



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

### **Why is the school closing?**

*ASA College received a notification letter from its accreditor, Middle States Commission on Higher Education on November 11, 2022 that MSCHE is withdrawing ASA's accreditation as of March 1, 2023. ASA College stopped enrolling students for the Spring 2023 semester to prepare for the closing of the school. ASA has been in around the clock negotiations with several institutions in order to ensure that ASA students are able to complete their programs at these institutions. ASA will cease its operations as of March 2023.*

### **What is the school's last day?**

*The last day of classes is February 24, 2023.*

### **What happens to me?**

*You will be part of what is called a "teach-out" process. A teach-out is the gradual discontinuation of operations that leads to the closure of an institution. Students who have not graduated from ASA at the end of the Fall 2022 semester will either be taught out by another institution or by ASA.*

### **What schools can I go to and how can I contact them?**

*ASA's administration has contacted local colleges and universities that have similar programs. Attached is a list of local colleges and universities and the academic programs they offer. The FAQs and the list will also be available on the ASA website.*

### **What is a teach-out agreement?**

*A **teach-out** agreement is specifically written only in those cases where a school is closing, and the partner institution wants to assist by accepting the students from the school that is closing. In these agreements, the partners agree to several items, including, but not limited to, keeping the tuition the same and accepting as many credits as possible **(based on the degree to which the ASA courses match their program courses)**.*

*At this time, the schools that have signed or will sign a teach-out agreement are Berkeley College (NY), Mandel College (NY), Albizu University (FL), Florida National University (FL), Helene Fuld School of Nursing (NJ).*

*There may be other schools signing agreements in the near future. Please ask the school if they have a teach-out agreement with ASA when you go to register.*

### **Will My Credits Transfer?**

*ASA has articulation agreements with several of the local colleges and universities. This designation*

*means that those colleges and universities have evaluated ASA's program against their institution's program requirements. In most cases, they accept all of your credits based on the match in program requirements and their grading standards. You can also enroll in their baccalaureate program and work toward that degree.*

*For those institutions where ASA has no articulation, the number of credits accepted are dependent on the receiving institution.*

*If a school has both an articulation and a teach-out agreement, they are in the best position to accept ASA transfer students.*

**Who do I contact at the schools?**

*Attached is a list of schools that have comparable programs. We have provided contact information, where available.*

**The Fall 2022 semester was my last semester; after which I was supposed to graduate. Will I still graduate?**

*As long as you pass all of your courses, you will be coded as a graduate from ASA College. The College will mail your diploma to the address on file, so please be sure that we have the correct contact information for you. Additionally, ASA College is partnering with Parchment™, who will have access to your academic records. You may contact them to get your diploma.*

**Where do I get my official transcript?**

*Parchment™ will be providing ASA College official transcripts, upon request. Beginning immediately, you may contact them at <https://www.parchment.com/order/my-credentials/>*

**Who will assist ASA's veteran students?**

*We will support the student veterans in their transition to other institutions, especially as it relates to Financial Aid issues, the NY State Office of Veteran's Affairs, etc. Please contact Mr. Daniel Giuseffi, Program Representative 3 (212) 564-8414 [daniel.giuseffi@veterans.ny.gov](mailto:daniel.giuseffi@veterans.ny.gov)*

**How will this teach-out affect my ability to get a job upon graduation?**

*This teach-out will not affect your ability to get a job. Employers that work with ASA have been notified about the closure. When you enroll at a new institution, you will receive job search assistance at the new college/university if available.*

### **Will ASA forgive students with balances?**

*Students who have balances will be responsible to pay them to a third party, working on behalf of ASA. However, students with debt will still receive an ASA transcript. These transcripts will be available at [ro@asa.edu](mailto:ro@asa.edu) or <https://www.parchment.com/order/my-credentials/>.*

### **When I look at the list of schools that I can transfer to, I notice that they offer different types of associate degrees. What is the difference?**

*There are various types of degrees depending on the number of liberal arts courses in each program. Below is a more detailed explanation.*

- **A.A. (Associate in Arts)** – a two-year program where courses in the liberal arts comprise three-quarters of the degree requirements. This degree is specifically designed for college transfer.
- **A.S. (Associate in Science)** – a two-year program where courses in the liberal arts comprise half of the degree requirements. This degree is specifically designed for college transfer.
- **A.A.S. (Associate in Applied Science)** – a two-year program where courses in the liberal arts comprise a third of the degree requirements. This degree is typically used for entry-level employment in a career field. However, it can also be used for college transfer.
- **A.O.S. (Associate in Occupational Studies)** – a two-year program where the focus is on entry-level employment in a career field. The number of liberal arts credits is usually zero (0). However, in some cases liberal arts courses can be offered in this degree program. It is typically not designed for college transfer, but in some cases it has been used for such.
- **Certificate** – credit-bearing programs which offer specific training in a career field that are usually are less than a year long and completely articulate into their corresponding degree programs.

### **Can I have my loans forgiven?**

*It is possible to have your student loan debt discharged (or canceled) or reduced, but only under certain specific circumstances, including death or permanent and total disability, school closure, working as a teacher in a low-income school or in a subject-shortage area, working in the public service sector, or in the case of Perkins Loans, working in certain other professions (law enforcement, nursing, etc.). To view charts of discharges by loan type as well as discharge applications, go to [Forgiveness, Cancellation, and Discharge Charts](#). If you have a Federal Family Education Loan, contact the lender or agency that holds your loan. If you have a Federal Perkins Loan, contact the school that made you the loan. If you are unsure of what type of loan(s) you have outstanding, you can check your loan history and find additional information on repaying your loans.*

*Loan Forgiveness for Public Service Employees is offered through the College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007.*

*Medical Professionals may also be eligible for loan forgiveness through the National Health Service Corps.*

*Nurse Corps Loan Repayment Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, offers registered nurses substantial assistance to repay educational loans in exchange for service in critical shortage facilities.*

*Please be aware that there are many companies posing as (or claiming to work for) the Department of Education offering loan forgiveness or discharge in exchange for payments to them. Only your loans servicers are recognized by the Department, no other companies, and their services are FREE. If you have been the victim of such companies, you may report them to the Federal Trade Commission. (source: <https://www.ed.gov/answers/>)*

### **International Students**

*International Students will be contacted directly by PDSO or DSO. If the accepting institution is SEVIS/SEVP authorized to accept International F-1 students, the students will be able to transfer and receive the updated I-20 form.*

### **Who should I contact if I have questions?**

*ASA has created a special email account. Please email your questions to [studentsassist@asa.edu](mailto:studentsassist@asa.edu) and we will respond as quickly as possible.*



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