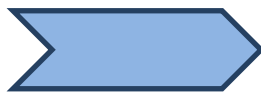




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ARTICULATION AGREEMENT



Articulation Agreement
between
Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University
and
Aspen University

This Articulation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into by and between **Arizona Board of Regents for and on behalf of Northern Arizona University** ("NAU") and **Aspen University**, each an "Institution", collectively the "Institutions".

Section 1: Institutions and Purpose

Founded in 1899 in Flagstaff, Arizona, 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. NAU develops solutions to challenges and drives 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 (Pre-Licensure) program in Phoenix, AZ to block transfer their general education 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 credits earned at Aspen toward completion of NAU's BSN (Pre-Licensure) program requirements.

Section 2: Statement of Agreement

This Agreement applies to students who meet the following criteria:

- Students enrolled (active or inactive) in Aspen University's Bachelor of Science Nursing (Pre-Licensure) program..
- Students who are in Good Academic Standing.

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



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 BSN (Pre-Licensure) program
- Accept Aspen University credits (up to 35 semester credits) as block transfer of general education credits.
 - Students need to complete 3 credits of Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry (AHI), 3 credits of Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry and Global Diversity (AHIG), 3 credits Statistics, and 3 credits Nutrition meeting NAU requirements
 - Courses and course descriptions are outlined at the end of this Agreement
 - Apply these Aspen University credits to NAU's nursing program as applicable
- Accept HESI testing scores provided by Aspen University to be used toward entrance into NAU's nursing program as applicable.
- Waive NAU BSN (pre-licensure) prerequisite requirements for Aspen students who have already completed the prerequisite requirements in Aspen University's BSN (pre-licensure) program, with exception to 3 credits Statistics and 3 credits Nutrition.
- For degree completion students are required to complete 120 total credit hours
 - Up to 35 credits block credit transfer
 - 3 credits of Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry (AHI)
 - 3 credits of Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry and Global Diversity (AHIG)
 - 3 credits Statistics
 - 3 credits Nutrition
 - 73 credits NAU nursing concentration courses

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 Agreement is necessary. If deemed appropriate, a new agreement will be generated and signed.

Each Institution 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 will be in effect for five (5) years, commencing on the date of last signature hereto, unless a lesser time-period is stated herein, and may be renewed, revised, or modified by a written addendum signed by both Institutions. Either Institution may terminate or suspend this Agreement for convenience upon sixty (60) days' written notice; provided, however, that the Institutions 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

- 6.1 In carrying out the responsibilities and obligations of this Agreement, neither Institution shall be acting as the agent or principal of the other with regard to dealings with third parties, including students. Neither Institution 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 Institution to be bound.
- 6.2 This Agreement constitutes the entire Agreement between the Institutions. No waiver, consent, modification, or change of terms of this Agreement shall bind either Institution unless in writing and signed by both Institutions. This Agreement and all claims arising out of or relating to this Agreement shall be governed exclusively by the laws of the State of Arizona, the courts of which shall have jurisdiction over its subject matter.
- 6.3 The Institutions agree to comply with all applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and executive orders governing equal employment opportunity, immigration, nondiscrimination, including the Americans with Disabilities Act, and affirmative action.
- 6.4 All books, accounts, reports, files and other records relating to this Agreement shall be subject at all reasonable times to inspection and audit by NAU, or the Auditor General of the State of Arizona, or their agents for five (5) years after the completion of this Agreement. Such records shall be provided at Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, Arizona, or such other mutually agreed location, upon reasonable notice to Aspen University.
- 6.5 To the extent required by Arizona Revised Statutes ("A.R.S.") § 35-394, Aspen University certifies it is not currently, and during the term of this Agreement will not use: 1) the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China; 2) any goods or services produced by the forced labor of ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China; or 3) any contractors, subcontractors or suppliers that use the forced labor or any goods or services produced by the forced labor of the ethnic Uyghurs in the People's Republic of China. If Aspen University becomes aware during the term of the agreement that it is not in compliance with this written certification, it shall notify NAU within five (5) business days of becoming aware of the noncompliance.
- 6.6 NAU is an Arizona public institution of higher education and is self-insured through the Arizona Department of Administration Risk Management Division pursuant to A.R.S. §41-621, et seq. and shall maintain adequate insurance to cover any liability arising from the acts and omissions of NAU's agents, employees, and students, arising out of the performance of this Agreement. NAU shall not be responsible for maintaining insurance coverage for liability arising from the acts and



omissions of Aspen University's employees or agents. Aspen University shall maintain adequate insurance to cover any liability arising from the acts and omissions of Aspen University's employees or agents arising out of the performance of this Agreement. Aspen University shall not be responsible for maintaining insurance to cover liability arising from the acts and omissions of employees of NAU.

- 6.7 The Institutions agree that this Agreement may be cancelled for conflict of interest in accordance with A.R.S. §38-511. Aspen University certifies that no such conflict of interest currently exists and that there are no relevant facts or circumstances which could give rise to any actual or potential organizational or personal conflicts of interest.
- 6.8 Pursuant to A.R.S. §12-1518, the Institutions acknowledge and agree that both Institutions may be required to make use of mandatory arbitration of any legal action that is filed in the Arizona Superior Court concerning a controversy arising out of this Agreement if required by A.R.S. §12-133.
- 6.9 Student educational records are protected by the U.S. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g and its implementing regulations ("FERPA"). The Institutions will not require any students to waive any privacy rights (including FERPA or the European Union's General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR")) as a condition for receipt of any educational services, and any attempt to do so will be void. Aspen University and NAU will comply with FERPA and will not access or make any disclosures of student educational records to third parties without prior notice to and consent from the student or as otherwise provided by law.
- 6.10 Neither Institution shall use any trade name, trademark, service mark, logo, domain name, nor any other distinctive brand feature owned or used by the other Institution without prior written authorization from the other Institution.
- 6.11 Aspen University acknowledges that NAU is a public entity subject to the provisions of the Arizona Public Record Laws A.R.S. §§ 39-121, et seq.
- 6.12 If NAU's performance under this Agreement depends upon the appropriation of funds by the Arizona Legislature, and if the Legislature fails to appropriate the funds necessary for performance, then NAU may provide written notice of this to Aspen University and cancel this Agreement without further obligation of NAU. Appropriation is a legislative act and is beyond the control of NAU.
- 6.13 Neither Institution shall be held responsible for any losses resulting if the fulfillment of any terms or provisions of this Agreement are delayed or prevented by any cause not within the control of the Institution whose performance is interfered with, and which by the exercise of reasonable diligence, said Institution is unable to prevent ("force majeure event"), including but not limited to acts of God, war, civil disturbance, terrorism, disaster, fire, earthquakes, hurricanes, known or suspected threats of illness, epidemics, pandemics, or government regulation. This Agreement may be terminated without further obligation or penalty, including cancellation fees or liquidated damages, of either Institution upon written notice from the affected Institution to the other Institution of such force majeure event.
- 6.14 In the event that any provision or part of any provision of this Agreement shall be determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid or unenforceable, such determination shall not affect the remaining parts or provisions of this Agreement which shall continue in full force and effect.
- 6.15 This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which will be deemed to be an original but all of which, taken together, shall constitute one and the same agreement. The



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exchange of copies of this Agreement and of signature pages by electronic means shall constitute effective execution and delivery of this Agreement as to the Institutions and may be used in lieu of the original Agreement for all purposes. Signatures of the Institutions transmitted by electronic means shall be deemed to be their original signatures for all purposes.

6.16 Neither Institution shall assign this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other Institution.

Section 7: Notices

Any notice required or permitted hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered in person, electronic mail with delivery receipt, or three (3) days after mailing, by United States registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows:

To Aspen University

Aspen University

4615 E. Elwood St. Suite 100

Phoenix, AZ 85040

Phone: (800) 373 7814

Email: katie.brown@aspen.edu

To University:

College of Health and Human Services

Office of the Dean

P.O. Box 15015

Flagstaff, AZ 86011

Phone: (928) 523-4331

Email: CHHS@nau.edu

with a copy to:

Northern Arizona University

Contracts, Purchasing and Risk Management

PO Box 4124

Flagstaff, AZ 86011

Phone: (928) 523-4557

Email: NAU-Contracts@nau.edu

Section 7: Exhibit A

Exhibit A is attached hereto and is incorporated herein.

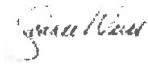


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Section 8: Signatures


The undersigned have read the foregoing Agreement and, as authorized signatories of the undersigned respective entities, hereby agree to be bound by it.

ASPEN UNIVERSITY:

By: 

Name: Dr. Joanne Weiss
 Title: Provost

Date: 03/30/2023

By: 

Name: Dr. Jenny Erkiftz
 Title: Dean of Nursing

Date: 03/30/2023

By: 

Name: Katie Brown
 Title: Registrar

Date: 03/30/2023

**ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS
 FOR AND ON BEHALF OF
 NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY:**

By: 

Name: Karen Pugliesi, PhD
 Title: Executive Vice President and
 University Provost

Date: 4/10/23

By: 

Name: Dr. Janina Johnson
 Title: Executive Director, School of Nursing

Date: 03/30/2023



EXHIBIT A

Admissions Pathway

NAU will acknowledge Aspen University requirements for admission to NAU's BSN (Pre-Licensure) program.

Admission Requirements	NAU	Aspen University	Comments
GPA Requirement	3.0 GPA from nine selected prerequisite courses: BIO 181 or CHM 130/130L, BIO 201/L, BIO 202/L, BIO 205/L, NTS 135, PSY 101, PSY 240, STA 270 or PSY 230	A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 is required for all Pre-Professional Nursing Coursework. Successful completion of CMP160, MAT140, BIO201/L, BIO202/L, BIO210, and BIO220 with a "B" or higher	NAU to waive prerequisite requirements except STA 270 or PSY 230 and NTS 135; will accept Aspen University minimum GPA admission requirement for entry into Nursing Core
Admission Exam	HESI A2: Minimum required score 75 Composite and 75 A&P	HESI A2: Minimum required scores for English Composite-80; Math-80; A&P-75.	NAU to accept HESI testing scores provided by Aspen University
Prerequisites	BIO 181 or CHM 130 & 130L BIO 201 & 201L BIO 202 & 202L BIO 205 & 205L PSY 101 PSY 240 MAT 114 STA 270 NTS 135	CMP160 MAT140 BIO201/L BIO202/L BIO220 with a "B" or higher	NAU to accept ASPEN credits for general studies and prerequisites up to 41 credits as identified in Transfer Credit chart.



	ENG 105 Liberal Studies and Diversity courses		
Nursing Core Credits	73 credits	79 credits	NAU will not accept any nursing core credits from Aspen University. Students transferring to NAU will be required to complete or show proof of completion of 6 credits total (3 credits nutrition and 3 credits statistics) to meet graduation total credit requirements (120 credits)
Tuition	https://in.nau.edu/sdas/tuition-fees/	\$41,445 Tuition \$10,740 Fees \$52, 175 Total	
Other Compliance		Criminal Background Check Fingerprint Clearance Card	Based on date of completion, NAU may accept

Transfer Credit Pathway

Aspen University students applying to NAU’s BSN (Pre-Licensure) program may receive up to 35 semester credit hours of general studies and prerequisite course transfer credit; students must meet the minimum grade requirements outlined in the transfer credit guidelines in the [academic catalog](#). Aspen University students must also complete NAU liberal studies core requirements.

NAU BSN (Pre-Licensure) & Aspen University (Pre-Licensure)

NAU BSN (Pre-Licensure)	Credits	Aspen University (Pre-Licensure)	Credits	Comments
Social and Political Worlds	3	COM100 Introduction to Communications	3	



Mathematics	3	MAT 130 Fundamentals of Mathematics	3	
Science	3	BIO210 Microbiology	3	NAU SoN requires microbiology with lab; lab requirement waived for Aspen University students Meets NAU SoN prerequisite
English	4	CMP160 English Composition I	3	
Social and Political Worlds	3	SB105 Introduction to Psychology	3	Meets NAU SoN prerequisite
English	3	HCA130 Healthcare Writing and Communications	3	
Social and Political Worlds		SB110 Introduction to Sociology	3	
Cultural Understanding & US Ethnic		SB120 Diversity and Culture	3	
Social and Political Worlds		SB200 Human Development	3	Meets NAU SoN prerequisite
Science and Lab	4	BIO201 Anatomy and Physiology I / Lab	3 1	Meets NAU SoN prerequisite
Science and Lab	4	BIO202 Anatomy and Physiology II/ Lab	3 1	Meets NAU SoN prerequisite
Cultural Understanding		HCA205 Principles of Health and Disease	3	
		BIO220 Pathophysiology	3	

Students enrolled from Aspen University's BSN (Pre-Licensure) program will also need to complete the following courses at NAU or transfer in from an accredited university:

- 3 credits Statistics, such as:
 - STA 270 Applied Statistics or
 - PSY 230 Introduction to Statistics in Psychology
- 3 credits Nutrition, such as:
 - NTS 135 Human Nutrition
- 3 credits of the Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry (AHI) Liberal Studies designation (see list below)



- 3 credits of the Aesthetic and Humanistic Inquiry and Global Diversity (AHIG) Liberal Studies/Diversity designation (see list below)

Aesthetic & Humanistic Inquiry + Global Diversity

ARH	143	INTRODUCTION TO THE ARTS OF ASIA
ARH	269	ARTS OF CHINA
ARH	270	ARTS OF JAPAN
ARH	370	BUDDHIST ART
ARH	380	ISLAMIC ART: RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR ARTS OF ISLAMIC ASIA
HUM	101	INTRODUCTION TO HUMANITIES
HUM	362	TRADITIONAL PERFORMANCE ARTS OF EAST ASIA
REL	150	RELIGIONS OF THE WORLD
REL	303	MYSTICISM IN ASIAN RELIGIONS
REL	332	ISLAMIC ART: RELIGIOUS AND SECULAR ARTS OF ISLAMIC ASIA
REL	340	HINDU SCRIPTURES
REL	352	BUDDHIST ART
REL	362	BUDDHIST SCRIPTURES
LAN	350	WORLD CINEMA
PHI	150	PHILOSOPHIES OF THE WORLD
ANT	355	ARCHAEOLOGY OF ROCK ART

Aesthetic & Humanistic Inquiry:

ACM	310	MARKETING AND MANAGEMENT OF ARTS AND CULTURAL ENTERPRISES
ACM	355	TOPICS IN ARTS AND CULTURAL MANAGEMENT
ARH	141	WESTERN ART TO 1400
ARH	142	WESTERN ART SINCE 1400
ARH	344	ITALIAN RENAISSANCE ART
ARH	347	NINETEENTH CENTURY ART
CCS	220	GENDER AND CULTURE
CCS	250	CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES
HUM	175	ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES
HUM	195	APPLIED HUMANITIES
HUM	344	AMERICAN COUNTERCULTURE
HUM	351	TOPICS IN MEDIEVAL ART AND CULTURE
HUM	352	TOPICS IN RENAISSANCE TO THE ROMANTIC ERA
HUM	353	TOPICS THE 19TH CENTURY TO THE PRESENT
HUM	371	CULTURE AND TECHNOLOGY
HUM	382	STUDIES IN GLOBAL CULTURES
MST	210	ARTS AND CULTURAL MANAGEMENT
MST	250	MUSEUM STUDIES
REL	130	MYTH AND MEANING: GODS, MONSTERS, HEROES, AND HUMANS
REL	151	WHAT IS RELIGION?
REL	302	MYSTICISM IN ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS
REL	312	JUDEO-CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES (OLD TESTAMENT)
REL	313	CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES (NEW TESTAMENT)
REL	325	THE HISTORICAL JESUS
REL	365	RELIGION AND FILM



REL	396	EAST ASIAN INDIGENOUS RELIGIONS
ENG	110	RHETORIC IN THE MEDIA
ENG	130	EXPLORING LITERATURE
ENG	174	INTRODUCTION TO CREATIVE WRITING
ENG	179	THE CRAFT OF CREATIVE WRITING
ENG	210	PRINCIPLES IN RHETORIC AND WRITING
ENG	211	PRINCIPLES IN ARGUMENTATION AND DIGITAL MEDIA WRITING
ENG	218	INTRODUCTION TO PUBLIC AND DISCIPLINARY WRITING
ENG	230	INTRODUCTION TO LITERATURE
ENG	231	BRITISH LITERATURE TO 1750
ENG	232	BRITISH LITERATURE AFTER 1750
ENG	242	AMERICAN LITERATURE FROM COLONIAL TIMES TO 1865
ENG	243	AMERICAN LITERATURE FROM 1865 TO PRESENT
ENG	253	WORLD LITERATURE
ENG	261	INTRODUCTION TO WOMEN WRITERS
ENG	335	SHAKESPEARE
ENG	341	AMERICAN FICTION
ENG	358	ANCIENT LITERATURE
ENG	361	SPECIAL TOPICS IN WOMEN WRITERS
ENG	362	DRAMA
ENG	365	CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE
ENG	368	STUDIES IN SPECULATIVE LITERATURE
HIS	341	EARLY MODERN EUROPE: 1600-1789
CLA	130	MYTH AND MEANING: GODS, MONSTERS, HEROES, AND HUMANS
PHI	101	INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
PHI	105	INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS
PHI	130	MYTH AND MEANING: GODS, MONSTERS, HEROES, AND HUMANS
PHI	203	SCIENTIFIC REASONING
PHI	223	ARGUMENT ANALYSIS
PHI	240	ANCIENT PHILOSOPHY
PHI	241	MODERN PHILOSOPHY
PHI	244	EXISTENTIALISM
PHI	320	METAPHYSICS
PHI	321	EPISTEMOLOGY
PHI	322	PHILOSOPHY OF MIND
PHI	331	ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS
PHI	332	HEALTH CARE ETHICS
PHI	334	ETHICS AND TECHNOLOGY
PHI	351	PHILOSOPHY IN LITERATURE
PHI	352	PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
PHI	359	PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE
TH	101	INTRODUCTION TO THE THEATRE
TH	125	INTRODUCTION TO ACTING
TH	218	INTRODUCTION TO THEATRICAL DESIGN
MUS	290	EXPERIENCING MUSIC IN THE DIGITAL AGE
MUS	292	INTRODUCTION TO OPERA: THE FIRST 400 YEARS
MUS	293	INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN CLASSICAL MUSIC



MUS	294	BIRTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF ROCK MUSIC: 1940S TO 1970S
MUS	295	CULTURAL STUDY OF POPULAR MUSIC: 1970S TO PRESENT
MUS	296	THE BROADWAY MUSICAL
ART	100	ART APPRECIATION
ART	101	INTRODUCTION TO STUDIO ARTS
ART	142	SILK-SCREEN PRINTMAKING
ART	143	INTRODUCTION TO HANDMADE BOOKS
ART	150	TWO-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS
ART	151	THREE-DIMENSIONAL DESIGN FUNDAMENTALS
ART	161	CERAMICS I
ART	174	NEW MEDIA FOUNDATIONS
ART	181	SCULPTURE I
ART	273	INTRODUCTION TO VIDEO ART
ART	274	NEW MEDIA: 2D/3D DIGITAL FABRICATION
ART	300	CONTEMPORARY ART TRENDS
ART	374	NEW MEDIA: POST-STUDIO PRACTICE
ART	376	NEW MEDIA: PHYSICAL COMPUTING AND ROBOTICS
ART	378	NEW MEDIA: ART IN THE AGE OF ANTHROPOCENE
FYS	121	AESTHETIC AND HUMANISTIC INQUIRY FIRST YEAR SEMINAR
SYS	221	AESTHETIC AND HUMANISTIC INQUIRY
TSM	360	PERSPECTIVES ON SCIENCE
CMF	106	INTRODUCTION TO DOCUMENTARY STUDIES
CMF	382	THE ART OF CINEMA
ANT	106	THE ART OF ANCIENT TECHNOLOGY
ANT	217	ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE AMERICAS
AIS	310	SOUNDING RESISTANCE IN INDIAN COUNTRY
CCJ	215	CRIME, JUSTICE, AND THE MEDIA
CCJ	314	HOLLYWOOD AND THE SOCIAL CONSTRUCTION OF CRIME AND JUSTICE
PRM	205	HAPPINESS
SOC	356	THE SOCIOLOGY OF POPULAR CULTURE
COM	250	COMMUNICATION PERSPECTIVES ON ENVIRONMENTAL ARTS
WGS	300W	FEMINIST THEORIES
WGS	345	WRITING AS RESISTANCE
CCSU	351W	INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND WRITING
HUMA	121	THE ACT OF MEANING-MAKING
HUMA	372	ETHICS, VALUES AND TECHNOLOGY
SA	202	TOPICS IN STUDY ABROAD - AHI
SA	302	SPECIAL TOPICS IN STUDY ABROAD - AHI
HON	240	HONORS SEMINAR: AESTHETIC AND HUMAN INQUIRY
HON	291	TOPICS IN AESTHETIC AND HUMANISTIC INQUIRY: CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS
HON	340	HONORS SEMINAR: AESTHETIC AND HUMAN INQUIRY
HON	391	ADVANCED HONORS SEMINAR (AHI)
ITG	121	INNOVATION AND DESIGN THINKING
MGT	340	BUSINESS ETHICS