

Life Experience Credit through Portfolio Development

Not all learning takes place in the classroom. Valuable college-level knowledge may be acquired through job experience and other life accomplishments. Students may earn credit for college courses based on life experience and may use that credit to meet requirements for an associate degree or certificate. (See Board Policy 07.24 Graduation Requirements.)

Learning experience must parallel courses offered at Lake Land College and credits are applied based on requirements of each specific certificate or degree.

Credit is awarded based on completion of INS099 Portfolio Development and an evaluation of documentation of the learning experiences presented through the portfolio process. Students must demonstrate an acquisition of knowledge of the learning outcomes of the course to receive credit for life experiences. Tuition and fees will be charged for INS099 and a pass/fail grade will be assigned.

A non-refundable evaluation fee equal to fifty percent (50%) of the current in-district tuition per credit hour will be required prior to formal evaluation of the portfolio. No tuition or fees are charged for credit earned through portfolio development and no grade is assigned. The credit will be posted to the student's transcript. No official record is made if no credit is granted for the portfolio.

Life experience credit is awarded with the following criteria:

1. Life experience credit will be awarded for courses for which no prior college credit has been received.
2. The student must be admitted into the College and must not have previously audited or taken any course for which he/she is seeking credit.

3. The student will not be certified for academic credit in any course that he/she is not eligible to register for credit.
4. No life experience credit will be given if the student is currently enrolled in the course past the official refund date.
5. Life experience credit will not be given if the student has received credit for advanced work in the subject area beyond the course for which the credit is requested.
6. Students may attempt life experience credit one time per course.
7. Portfolios must be completed and submitted prior to the start of the semester in which the student plans to graduate.
8. Each portfolio will be individually evaluated and must meet all requirements to be awarded credit for a specific course(s). No partial course credit will be granted.

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