

LIFELONG LEARNING ASSESSMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Below are answers to our commonly asked questions by our Lifelong Learning Assessment (LLA) students.

Q: WHY SHOULD I USE THIS OPTION?

A: By submitting an LLA paper and receiving credit for your life experiences, you may:

- Reduce the time it takes to finish your education
- Minimize the cost of your degree program
- Gain a deeper understanding about what you already know
- Improve your writing and critical thinking skills
- Acquire credit for your prior experience which equates to college-level learning

Q: WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS OPTION?

A: Undergraduate students who are interested in a bachelor's degree program at GCU and individuals with ample life experiences related to the subjects on the Topic Description List are eligible for the LLA credit option.

Q: HOW WILL I BE NOTIFIED THROUGH THIS PROCESS?

A: You will receive emails in your GCU account regarding the initial submission paperwork. This notification will include messages notifying you of the receipt of materials, requests for any incomplete submissions and the evaluation results.

Q: MAY I USE PRIOR LEARNING FOR GRADUATE CREDIT?

A: No. Only undergraduate general education or elective courses qualify for the LLA option.

Q: HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO COMPLETE THE EVALUATION OF MY LLA PAPER?

A: This full timeline of events will take 10 business days to complete once you have correctly submitted all materials.

Q: HOW MANY TIMES CAN I SUBMIT MY LLA FOR EVALUATION?

A: If an LLA is not granted college credit because of deficiencies, you will be able to resubmit that topic only one additional time. After the second attempt, no other opportunities will be given for that topic. Remember, just completing the LLA course (ENG-135) does not guarantee credit will be given for subsequent LLA papers. You must show college-level learning from your experiences.

Q: WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING MY LLA?

A: Refer to the Submitting a Lifelong Learning Assessment Paper section of the website for more information.

Q: WHO EVALUATES MY LLA?

A: All LLAs are evaluated by expert faculty in the field related to the discipline and subtopics you choose. They will evaluate the explanation of your theoretical knowledge and real-life experiences for the equivalency to college-level learning.

Specifically, the faculty member will evaluate how well you explained your knowledge and applicable prior experiences, based on all the subtopics from the Topic Description List and each of the four stages of Kolb's model. The evaluator also considers the quality of grammar and writing clarity.