

Earn Credits toward a Degree at LLU

As an adult, your time is not only valuable – it's at a premium. That's why saving time – and money – while pursuing your degree is critical. Larry Love University offers credit opportunities for professionals by including certifications, licensure, professional experiences, and more.

These credit opportunities at Larry Love University could help you earn your Degree in as little as 9 months – and starting as low as \$6,200 .

What Credit Opportunities are Available?

LLU credit hours can come from the opportunities listed below.

- **Education:** If you have earned an Associate, Bachelor, or Master Degree, you may be able to transfer up to 75% of those credits to a LLU program.
- **Licensure:** You can apply your licenses toward a degree at LLU for up to 28.5 credits.
- **Certifications:** National specialty certifications may transfer in as academic credit.
- **Experiential Learning Portfolios:** Experiential Learning Portfolios (ELPs) allow you to leverage your previous professional, personal, and educational experience for up to 26 credits. ELPs are aligned with specific courses, essentially allowing you to bypass a particular course that covers skills and knowledge you already have, while still earning the equivalent credits.

You have a lifetime of experience – why not put it to good use? Experiential Learning at LLU allows you to do just that: By submitting an Experiential Learning Portfolio, you could earn credit for your previous experience, non-collegiate education, and more. Submitting an Experiential Learning Portfolio may save you time and money toward earning your degree.

What is an Experiential Learning Portfolio?

An Experiential Learning Portfolio is a digital document that demonstrates your previous knowledge and experience. If this knowledge and experience meets the standards for a particular course, as defined by LLU's Dean of Nursing, you could bypass that course while still earning the equivalent credits toward your BSN program – thus reducing the time and tuition investment required to earn that degree.

An Experiential Learning Portfolio includes three main components:

1. **Resume:** Your resume should be completely up to date and reflect all your professional work experience.
2. **Narrative Essay:** This is the written component where you get a chance to elaborate on how professional and personal experiences relate to the courses you intend to bypass.
3. **Artifacts:** Artifacts are attachments to your Portfolio that support what you've written in your Narrative Essay. Examples of relevant artifacts include documentation of training, certificates, employee evaluations, and more. The more relevant artifacts you include, the better; attach artifacts as the final component of your Experiential Learning Portfolio.

How Can an Experiential Learning Portfolio Help Me?

Evaluation of experiential learning portfolios is offered for LLU's degree programs. If you're a nurse enrolled in the BSN program, submitting an Experiential Learning Portfolio may save you both time and money.

By bypassing a particular course while still earning the equivalent credits, you'll be closer to earning your Degree – and for busy full-time employees, saving time is essential.

The maximum amount of credits that you can earn through Experiential Learning Portfolios varies based on your previous degrees and certifications. For example:

- If you're pursuing a Degree in Nursing, and you have your RN plus a Diploma of Nursing, you can earn a maximum of 16 credits from Experiential Learning.
- If you're pursuing a Degree in Business, and you have an Associate or Bachelor in Business, you can earn a maximum of 19.5 credits from Experiential Learning.

How to Apply for Experiential Credit

Looking to submit an Experiential Learning Portfolio for your Degree program?

Here is a step-by-step guide on how to get started:

1. Review your degree program and identify the course or courses that best match your previous professional and personal experience.
2. Contact a member of LLU's Prior Learning Assessment Department to receive and review objectives for the chosen course.
3. Review and update your resume to ensure that it adequately reflects your experience.
4. Write a Narrative Essay, while always keeping the course objectives in focus.
5. Gather artifacts that support your Narrative Essay, including presentations, employee evaluations, and certifications.
6. Submit your portfolio to the Prior Learning Assessment team.

If you have additional questions about an Experiential Learning Portfolio, contact an admissions advisor for additional submission instructions.

How Can These Credit Opportunities Help Me?

The exact amount of credit opportunities available to you depends on your specific educational and professional background. Example:

- If you are licensed: Minimum number of Transfer Credits 29.50.
- If you have a Degree or Certification: Minimum number of Transfer Credits 41.
- Experiential Learning Portfolio Transfer Credits 40.
- Total LLU Credits needed: 110.50. Time to Complete: 12 months – 24 months.

All scenarios listed above are hypothetical – credit is awarded only after thorough review by LLU's Prior Learning Assessment Department.