**Percentage of students surveyed\* who responded that:**

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.
92.4%	91.3%	96.1%

\*DEAC 2017 Reporting Year