



Eastern Oregon University recognizes that people pursuing distance education degrees often have extensive learning from prior jobs, educational programs, travel, and other life experiences. EOU provides multiple educational options in which this learning can be documented for academic credit, enabling students to apply their prior learning directly to their degrees.

**Transfer Credit** [eou.edu/registrar/transfer/](http://eou.edu/registrar/transfer/)

The primary way to apply prior learning is through Course Credit Transfer. The content of transferred courses may or may not fulfill the needs of particular EOU programs, but if analogous coursework is offered at EOU, credit earned at other accredited institutions of higher learning will very likely transfer to EOU. Students may work with their academic advisors to determine potential additional credit matches.

**Assessment of Prior Experiential Learning (APEL)** [eou.edu/apel/](http://eou.edu/apel/)

Students with extensive life experience paralleling subject areas offered through EOU may enroll in APEL 390 – Assessment of Prior Experiential Learning – APEL. APEL is a rigorous course in which the student, working with the instructor and other faculty, bridges personal experience with the theoretical and practical applications demanded by EOU programs by building a Learning Essay Packet. APEL culminates in the development of one or more essay packets that are evaluated by EOU faculty for academic credit; students may earn up to 45 credits with the APEL process. Note: APEL credits may not always be transferable to *other* institutions. Bonus: students pay reduced tuition per credit for APEL essay credits that are approved by faculty.

**Agency Sponsored Learning (ASL)** [eou.edu/advising/asl/](http://eou.edu/advising/asl/)

EOU may also grant credit for Agency Sponsored Learning (ASL) education and training provided by professional organizations. Students may receive credit for courses and training taken from non-degree granting organization such as military, corporation, labor unions, professional and voluntary associations, and government agencies. The subject area must be within a discipline offered at EOU, and the course/training must have taken place within required clock hours. You must provide documentation that learning took place. Students pay reduced tuition per credit hour for Agency Sponsored Learning other than military. A maximum of 45 ASL credits can be used toward a degree at EOU.

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*APEL enabled me to complete my degree in a timely efficient manner...What was truly amazing was seeing how my life experiences have been so educational, and the fact that EOU has built a program that allows students to turn this experiential learning into college credit is incredible. I would encourage any adult student with life experience to seriously consider the APEL process.*

- J. Wierson  
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