

# School of Adult Studies FAQ

## Simpson University

**Q: What are the admissions requirements for the ASPIRE program?**

**A:** You must have at least 60 semester units, a GPA of 2.5 or higher, English Composition, and Intermediate Algebra (depending on your major). This program is designed for adult learners; you must be at least 24 years old or have 72 units and 4 years of work experience. If you have completed all 84 units and are younger than 24 you are qualified to begin.

**Q: What Majors are online and what majors are on campus?**

**A: ONLINE:** Organizational Leadership and Psychology

**ON CAMPUS:** Organizational Leadership, Psychology, Business, Healthcare Management, RN-BSN

**Q: Do I need math to get into the ASPIRE program?**

**A:** It depends on your major:

-Psychology, Liberal Studies, Business, and Healthcare Management majors need: Intermediate Algebra or higher.

-Organizational Leadership does not require math.

**Q: Is there a GPA requirement to be admitted to the ASPIRE program?**

**A:** Yes. You must have a GPA of at least 2.5 to be admitted to the ASPIRE program. If your GPA is lower than 2.5 you will be reviewed for a special acceptance.

**Q: How do I know if I have 60 units?**

**A:** Call 530-226-4606 to schedule an appointment with an enrollment advisor! We will review your transcripts and build you an academic plan. Once your official transcripts arrive, the Registrar's office will do an official transcript evaluation confirming the number of units that will transfer to Simpson University. Also, feel free to email unofficial transcripts to [admissions@simpsonu.edu](mailto:admissions@simpsonu.edu)

**Q: Why do I need 88 units outside of the ASPIRE program to graduate?**

**A:** A bachelor's degree is a total of 120 semester units. The ASPIRE program is your last 36 units to complete your B.A. Therefore, to complete a bachelor's degree, you must have 84 units outside of ASPIRE before graduating.  $120 - 36 = 84$ .

**Q: If I don't have 88 transferable units how do I complete my remaining credits?**

**A:** There are many ways to complete the 84 unit requirement. CLEP exams, work training credit, additional ASPIRE courses, community college courses, straighterline.com, ALEKS-Intermediate Algebra. Work with your admissions counselor to set up an academic plan.

**Q: What is a CLEP test?**

**A:** Visit [www.collegeboard.com/clep](http://www.collegeboard.com/clep). Taking a CLEP exam is a good way to finish any outside credits needed to complete the 88 outside unit requirement. Some CLEP exams are worth 6 units. You must have 60 transferable units before you can take a CLEP exam. CLEP exams are administered through our Academic Success Center. When you are ready to sign up please call 530-226-4783.

**Q: Is there a religion requirement for ASPIRE?**

**A:** There is no religion requirement for ASPIRE students and you will not need to sign our statement of faith during your time here at Simpson University. We do ask that you abide by the student handbook.

**Q: How do I schedule an appointment with a counselor?**

**A:** Visit [as.simpsonu.edu](http://as.simpsonu.edu) and click on "schedule an appointment." You have two options: A phone appointment or a face to face counseling appointment. You can also schedule a counseling appointment through your SimpsonYou VIP page.

**Q: When should I apply?**

**A:** You should apply early to make sure that you have all your paperwork completed and your financial aid award done prior to the start of class. The following dates are suggested for each semester:

Fall Term:	August 1
Spring Term:	December 1
Summer Term:	April 1

**Q: How do I apply?**

**A:** You can apply online or in person visit [www.simpsonu.edu/simpsonyou](http://www.simpsonu.edu/simpsonyou) to create your VIP page and then proceed to the online application. For students who schedule counseling appointments the \$25 application fee will be waived.

**Q: What is the SimpsonYou VIP page?**

**A:** Your personalized SimpsonYou page has all the information you need! Check it regularly by visiting [www.simpsonu.edu/simpsonyou](http://www.simpsonu.edu/simpsonyou). Course schedules, dates and deadlines, schedule an appointment link, campus information, statement of commitment form.

**Q: How do I see my official Transcript Evaluation (TE)?**

**A:** After all of your official transcripts have been received by the admissions office they will be sent to the registrar's office for an official evaluation. This process can sometimes take 1-2 weeks. You will be notified via email that your TE is ready. Log into your VIP page and view your TE. If you have any questions call you admissions counselors! 530-226-4606

**Q: How long will the ASPIRE program take?**

**A:** The ASPIRE program is 16 months long. It is four consecutive semesters. You take one class at a time. Doubling up on classes is a possibility and is allowed on a case by case basis.

**Q: How much does the program cost?**

**A:** Current tuition is \$17,820 for the entire program. Or, \$4,455 per semester plus a \$40 parking fee. Additional costs and fees are minimal and include application, parking, and books.

**Q: Do you offer financial aid?**

**A:** Yes. Most students are eligible for state and federally-funded financial aid programs. Visit [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to apply. Simpson's School code is 001291. There is no deadline to apply for the FAFSA. However, you should apply by March 2<sup>nd</sup> and have your current college submit a GPA verification in order to be reviewed for the Cal Grant.

**Q: When will I find out what I will qualify for?**

**A:** You must submit all of your admissions material and be accepted into the program in order to be reviewed for financial aid. Once you are accepted you will receive a financial aid award letter explaining your financial aid including: Pell grant, Cal grant, Scholarships, and Loans.

**Q: How do I request my loans?**

**A:** Once you receive your award letter you will log into your WebAdvisor account (webadvisor info will be emailed to you). Once you complete the process through webadvisor you will log into Studentloans.gov and complete entrance counseling and your Master Promissory note.

**Q: Where can I buy my books?**

**A:** there are 3 ways to Purchase your Text Books

1. Purchase them at the Simpson University bookstore.
2. Rent Through the Simpson University Bookstore
3. Receive the ISBN number from the ASPIRE office at orientation

If you have a credit on your financial aid account you will be reviewed for a bookstore voucher. You will receive your bookstore voucher at orientation.

**Q: How do I register for classes?**

**A:** You will automatically be registered for your courses after you sign the statement of commitment form.

**Q: What is the Statement of Commitment form?**

**A:** The statement of commitment form is your commitment to attend Simpson University and allows our office to register you for your first semester courses. It also allows your admissions counselor to discuss financial aid options with you.

**Q: How do I sign the Statement of Commitment?**

**A:** Log into your SimpsonYou VIP page: [www.simpsonu.edu/simpsonyou](http://www.simpsonu.edu/simpsonyou) and it will be under "next steps"

**Q: Where do I send my transcripts?**

**A:** Simpson University  
Att: Admissions  
2211 College View Drive  
Redding, CA 96003

**Q: Does Simpson have someone who can help me find a job when I graduate?**

**A:** Yes. Once you are a Simpson University student, you can schedule an appointment with our Career Services Department. Please check out our Career Services center on the Resources page of our website.

**Q: Is there an orientation?**

**A:** Yes. You will receive an email and a postcard "save the date" inviting you to orientation. For online students your orientation is completed online. For on campus students your orientation will be on campus usually two weeks before classes begin.