



Build Your Degree with Prior Learning Credit

Save time and tuition dollars by earning academic credit for your knowledge and work experience.



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UNIVERSITY™

ONLINE AND EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING



Why Relearn What You Already Know?

At Wilmington University, you have options through the resources of the College of Online and Experiential Learning (COEL).

How it Works

Many students entering WilmU® have completed previous college-level coursework, had formal training outside of traditional degree programs, gained extensive knowledge through on-the-job experiences, or demonstrated their expertise through standardized exams.

To assess and maximize potential academic credit, students first take the **WilmU Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Accelerator**. This online questionnaire allows students to self-assess what they have learned on the job and enables them to see their prior learning through the lens of WilmU programs' learning outcomes or competencies.

The PLA Accelerator produces a summary report that you can share with a COEL Specialist to review prior to setting an appointment. It's a valuable head start on your pathway to a degree, a better job and a higher salary!



Get a head start on your degree!

WilmU accepts up to **90 credits** through transfer or PLA.



Assessment Categories for Awarding Credits

The PLA Accelerator and a Prior Learning Specialist will assess your knowledge and experience in the following categories:



Academic Coursework and Equivalents

- Courses through alternative course providers, such as Sophia Pathways, or standardized exams, such as CLEP and DSST



Workplace Experience, Trainings and Apprenticeships

- On-the-job experience
- Advanced skills trainings
- Professional apprenticeships
- Police academy trainings
- First responder trainings



Industry-Recognized Credentials

- Certifications issued by professional organizations
- Professional licenses



Military Experience

WilmU accepts credit by evaluating transcripts from certain military trainings.

Learn more: wilmu.edu/PriorLearning



Ready to get started?

Take the **WilmU PLA Accelerator** questionnaire to start charting your degree path.

Questions? We are here to help, every step of the way!

Contact a Prior Learning Specialist:

 wilmu.edu/PriorLearning  coel@wilmu.edu

“I was able to transfer 11 credit hours for my professional certifications. This saved me over \$3,000, which is a lot of money for a single mom. This program also shaved one semester off my completion date.”

—Margi, BS in Organizational Management