



Larry Love University's Competency-Based Education

Competency-based Education degree programs focus more on what students learn, rather than where or how long the learning takes place. Instead of evaluating student progress on the amount of time spent in a classroom (using the credit hour, which is the default standard for measuring progress), students receive college credit based on their actual demonstration of skills learned. Because many competency-based education (CBE) programs have been designed to allow students to learn and progress at their own pace, students with learning from life and work experience can save considerable time in earning a degree. In addition, some of the newest CBE models have leveraged technology in order to lower the cost. But above all, CBE programs are designed to improve the quality of higher education by putting the focus squarely on demonstrated learning outcomes.

Prior Learning Assessment Process

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is the process of earning college credit for college-level learning acquired from other sources, such as work experience, professional training, military training, or open source learning from the web. Our prior learning assessment (PLA) process is as follows:

Step 1: Submit required documentation.

Submit your certificates from professional, military, or corporate training, along with licenses and/or transcripts from accredited and/or non-accredited institutions.

Step 2: Make payment

Mail Cashiers Check/Money Order, or Pay Online at: www.larryloveuniversity.org

Step 3: Evaluation

Evaluation of potential credit begins after payment has been made and the evaluation team determines all required information has been received.

Step 4: Credit determination

You will be notified of the credit award decision following the two-week evaluation period.

Step 5: Request for appeal (if necessary)

If you are dissatisfied with the evaluation results, you have the right to appeal. Please note the guidelines below:

- You must submit a request for an appeal to the PLA Committee at pla@larryloveuniversity.org in writing within four weeks of the date of the credit award letter or notification.
- You will be required to describe the grounds for appeal, and must provide documentation to support the claims. If you are denied credit due to insufficient documentation, this is not a valid reason to appeal. In this case, you must obtain additional documentation and resubmit in the PLA process outlined above. Resubmitting following the loss of an appeal will not incur additional fees.
- There is a limit of one appeal per PLA submission. All credit decisions in an appeal are final. A credit appeal review may result in more or the same credits being awarded.

To initiate the PLA process, please contact your admissions representative. If you are a current LLU student, please speak with your student advisor.

Certificate and Degree Programs (On-line)

Associates

1. AA Business Administration
2. AA Business Management
3. AA Computer Science
4. AA Criminal Justice
5. AA Engineering Management Technology
6. AA General Studies
7. AAS Medical Coding & Billing
8. AS Electronics & Computer Engineering Technology
9. AS Information Systems

Bachelors

1. BA Criminal Justice
2. BA General Studies
3. BS Accounting
4. BS Business Administration
5. BS Business Administration – Human Resource Management
6. BS Business Management
7. BS Computer Engineering Technology
8. BS Computer Science
9. BS Cyber Security
10. BS Electronic Engineering Technology
11. BS Engineering Management Technology
12. BS Financial Planning
13. BS Information Systems
14. BS Information Systems Security

Masters

1. Master Business Administration
2. Master Healthcare Administration
3. MBA Information Management
4. MBA Project Management
5. MS Information Management Technology
6. MS Information Technology
7. MS Information Technology – Project Management

Certificates

1. Business Leadership Certificate
2. Human Resources Certificate
3. Medical Administrative Assistant Certificate
4. Practical Entrepreneurship Certificate
5. Project Management Certificate
6. Police & Security Sciences
7. Fashion & Merchandising

Prior Learning Assessment Fees

LLU's fees for prior learning assessment (PLA) are as follows:

- Sponsored prior learning (per submission): \$125.00
- Un-sponsored prior learning (per submission): \$250.00

Minimum Number of Required Credit Hours for Graduation

Associate Degree 62 | Bachelor's Degree 122 | Master's 36

Undergraduate/Graduate Tuition Rates

- Military Rate* \$250/credit hour
- Veteran Rate* \$250/credit hour
- Undergraduate Rate \$265/credit hour
- Graduate Rate \$325/credit hour

Prior Learning Credit Limits

Undergraduate students may use PLA credits for up to 75% of their degree program. However, PLA and transfer credits combined can be up to 100% of the degree program.

Graduate students may use PLA credits for up to 75% of their degree program. However, PLA and transfer credits combined can be up to 100% of the degree program.

LLU-evaluated Training

LLU awards credit for corporate and military training.

LLU reviews workforce training, military training, and other sources of learning beyond college coursework, including national exams and certifications. An LLU review is conducted by a team of faculty evaluators, who determine if the learning experience has similar outcomes to a college course.

Competency-Based Education

One in five people in this country – over 43 million – have some college credit but no degree. They stopped attending college for many reasons, but they didn't stop learning. They have probably had job training, or even significant life experience, that resulted in intense levels of learning.

At LLU learning is recognized, even if it doesn't occur in a traditional classroom. This is an obvious benefit to adults, since they often have years, or even decades, of learning from their life and work experiences - and much of that learning is college-level and worthy of college credit.