



Life lessons. Full or partial credit.



Putting your experience to work toward your degree

In any college environment, the idea of prerequisites — prior foundational courses — is imperative for a sound, structured degree pathway.

But what happens in a non-traditional learning situation, such as yours? You have worked hard for your employer, and perhaps others, and learned much throughout your career. Shouldn't that valuable experience count in your continuing education?

At University of Phoenix, it can.

Take credit for what you've accomplished

Through our Prior Learning Assessment (PLA), you may be able to earn college credit toward your associate's or bachelor's degrees. PLA evaluates training courses, workshops and seminars completed through your employer or else where, as well as professional development, certificates, and transcripts from other accredited or unaccredited institutions. The assessment then determines how that learning may translate into college credit.

Your employer may already have a Credit Recognition Guide that lists your company's specific in-house trainings that qualify for PLA. And, you can check our own University of Phoenix lists — including our Corporate Credit Recognition Guide — for the professional certificates, licenses and other courses that have been pre-evaluated for college-level equivalency.

Who is eligible?

Once we've received and approved your necessary transcripts and paperwork and you are enrolled in undergraduate degree programs with general elective credits remaining, you're eligible for an assessment. PLA is a great way for you to apply your required general education and elective credits, enabling you to receive your undergraduate degree sooner — not to mention save on the cost of tuition.

Learn more

To find out more about how your experiences can translate into college credit at University of Phoenix, visit our website phoenix.edu, or contact your Workforce Solutions Advisor.

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