



**BLUE RIDGE COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE  
PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM TRANSFER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is a two-year college located in Martinsburg, in Berkeley County, West Virginia and offers associate degrees, certificates, and certification training in information technology, culinary arts, engineering, liberal arts, business administration, and allied health fields. Blue Ridge Community and Technical College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) 230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500, Chicago, IL 60604 800.621.7440 [www.ncahlc.org](http://www.ncahlc.org)

The Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Nursing ASN is fully accredited by (Accrediting commission; ex. the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326, (404) 975-5000, [www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org).)

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.

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College and Aspen University wish to establish this transfer memorandum of understanding (MOU) whereby students graduating from Blue Ridge Community and Technical College's Nursing ASN 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 25 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 Blue Ridge Community and Technical College's Nursing ASN, 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 Blue Ridge Community and Technical 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 Blue Ridge Community and Technical 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 links to Aspen University's website on Blue Ridge Community and Technical 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 Blue Ridge Community and Technical College's Nursing ASN 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 Blue Ridge Community and Technical College Nursing ASN curriculum, unless submitted to Aspen University for review and accepted by Aspen university by written acknowledgment, will result in the immediate suspension of this MOU.

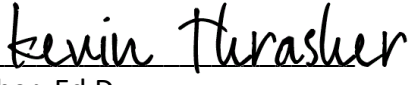
Either party to this MOU may terminate this MOU for any reason upon 30 days written notice delivered to the below signatory.

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

Blue Ridge Community and Technical College

Aspen University

By:   
Name: Dr. Peter Checkovich  
Title: President  
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Date: June 23, 2020

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**OFFICIAL CREDIT EVALUATION**

University/College Name: Blue Ridge Community and Technical College  
 Program: Nursing ASN (2019-2020 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
BIOL120	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BIOL121	Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BIOL122	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BIOL123	Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab	1	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BIOL220	Microbiology	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BIOL221	Microbiology Lab	1	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
CHEM125 OR CHEM127	Introduction to College Chemistry OR General, Organic, & Biochem I	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
ENGL101	Written English	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
MATH114	Elem Probability & Statistics	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
PSY203	Introduction to Psychology	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	

**Total Credits: 25**

\*If applicant completed the above credits with a "C" or higher, they will receive 25 liberal arts transfer credits

**Date Reviewed:** May 18, 2020