

Get the Credit You Deserve.

Prior Learning Credit at NU

National University is dedicated to supporting adult learners from all walks of life. Recognizing that all students come to us with different experiences and knowledge, NU is proud to offer prior learning credit for applicable, measurable non-traditional learning* such as military training and experience, non-collegiate training programs, advanced high school courses, career experience, and self-development.

You can find more information on prior learning testing sites and preparation for your exam at www.nu.edu/testingervices. You may also contact the Testing Center at (858) 541-7951 or testingervices@nu.edu.

Questions regarding pre-evaluations and degree plans of military students may be submitted to your academic advisor or the Military Evaluations Team at militaryevaluations@nu.edu or (858) 642-8047.

Applicable Credit Sources

College credit may be granted on a case-by-case basis for prior learning only when it can be documented and falls within regular course credit offerings. Credits may be from the following sources:

- CLEP exams (67.5 quarter/45 semester units max)
- AP or IB exams (45 quarter/30 semester units max)
- Military experience or ACE evaluated military schools (135 Quarter/90 semester units max). Correspondence credit (9 Quarter/6 semester units max)
- POST (Peace Officer Standards & Training) up to 31.5 quarter units

- California Commission on Teacher Credentialing - Teacher Induction Program up to 11.25 quarter units toward Master of Arts in Education
- Medical Lab Technician (MLT) from a CA** Laboratory Field Services (LFS) approved MLT training program (MLT to BSCLS) and MLT (ASCP) or MLT (AAB) examination may be awarded a maximum of up to 27 quarter units of Upper Division Electives towards BSCLS
- NCLEX (maximum of 31.5 quarter units may apply toward the baccalaureate nursing (RN to BSN) degree if a student has passed the NCLEX-RN examination)
- Clinical courses for RNs who have graduated from a three year hospital nursing school (45 quarter/30 semester units max. Up to 22.5 quarter/15 semester units of additional lower-division credit may be granted for academically equivalent coursework.)
- A maximum of 22.5 quarter/15 semester units may be earned for:
 - DSST Testing
 - Excelsior College Examinations
 - Council for Adult Experiential Learning (CAEL) Portfolio
 - Credit recommended in the National Guide to Credit Recommendations for Non-Collegiate Courses (American Council on Education [ACE])
 - Local, state, and federal law enforcement training recommended by ACE and such credit listed on a transcript from a regionally accredited college
 - Departmental examinations to potentially test out of a course at National University ([Credit by Examination](#))
 - Sophia Learning, LLC Course Articulation
 - StraighterLine Course Articulation
 - Language Proficiency Testing

** College credit may be granted on a case-by-case basis for prior learning only when it can be documented and falls within regular course credit offerings. The maximum number of credits accepted for non-collegiate learning is a cumulative total of up to 135 Quarter units (90 semester units) for an associate or baccalaureate degree.*

***Individuals who have received an associate's Degree outside the state of CA in Medical Lab Technician and passed the ASCP or AAB can submit transcripts and certificates to determine eligibility.*