

Academic Partnerships

Frequently Asked Questions



What is Excelsior College?

Excelsior College is a private, nonprofit, regionally accredited, distance learning institution that is a recognized leader in removing obstacles to the educational goals of adult learners. Excelsior offers degrees at the associate, bachelor's and master's levels in **liberal arts, business, technology, health sciences and nursing** and certificate programs in select subject areas. The College provides efficient and affordable access to higher education through multiple avenues to degree completion with a focus on meeting students where they are—academically and geographically, offering quality instruction and the assessment of learning.

How does Excelsior offer courses?

Excelsior gives students many options for getting the credits they need to complete a degree. Students can take our online courses, obtain credit by exam using our UExcel or Excelsior College® Examinations (ECE) programs, apply for credit for real life experiences/training using CAEL, or take courses elsewhere and transfer them into Excelsior.

Do I qualify to receive partnership tuition and fee pricing?

In order to receive the partnership tuition and fee pricing, you must be a graduate **OR** an employee of one of Excelsior's academic partners and have an interest in pursuing your education at Excelsior College.

How do I make sure I receive partnership tuition and fee pricing?

Immediately upon beginning the application process be sure to tell Excelsior's admissions team which academic partner you are with in order to receive the partnership tuition and fee pricing.

How do I begin the application process?

There are three steps:

1. **Apply**—Your application helps the College determine your eligibility for admission. In order to receive special discounted pricing, be sure to select your institution from the partner list within the online application or call the admissions team and alert them. Once Excelsior has received your application, official transcript(s), and you have been accepted, you will receive a preliminary review of your credits, showing how they may apply to your chosen degree and what credits you need to meet degree requirements.

2. **Enroll/Matriculate**—By submitting the enrollment form and fee, you can start working with an academic advisor to chart a course to your degree. During this process, you will receive an official transcript evaluation.
3. **Register and meet your requirements at your own pace**—Choose from Excelsior College courses, UExcel and ECE examinations or other credit earning options. Excelsior courses are offered in 8- and 15-week terms. Be sure to seek course/exam approval from your academic advisor before registering.

What is your application deadline?

Excelsior College does not require potential students to apply by a certain date and offers open enrollment for its 8- and 15-week terms, so there are no application or enrollment deadlines.

How soon can I start after I apply?

You may enroll/matriculate as soon as you receive the results of your preliminary review that lists how your prior credits may apply toward a degree.

How many credits can I transfer in?

Excelsior College may accept up to 105 college credits as well as credits from other approved sources toward the completion of a bachelor's degree.

Where can I get more details on how to apply and enroll?

For detailed information, visit Excelsior's academic partners' page on the College's Web site at ccpartnerships.excelsior.edu and select your institution. You can also send an email to ccpartnerships@excelsior.edu to request more information.

Does Excelsior offer financial aid?

Financial aid is available regardless of income, with low interest rates and flexible payment options. The best place to start is by filing a *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*. You can find the form and additional information by visiting www.fafsa.ed.gov. For more information regarding our financial aid options, call 855-323-9235 or email admissions@excelsior.edu.

Does the College offer scholarships?

Yes. Excelsior College offers more than 20 different scholarships for a wide variety of programs. For more information, visit the scholarship programs' page on the College's Web site at www.excelsior.edu/scholarships.