



**WIREGRASS GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE
PROGRAM-TO-PROGRAM TRANSFER MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College is a technical college in Valdosta, Georgia. It is part of the Technical College System of Georgia and provided education for an eleven-county service area in south-central Georgia. Wiregrass Georgia Technical College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The Wiregrass Georgia Technical College Associate of Science in Nursing program is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN).

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.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College and Aspen University wish to establish this transfer memorandum of understanding (MOU) whereby students graduating from Wiregrass Georgia Technical 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 27 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 Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's Associate of Science in Nursing program, 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 Wiregrass Georgia 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 \$10,462. This cost does not include the cost of textbook 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 \$295 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 \$295 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 Wiregrass Georgia 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 program posters and/or providing flyers, displaying links to Aspen University's website on Wiregrass Georgia 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 Wiregrass Georgia Technical College's Associate of Science in Nursing program 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 (3) years. Any changes to Wiregrass Georgia Technical 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, Wiregrass Georgia 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.

Wiregrass Georgia Technical College

Aspen University

DocuSigned by:
By: DeAnnia Clements
DeAnnia Clements
President
DeAnnia.Clements@wiregrass.edu
Date: 5/6/2024 | 9:58 PDT

DocuSigned by:
By: Dr. Marc Gayol
Dr. Marc Gayol
Dean of Nursing
Marcos.gayol@aspen.edu
Date: 5/6/2024 | 10:21 PDT