



**RICHMOND COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM TRANSFER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Richmond Community College is a public community college in North Carolina. Richmond Community College is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).

The Richmond Community College Associates Degree Nursing (ADN) program is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, and is fully Approved by the North Carolina Board of Nursing.

Aspen University is a post-secondary higher education institution 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. 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 (<http://www.chea.org>).

Aspen University's School of Nursing and Health Sciences offers Registered Nurses the opportunity to earn their BSN, MSN and DNP online. The baccalaureate degree program in nursing, the master's degree program in nursing, and the Doctor of Nursing Practice program at Aspen University are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<http://www.aacnnursing.org/CCNE>).

Both institutions acknowledge that each are institutions committed to providing quality educational opportunities and services, and each institution shall not discriminate and is dedicated to serving students from all walks of life, regardless of race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, disability, color, age, national origin, medical disabilities/conditions (as defined by law) or any basis prohibited by law.

Richmond Community College and Aspen University wish to establish this transfer memorandum of understanding (MOU) whereby students graduating from Richmond Community College's Associates Degree Nursing program having earned no less than a "C" grade in any course, whom possess an unencumbered Registered Nurse (RN) license, and whom meet the other application requirements of Aspen University, shall:

- 1) be awarded 60 nursing course credits in recognition of possession of an unencumbered RN license,
- 2) be awarded 30 general education transfer credits (see attached appendix),



- 3) be pre-approved for acceptance into Aspen University's 10 course (30 credit) Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Program (RN to BSN).
- 4) receive a 10% tuition discount for the RN to BSN program.

Aspen University's RN-BSN degree requires a total of 120 credits: 30 general education credits plus 60 nursing course credits plus the 30 credits earned in the Aspen University RN to BSN completion program. Per item 2 above, if fewer than 30 general education transfer credits are earned in Richmond Community College's Associates Degree Nursing, it will be necessary for students to:

- a. submit transcripts confirming the completion of the balance of 30 general education courses earning no less than a "C" grade in any course from other accredited institutions, or
- b. complete additional general education courses with a "C" grade or better at Richmond Community College, or at Aspen University, or at another accredited institution.

Aspen University's Bachelor of Science in Nursing Completion Program (RN to BSN) is a 100% online program consisting of 10 courses with start dates every two weeks. The tuition and fees for this program after the 10% discount will be \$9575. This cost does not include the cost of textbooks (estimated to be approximately \$1500 for the program) or costs incurred from course retakes.

For the RN to BSN program Aspen University offers, as an option to traditional financial aid, a monthly payment plan of \$250 per month. The monthly payment plan is a private education loan with a 0% fixed rate of interest (0% APR) and no down payment. Each month one payment of \$250 is made until the program is paid for.

Both institutions agree to collaborate in communicating the contents of this transfer MOU and the benefits of Aspen University's RN to BSN program to current Richmond Community College nursing students. Such communications may possibly include and are not necessarily limited to periodic emails to the nursing students, mentions in student newsletters, displaying program posters and/or providing flyers, displaying links to Aspen University's website on Richmond Community College's internal intranet or website, informational webinars and videos, site visits by Aspen University representatives, and/or other activities as appropriate.

This transfer MOU is predicated on the current courses as specified in Richmond Community College's Associates Degree Nursing as of the date of this MOU and that they will remain unchanged, and as such this MOU shall remain in force for one (1) year where after it will be reviewed for renewal every two (2) years. Any changes to the Richmond Community College Associates Degree Nursing curriculum, unless submitted to Aspen University for review and

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Richmond Community College and Aspen University have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed on the proper authority as of the date last below written.

Richmond Community College

By: William D. Smith
Name: _____
Title: President
Email: _____
Date: 8/25/20

Aspen University

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**OFFICIAL CREDIT EVALUATION**

University/College Name: Richmond Community College
 Program: Associate Degree Nursing (2020-2021 Catalog)

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (Completion Program)

Maximum TC: 30 Liberal Arts Credits

Course Number/Title			Aspen Equivalent		
Course Code	Course Title	Semester Credits	Equivalency Code	Grade Needed to Transfer	Notes
BIO165	Anatomy and Physiology I	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
ENG111	Writing and Inquiry	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
ENG112	Writing/Research in the Disciplines	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
SOC210	Introduction to Sociology	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
Elective	Humanities/Fine Arts Elective	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BIO166	Anatomy and Physiology II	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BIO275	Microbiology	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
CIS110	Introduction to Computers	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
PSY150	General Psychology	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
PSY241	Developmental Psychology	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	

Total Credits: 33

*If applicant completed 30 of the above credits with a "C" or higher, they will receive the maximum liberal arts transfer credits

Date Reviewed: August 18, 2020