



**OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM TRANSFER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Ozarks Technical Community College is located in Springfield, Missouri and offers over eighty (80) degree programs including Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, Associate of Applied Science and Certificates of Achievement in categories that include General Education, Business, Technical Education and Allied Health. Ozarks Technical Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, 230 S LaSalle St #7-500, Chicago, IL 60604

Ozarks Technical Community College Associate of Science in Nursing is approved by accredited by the ACEN: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing. Comments about this program may be directed to ACEN at 3343 Peachtree Road, Suite 850, Atlanta GA 30326. Phone: (404) 975-5000. Website: 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.

Ozarks Technical Community College and Aspen University wish to establish this transfer memorandum of understanding (MOU) whereby students graduating from Ozarks Technical Community College's Associate of Science 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 Ozarks Technical Community College's Associate of Science 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 Ozarks Technical 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 Ozarks Technical 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 links to Aspen University's website on Ozarks Technical 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 Ozarks Technical Community College's Associate of Science 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 Ozarks Technical Community College Associate of Science 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, Ozarks Technical 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.

Ozarks Technical Community College

Aspen University

By: Tracy McGrady
Name: Tracy McGrady
Title: Provost
Email: mcgradyt@otc.edu
Date: 12/16/2020

By: _____
Kevin Thrasher, Ed.D.
Provost
kevin.thrasher@aspen.edu
Date : _____



This page amends this agreement only to the extent of a change of the signatory for Aspen University from Kevin Thrasher, Provost, to Dr. Nina Beaman, Dean, School of Nursing and Health Sciences.

Ozarks Technical Community College

Aspen University

By: _____
Name: _____
Title: _____
Email: _____
Date: _____

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Nina Beaman
By: _____
Dr. Nina Beaman 97FE14ACB3EA4D7...
Dean, School of Nursing and Health Sciences
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Date : 12/17/2020

**OFFICIAL CREDIT EVALUATION**

University/College Name: Ozarks Technical Community College
 Program: Registered Nursing ASN (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
BCS132	Allied Health Nutrition	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BCS165	Human Anatomy	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
BCS200	Microbiology	4			
BCS205	Human Physiology	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
CHM101	Introductory Chemistry	4	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
ENG101 OR ENG100 OR ENG102	Composition I OR Composition I with Support OR ENG102 Composition II	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
MTH128	Contemporary Mathematics	3			
PLS101	American Government and Politics	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	
PSY110	Introduction to Psychology	3	Liberal Arts	C or higher	

Total Credits: 31

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

Date Reviewed: June 2, 2020