



**ILLINOIS EASTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGES  
PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM TRANSFER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges is a district of four colleges: Frontier Community College, Lincoln Trail College, Olney Central College, and Wabash Valley College that offers a range of educational programs including pre-baccalaureate, career and technical degrees, and certificates that prepare a diverse student body for transfer to a four-year institution of higher education or entry into a multicultural global workplace. Illinois Eastern Community Colleges are accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Associate Degree in Nursing is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), and is approved by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation (IDFPR)

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.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and Aspen University wish to establish this transfer memorandum of understanding (MOU) whereby students graduating from Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Associate Degree in 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 Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Associate Degree in 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 Illinois Eastern Community Colleges, 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 Illinois Eastern Community Colleges 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 Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' 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 Illinois Eastern Community Colleges' Associate Degree in 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 Illinois Eastern Community Colleges Associate Degree in Nursing 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, Illinois Eastern Community Colleges and Aspen University have caused this Memorandum of Understanding to be executed on the proper authority as of the date last below written.

Illinois Eastern Community Colleges

Aspen University

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**OFFICIAL CREDIT EVALUATION**

University/College Name: Illinois Eastern Community Colleges  
 Program: Associate Degree in Nursing (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
LSC2111	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
PSY1101	General Psychology	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
ENG1111	Composition I	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
LSC2112	Human Anatomy & Physiology II	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
PSY2109	Human Growth and Development	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
LSC2110	General Microbiology	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
SOC2101	Principles of Sociology	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
ENG1121	Composition & Analysis	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
SPE1101	Fundamentals of Effective Speaking	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	

**Total Credits: 30**

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

**Date Reviewed:** June 23, 2020