Bachelor’s degree may be closer than it appears
Your next move is just down the road. All you need is a bachelor’s degree.

You may be closer than you think.

With Excelsior College’s flexible transfer policy, we will accept all previously earned credits, as long as they meet degree requirements. You earn the rest through a range of options, including courses you can take at your home or community college. You have all the support and resources you need, online or on the phone. You end up with a bachelor’s degree from an accredited leader in distance education.

And you’re one mile closer to success.
A degree that commands respect...

At Excelsior College, you earn a degree you can be proud of.

As an accredited world leader—in distance education and the assessment of prior learning—we’ve graduated more than 125,000 students since our founding in 1971. Our bachelor degree programs cover the spectrum of higher learning: liberal arts, business, technology, nursing, and health sciences. Our faculty have taught at some of the world’s leading universities and made a mark on their professions.

All of this makes a bachelor’s degree from Excelsior College a respected credential for your résumé or graduate school application.

...and the most efficient path to earning it.

At Excelsior College, you earn your degree in the way that fits your life.

Start by transferring up to 108 credits from your community college and other sources, depending on the program. This alone gives you a huge head start toward your bachelor’s degree. Then, earn your remaining credits right where you are—at home, at work, wherever you choose—through a range of credit-bearing options:

- Excelsior College online and CD-ROM courses
- Excelsior College® Examinations, which allow you to study on your own, then test for credit when you’re ready
- Courses at other accredited colleges and universities, including your community college
- Military training
- Corporate training and certifications assessed for college credit
- Portfolio-based assessment of college-level learning from your work and life experience

Transfer students from partner institutions can take advantage of significant discounts on tuition and fees. The result: you earn your bachelor’s degree efficiently—and take that next step in your career—while still taking care of work and family.

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Excelsior College at a glance

- Accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools
- Top-ranked nationwide in number of transfer students by U.S. News and World Report
- Ranked in the top ten colleges serving the military by Military Advanced Education
- One of only 11 NLN Centers of Excellence in Nursing Education in the United States
- The associate, baccalaureate and master’s degree programs in nursing are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC)
- The baccalaureate degree programs in business are recognized by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE)
- Examinations are recognized by the American Counsel on Education (ACE)
- Winner of 2006 and 2007 Best School Award from the American Assembly for Men in Nursing

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Maximize your transfer credit.

At Excelsior College, you earn your bachelor’s degree sooner because we accept more credit.

The following represents degree requirements, the number of credits that could transfer into several Excelsior College bachelor’s degree programs and the minimum number of credits that are to be completed with Excelsior College.

BS in Nursing (BSN) 1, 2, 3, 5 — 121 credits needed

- Arts & Sciences: 57 credits
- Information Literacy: 1 credit
- Nursing: 60 credits
- Health Sciences: 59 credits
- Other: 25 credits
- A minimum of 25 nursing credits must be upper-level and completed at Excelsior College
- 3 non-nursing upper-level credits must be completed at Excelsior College
- Up to 92 credits transferred from various sources, including community college.

BS in Health Sciences 1, 2, 3, 4 — 120 credits needed

- Arts & Sciences: 60 credits
- Information Literacy: 1 credit
- Health Sciences: 59 credits
- Other: 30 credits
- A minimum of 27 health science credits must be upper-level and completed at Excelsior College
- A minimum of 30 credits must be upper-level and completed at Excelsior College
- Up to 93 credits transferred from various sources, including community college.

BS in Liberal Arts 1, 2, 3 — 120 credits needed

- Arts & Sciences: 69 credits
- Electives: 50 credits
- Information Literacy: 1 credit
- Other: 30 credits
- A minimum of 27 health science credits must be upper-level and completed at Excelsior College
- A minimum of 30 credits must be upper-level and completed at Excelsior College
- Up to 90 credits transferred from various sources, including community college.

See page 6 for footnotes.
BS in General Business 1, 2, 3 — 120 credits needed

- Arts & Sciences 60 credits
- Electives 14 credits
- Information Literacy 1 credit

A minimum of 15 business credits must be upper-level and completed at Excelsior College.

Up to 105 credits transferred from various sources, including community college.

BS in Information Technology 1, 2, 3 — 120 credits needed

- Arts & Sciences 60 credits
- Electives 14 credits
- Information Literacy 1 credit

A minimum of 15 technology science credits must be upper-level and completed at Excelsior College.

Up to 105 credits transferred from various sources, including community college.

BS in Electronics Engineering Technology (EET) 1, 2, 3 — 124 credits needed

- Arts & Sciences 60 credits
- Electives 15 credits
- Information Literacy 1 credit

A minimum of 16 EET credits must be upper-level and completed at Excelsior College.

Up to 108 credits transferred from various sources, including community college.

NOTES:
1. All degrees require 3 credits in written English.
2. Information Literacy transfers if comparable course is offered at community college.
3. Each degree has specific requirements. Please refer to the appropriate catalog for degree requirements.
4. The Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences degree is open to students who have a minimum of 20 credits in health sciences.
5. The Bachelor of Science in nursing degree is open to students who have successfully completed the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN) and have a current license to practice as a Registered Nurse in the United States.
Support to ensure your success.

At Excelsior College, you get the help you need to finish your degree.

Most of that help is no further than your desktop. Assistance is available every step of the way, from the day you enroll to your last final exam. Our services include:

- **Academic Advisors** With help from your Academic Advisors, you’ll develop a degree completion plan, select courses or exams to fulfill it, and discuss your academic needs. Reach them by email, phone, or fax.

- **MyEC** Customize your online college experience by creating your own MyEC account at the Excelsior College Web site. MyEC gives students access to resources and services to help with educational goals.

- **Electronic Peer Network (EPN)** Find study partners, join study groups, discuss course topics, buy and sell textbooks, prepare for exams, and more – all through this online community of students and staff.

- **Excelsior College Virtual Library** Here, you have access to millions of the world’s most current and authoritative resources — as well as staff librarians to help you with research. Our collaboration with The Johns Hopkins University and its Sheridan Libraries makes this possible.

- **Excelsior College Bookstore** Buy textbooks, Guided Learning Packages, software, and other study supplies at this virtual store. You can access the Bookstore online or via phone or fax.

- **Online Writing and Tutoring Services** Smarthinking and MY Access® will help you bolster your writing skills and practice for select Excelsior College Examinations.

College within your financial reach.

At Excelsior College, you earn your degree affordably. Our programs and courses deliver exceptional value when compared with many degree-granting institutions. In addition, you can spread your tuition costs over four easy payments with our Course Payment Plan.

Excelsior College is also eligible for Title IV (Federal Code #014251), which enables us to offer federal financial assistance (Pell Grants, Stafford Loans, and PLUS Loans) to qualified students. For details, please visit www.excelsior.edu/financialaid.
Answers to your questions.

Is Excelsior College accredited?
Yes. Excelsior College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. Certain programs also carry specialized accreditations; for specifics, visit www.excelsior.edu.

Can my work experience be applied toward college credit?
Through its Portfolio-Based Assessment, Excelsior College awards credit for documented college-level learning that you attained through work and life experience. To pursue this option, you first take an online course to learn how to document the learning you’ve attained. Then, you prepare and submit your portfolio for faculty review and a determination of credit.

Do you accept tuition assistance from employers?
Yes.

How do I apply my Federal Financial Aid to my coursework?
When you apply for financial aid, we will ask you to identify the courses you plan to take (or the number of credits per term). You must take at least 6 credits to be eligible for financial aid. Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov for eligibility criteria and instructions on how to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form.

How long does it take to complete a degree at Excelsior College?
Excelsior College is designed to help you find the most efficient path to your bachelor’s degree. The specific amount of time will depend on several factors: the number of credits you’ve already earned, how they apply to your program of study, and how much time and effort you can devote to earning your degree.

How does Excelsior College help me earn my bachelor’s degree?
We give you a head start by accepting up to 108 of the credits you’ve already earned from your community college and credits from other recognized sources, including corporate-evaluated training and military training.

Once I enroll, how do I figure out what courses or exams to take?
Our Academic Advisors are your link to the College. Rely on them to address your academic concerns, provide advice on course selection, and help you choose the best way to complete your degree.

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Take the next step.

1. **Apply**
   Your application helps us determine your eligibility for admission. Be sure to send official transcripts. Once you’ve been accepted, you’ll receive an unofficial evaluation of your credits, showing how they may apply to your degree.

2. **Enroll**
   Simply submit your enrollment form and fee.* You can then start work with your Academic Advisors to chart a course to your degree.

3. **Meet your requirements at your own pace**
   Choose the credit-earning options that are best for you: Excelsior College courses, Excelsior College Examinations, and others whenever you’re ready.

4. **Graduate!**

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**How to apply...**

**VISIT US AT**
ccpartnerships.excelsior.edu

**EMAIL**
ccpartnerships@excelsior.edu

**OR CALL**
800-896-1627

**It’s that simple.**

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* Visit ccpartnerships.excelsior.edu for a complete list of fees.

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**A WORD OF CAUTION ABOUT TEST PREPARATION AND TUTORIAL SERVICES.**

There are tutorial firms, test preparation services, and for-profit publishing companies that sell materials with the claim that their materials will help students prepare for and pass Excelsior College Examinations. The College is not affiliated with any test preparation company and does not endorse the products or services of any test preparation organization.

However, because there are companies that sell test preparation products and services, we felt it in our students’ best interest to develop operating standards, a set of Best Practices for Test Preparation Providers, which we believe these companies should voluntarily follow. We have done this to give our students a measure of confidence that the test preparation company with which they are dealing has a record of engaging in ethical business and financial practices with its clients. You can find these Best Practices at www.excelsor.edu/bestpractices.

Before you spend hundreds, even thousands of dollars for the products and services of a test preparation provider, check to see if the company has voluntarily agreed in writing to follow our Best Practices for Test Preparation Providers.

The best way is to call the College and ask us. Another way is to see if the company displays on its Web site the graphic shown here.

Only test preparation providers that have agreed to follow our Best Practices are authorized to display this symbol. At our site you will also find the names of companies that have agreed in writing to follow these Best Practices.
Accreditation

Located at 7 Columbia Circle, Albany, NY 12203 / 518-464-8500, Excelsior College is accredited by the Commission on Higher Education of the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, 3624 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 / 215-662-5606. The Commission on Higher Education is an institutional accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

The associate, baccalaureate, and master’s degree programs in nursing are accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC), 61 Broadway, New York, NY 10006 / 800-669-1656. The NLNAC is a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

The baccalaureate degree programs in business are recognized by the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE).

The baccalaureate degree programs in electronics engineering technology and nuclear engineering technology are accredited by the Technology Accreditation Commission (TAC) of ABET, 111 Market Place, Suite 1050, Baltimore, MD 21202 / 410-347-7700. The TAC of ABET is a specialized accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education.

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies program has been accepted into full membership by the Association of Graduate Liberal Studies Programs (AGLSP). This constitutes accreditation in the field of graduate liberal studies.

All the College’s academic programs are registered (i.e., approved) by the New York State Education Department.

Excelsior College Examinations are recognized by the American Council on Education (ACE), Center for Adult Learning and Educational Credentials, for the award of college-level credit. Excelsior College Examinations in nursing are the only nursing exams approved by ACE.

Excelsior College is a Title IV eligible educational institution (Federal Code #014251) offering Federal Financial Assistance (Pell Grants, Stafford Loans and PLUS Loans) to students who qualify. Excelsior College admits students of any race, color and national or ethnic origin.