



# I'm Interested. *Am I eligible?*



**You are eligible if you...**  
 ...are officially matriculated with  
 nine Eastern Credits.  
 ...are 25 years of age or older  
 ...have a minimum of five years'  
 successful work experience in  
 subject areas taught by Eastern.  
 ...have work experience that  
 includes paid employment and/or  
 other non-paid learning experiences  
 such as volunteer activities and  
 non-credit training.

## **You must be able to:**

**Describe your experience • Identify  
 your college-level knowledge,  
 skills and understanding • Provide  
 documentation of your learning  
 • Have consistent access to a  
 computer with Internet and e-mail  
 capability**

### **Please Note:**

Your work/life experience must be related or  
 equivalent to subjects taught at Eastern Credits  
 are not awarded for what you have done, but  
 rather for what you have learned.

## **What is Credit for Lifelong Learning?**

Credit for Lifelong Learning is a unique  
 program at Eastern through which you  
 can earn credit for college-level learning  
 gained through work, volunteerism and  
 other experiences. Eastern has offered this  
 program since 1973 because we recognize  
 that significant learning occurs outside of  
 the traditional classroom. This program  
 is one of several nontraditional programs  
 through which students at Eastern can earn  
 college credit toward their degrees.

## **An Eastern Connecticut State University degree will change your life!**

### **Program Fees**

Portfolio Workshop — charged on the basis of two  
 Eastern credit hours

Repeat of Workshop \$100

Assessment Fee:

- Portfolio requesting 1-6 credits\*
- Portfolio requesting 7-21 credits \$900
- Portfolio requesting 22+ credits \$1,150

\*Included within workshop fee

### **For more information contact:**

CLL Program Coordinator, School of Continuing  
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*School of Continuing Education*

# **Credit for Lifelong Learning**

Earn credit for college-level learning  
 gained through work, volunteerism  
 and other life experiences



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### I think I qualify...What's my next step?

1. Schedule an assessment interview with the Program Coordinator at the School of Continuing Education.
2. Your work/life experience and college record will be reviewed to determine if you qualify and whether your potential credit could be utilized within your degree program at Eastern.
3. Once the Program Coordinator has identified you as an appropriate applicant, you will then be scheduled for a required, noncredit portfolio preparation workshop.

### Tell me more about the workshop?

The typical workshop consists of four evening sessions or two weekend sessions held during the January Winter Session or the Summer Session. They are followed by ongoing opportunities for individual consultation with the workshop instructor or Program Coordinator, a final follow-up meeting before the interview, and informal small group meetings as needed.

The workshop helps you create your own professional electronic portfolio (e-Portfolio) that specifically details your college level learning. The basic components of the e-Portfolio are:

1. Resume
2. Introduction
3. Subject areas in which credit is being requested and presentation of learning you have acquired
4. Documentation materials

**Please note:** Registration for this workshop is by invitation only. A separate announcement/registration form will be mailed to you upon approval of the Program Coordinator.

## What happens after I have completed the portfolio?

- You are scheduled for an interview with the Credit for Lifelong Learning Evaluation Committee. The Committee determines the number and type of credits to be awarded.
- In some instances, if specific course credit is being sought, it may be necessary to refer learning portfolios directly to individual academic departments for additional review and evaluation. Interviews are conducted throughout the fall and spring semesters.
- You are officially notified by mail of the Committee's decision. An assessment fee is determined based on credits earned and must be paid before credits are applied to your transcript. Finally, awarded credits are added to your University transcript as transfer credits.
- Note that a maximum of 60 (or 30 credits towards an associate's degree) of nontraditional credits including CLL can be applied toward a bachelor's degree at Eastern. Nontraditional credits include those earned through Credit for Lifelong Learning, through nationally recognized testing programs (such as CLEP and DSST) and for military training. You are less likely to receive credit in those subject areas in which you have already completed considerable coursework. Thus, students are encouraged to meet with the Program Coordinator early in their academic career.

## “ What else should I know about the program? ”

Credits earned through this program are considered transfer credits and cannot be used to meet Eastern's residency requirements. No grades are assigned to any credits awarded. You still need to complete a minimum of 30 credits of coursework in the classroom at Eastern for the bachelor degree (15 credits for an associate degree).

You have up to one year from the time you complete the portfolio workshop to submit your portfolio for committee review.

Credits earned through this program are usually elective credits. The flexible Bachelor of General Studies Degree (BGS) is ideal for using credits earned through this program. Credits may be applied toward the Liberal Arts Core (LAC) curriculum requirements and the Major or Minor Concentrations with special approval.