



ARTICULATION AGREEMENT



Articulation agreement between Northern Arizona University and Aspen University
Effective Date: March 1, 2023

Section 1: Institutions and Purpose

Founded in 1899 in Flagstaff, Arizona, Northern Arizona University (NAU) is a Higher Learning Commission-accredited institution of higher education. It offers more than 125 academic programs at the Flagstaff Mountain campus as well as at more than 20 statewide locations. NAU's academic programs, research, public service, and creative endeavors enrich lives and create opportunities in Arizona and beyond. We develop solutions to challenges and drive innovation in a supportive, inclusive, and diverse environment. Aspen University is an accredited, post-secondary, higher education institution that is committed to offering a high quality, affordable education.

The purpose of this agreement is to allow students who were enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Post-Licensure) program in Phoenix, AZ to block transfer their general education and science credits earned and accepted at Aspen University to another institution. Because these students are unable to complete their program as designed at Aspen University, Aspen University requests that NAU make a good-faith effort to apply all general education and science credits and designated nursing education credits earned at Aspen toward completion of NAU's RNBSN nursing program requirements.

NAU has the capacity to provide access to an RN-BSN program that is of acceptable quality and reasonably similar in content to Aspen's program within a reasonable time period and in the same geographic area. NAU will remain true to its own mission and operations and provide equitable treatment of accepted Aspen students as they do with their currently enrolled students.

Section 2: Statement of Agreement

NAU agrees to apply this articulation agreement to students who meet the following criteria:

- Students enrolled (active or inactive) in Aspen University's RNBSN program as of August 1, 2022
- Students who were in Good Academic Standing as of August 1, 2022

This agreement does not apply to students transferring who do not meet the above criteria.



Aspen students applying to NAU are subject to the rules, policies, and procedures of NAU in effect at the time of application, including, but not limited to, those related to finances and graduation. NAU agrees to apply the following to the students who meet the above criteria upon acceptance into NAU.

- Waive application fee for students enrolled (active or inactive) in Aspen University's RNBSN program
- Waive NAU RNBSN prerequisite requirements for Aspen students who have already completed at least one nursing education course in Aspen University's RNBSN program.
- Waive NAU's requirement to complete at least 30 credits at NAU for Aspen students who have already completed at least one nursing education course in Aspen University's RNBSN program.
- Accept Aspen University credits as transfer credits up to 90 semester credits as block transfer credits
 - NAU Foundation Requirements will be waived for Aspen students with previous associate degrees or non-nursing bachelor's degrees
- Apply these Aspen University credits to NAU's nursing program as applicable. See chart below.
- NAU will provide timely notice of the availability of the program including information about differences between its program and Aspen's

Section 3: Admission and Matriculation

This agreement does not guarantee admission to NAU or admission into any specific program, unless otherwise stated. Students must apply for admission to NAU in accordance with the rules, policies, and procedures of NAU in effect at the time of acceptance.

As outlined in this agreement, courses transferred will fulfill some NAU program requirements. Students will be responsible for completing all graduation requirements of NAU in effect at the time of acceptance in order to earn their degree.

Section 4: Changes in Curriculum or Program Requirements

Changes made to relevant curriculum at either Aspen University or NAU will necessitate review of the programs at both institutions to determine if reassessment of this articulation agreement is necessary. If deemed appropriate, a new agreement will be generated and signed.

Each partner assumes responsibility for informing the other of these changes. Changes to curriculum and/or program requirements must be communicated in writing no later than 30 days from the date of change.

Section 5: Term and Termination

This agreement shall commence as of March 1, 2023 and shall terminate on March 1, 2024, unless terminated earlier as provided elsewhere in this agreement. This agreement may be renewed by the mutual written agreement of both institutions for additional terms, not to exceed one (1) year. Either party may terminate or suspend this agreement for convenience upon sixty (60) days' written notice; provided, however, that the parties shall discuss and reasonably attempt to resolve the issues that led to the notice of termination or suspension. Notwithstanding the termination of the agreement, any student who has applied for admissions and meets the terms of this agreement prior to or during the sixty (60) day period shall be treated as if this agreement continues to be in effect.








Section 6: General Provisions

In carrying out the responsibilities and obligations of this Agreement, neither party shall be acting as the agent or principal of the other with regard to dealings with third parties, including students. Neither party shall have the authority to make any statements, representations, nor commitments of any kind or to take any action binding the other except as provided for herein or authorized in writing by the party to be bound.

This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the parties. No waiver, consent, modification, or change of terms of this Agreement shall bind either party unless in writing and signed by both parties.

Section 7: Signatures

 <hr/> <p><i>Dr. Marcos Gayol, Dean, School of Nursing and Health Sciences, Distance Education programs Aspen University</i></p>	 <hr/> <p><i>Dr. Janina Johnson, Executive Director School of Nursing Northern Arizona University</i></p>
 <hr/> <p><i>Dr. Joanne Weiss, Provost Aspen University</i></p>  <hr/> <p><i>Katie Brown, Registrar Aspen University</i></p>	 <hr/> <p><i>Dr. Karen Pugliesi, Provost Northern Arizona University</i></p>



Admissions Pathway

NAU will acknowledge Aspen University requirements for admission to NAU's RNBSN program.

Admission Requirements		NAU	ASPEN	Comments
GPA Requirement		2.75 from nine selected prerequisite courses	2.75 from ADN degree	NAU to waive prerequisite requirements; Aspen admission GPA requirement
RN license		Required	Required	
Nursing Experience		No	1 year within past 5 years	
Prerequisites		ADN courses plus: Nutrition, Pathophysiology, Statistics, Developmental Psychology, and NAU's liberal studies requirements	ADN degree	NAU to waive prerequisite and liberal studies requirement.
Completion Time		12-months minimum or self-paced	12-months minimum or self-paced	
Tuition		Approx \$15,000	\$10,640 (will vary)	
Degree completion requirement		At least 30 credits from NAU	At least 30 credits from Aspen	NAU to waive degree completion requirement for Aspen students who have already completed at least one nursing education course in Aspen University's RNBSN program



Transfer Credit Pathway

Aspen University students applying to NAU’s RNBSN program may receive up to 18 semester credit hours of nursing education transfer credit; students must meet the minimum grade requirements outlined in the transfer credit guidelines in the [academic catalog](#).

RNBSN (NAU) & RNBSN (Aspen University)

NAU RN/BSN Course	Credits	Aspen RN/BSN Course	Credits	Comments
NUR307 Health Assessment NUR307L Health Assessment Lab	1 1	N495 Health Assessment	3	Possible transfer upon review
NUR320 Palliative Care	3			No equivalency; required course
NUR321 Gerontology	3			No equivalency; required course
NUR330 Intro to Nursing	3	N490 Issues and Trends in Professional Nursing N491 Concepts and Theories in Nursing	3	Transfer
NUR390W Research and Junior Level Writing	3	N494 Essentials of Nursing Research HUM410 Academic Success: Strengthening Scholarly Writing	3 3	Possible transfer upon review
NUR420 Family Nursing Roles	3			No equivalency; required course
NUR424 Nursing Informatics and Healthcare Policy	3	HCA320 Healthcare Policy and Economics CIS450 Informatics in Healthcare	3 3	Transfer
NUR442 Public Health	5	N492 Community Health Nursing I N494 Community Nursing II	3 3	Transfer



NUR450C Capstone Project	3			No equivalency; required course
NUR452 Leadership	2	N496 Nursing Leadership and Management		Transfer

Students enrolled in Aspen University's RNBSN program will complete, at minimum, 12 credits in the NAU RNBSN program. There are no transfer credit equivalencies for the following courses:

- NUR320 Palliative Care (3 credits)
- NUR321 Gerontology (3 credits)
- NUR420 Family Nursing Roles (3 credits)
- NUR450C Capstone Project (3 credits)