

## Claremont Lincoln University Credit for Prior Learning Policy

Based on its commitment to socially conscious education and its mission to serve working adults, Claremont Lincoln University (CLU) enables students to apply transfer credit toward CLU programs and to earn credit for learning from prior experience. CLU accepts up to 75% of credits toward a degree program, subject to CLU academic policy, accreditor, state, and Federal requirements.

CLU's prior learning review process offers multiple ways for students to earn graduate credit for demonstrated learning acquired through work and volunteer experience; through corporate, military and industry training and certifications; through external credit evaluation and testing programs; through workforce development, professional training, and in-depth professional research; and through other experiences that demonstrate graduate-level learning equivalent. By supporting both transfer credit and credit for experiential learning, CLU supports opportunities for substantial savings of time and tuition.

There are several ways that students can receive credit toward a CLU degree or demonstrate prior learning equivalent to the expected learning outcomes in CLU programs. As part of the application process, students will be assisted in submitting the appropriate documents for transfer credit, as well as be introduced to the processes for experiential learning credit. Students intending to pursue experiential credit will work directly with a mentor through CLU's prior learning review processes.

Credit reviews and credits earned are subject to fees and subject to the policies and requirements of each process. Per Federal and accreditor regulations, CLU awards credit for demonstrated learning, knowledge, and skills acquired from prior experience, not for the experience itself.

### Graduate Transfer Credit

- Graduate academic credit awarded by recognized institutions within the last five years and not already applied toward an earned, awarded degree
- Graduate experiential learning credit awarded by recognized institutions within the last five years and not already applied toward an earned, awarded degree

### Credit for Verified Alternative Graduate-Level College Education

- EdX
- Coursera
- Other MOOCs

### Graduate Credit through CLU Course Challenges

- CLU credit for successful final test, project, or paper required in CLU course and demonstrating the learning outcomes of the course.

### Graduate Credit for Military and Related Training

- CLU generally accepts ACE and NCCRS-recommended graduate credit for documented military, governmental, and other related training.

### Graduate Credit Evaluated by Appropriate Agencies

- American Council on Education (ACE)
- World Education Services (WES) or equivalent international credit evaluation
- National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS) • Consortium for the Assessment of College Equivalency (CACE)
- Other equivalent agencies

### Credit for Graduate-level External Exams

- DSST (formerly the DANTEs subject standardized tests) exams
- College-level Examination Program (CLEP) exams
- Thomas Edison Credit by Evaluation Program (TECEP)
- Excelsior College Examinations (UExcel)

### Credit for Professional Credentials, Licenses, Training, and Certifications

- On an individual basis, CLU reviews external credentials and organization-specific training programs completed by the student.
- If deemed applicable to specific CLU learning outcomes, credit may be awarded through the University's review of prior learning processes for certifications, licenses, apprenticeships, fellowships, research placements, and other advanced professional work completed and/or sustained within the past five years.

The following guidelines apply to all transfer and experiential learning credit.

1. Credit recommendations result from CLU's admissions review and the university's prior learning review process, which includes the appropriate approvals from faculty and academic administrators.
2. Credit must be applicable to specific courses or learning outcomes of a CLU degree and cannot include credit that has already been applied to an earned, awarded degree.
3. A grade of B- or higher or its equivalent is required for credit to be awarded.
4. The agency or institution awarding credit must have been in good standing at the time of the award of credit and accredited by an agency recognized by the Department of Education, the Council for Higher Education Accreditation, or an appropriately recognized ministry or foreign agency.
5. The learning, experience, or previous courses do not duplicate, overlap, or regress previous work for which credit was already awarded.
6. The credit was not applied toward an undergraduate degree with the exception of dual credit coursework or CLU's joint/dual degree option.
7. Students who have earned a master's degree at CLU and wish to pursue a second degree may be considered for transfer credit and waivers for courses required in both programs.
8. Students must complete the Claremont Core® and Capstone as part of the degree progression with CLU. These are not subject to transfer or experiential learning credit.

Claremont Lincoln University reserves the right to limit or exclude the transfer of credit or credit from prior learning if the course content, assessment process, or student learning outcomes do not meet CLU faculty standards. CLU uses the guidelines and standards of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (AACRAO), accreditors, and known professional agencies as the foundation for decisions on transfer and experiential learning credit.

Rare exceptions to this policy may be made by the Chief Academic Officer. All decisions regarding this policy or exceptions made by the Chief Academic Officer are final and cannot be appealed.