

Bachelor's Degree for Professionals

The Bachelor's Degree for Professionals is an expression of California Lutheran University's commitment to life-long learning. Bachelor's Degree for Professionals offers the same high quality educational program that is found in the traditional daytime program, but is tailored to meet the special needs of working adult students. The program's creative learning environment, liberal arts and professional curriculum, and exceptional faculty offer a unique opportunity for the adult learner who is seeking personal and professional advancement and development.

Admission

Who May Apply?

The Bachelor's Degree for Professionals program has set minimum requirements to ensure that the adult orientation of the program is maintained. You may apply if you:

1. have graduated from high school or possess a G.E.D. certificate
2. have completed 12 transferable semester hours of college credit
3. have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.25
4. are at least 25 years of age (exceptions may be made for students with exceptional work experience and a letter of recommendation)
5. have substantial work experience

How to Apply

1. Schedule an appointment with an admission counselor for a preliminary transcript evaluation and academic advisement;
2. Complete an application for admission and return it with an application fee to the Graduate and Adult Admissions;
3. Have official transcripts from all previously attended colleges sent to the Graduate and Adult Admissions.

At the time of your admission interview or shortly thereafter, you will be notified of the admission decision. If admitted, you will be sent information about registration procedures. Upon your acceptance, transfer credits from other colleges will be evaluated by the registrar's office and the results mailed to you before the end of your first term.

Provisional Admission

If you are unable to obtain an *official transcript* prior to the beginning of classes, you *may* be provisionally admitted for one term by submitting an unofficial transcript. You must also complete the admission procedures outlined above *prior to registration*. The official transcripts must be submitted prior to registering for a second term. Official transcripts must be submitted and you must be fully admitted to the program before financial aid may be awarded.

Readmission of Former Bachelor's Degree for Professionals Students

If you were formerly enrolled as a Bachelor's Degree for Professionals student (formerly the Adult Degree Evening Program) but have not attended four or more consecutive terms, you must apply for readmission by submitting an updated application form and meeting with an admission counselor. The curriculum requirements in effect at the time of your readmission will apply.

Academic Policies (<http://catalog.callutheran.edu/archives/2014-2015/undergraduate/academicpolicies>)

Alternatives for Acquiring Credit

- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) (see Admission (<http://catalog.callutheran.edu/archives/2014-2015/undergraduate/admission>))
- Credit by Examination (see Academic Programs (<http://catalog.callutheran.edu/archives/2014-2015/undergraduate/academicprograms>))
- Independent Study (see Academic Programs (<http://catalog.callutheran.edu/archives/2014-2015/undergraduate/academicprograms>))

Course Load

Since most Bachelor's Degree for Professionals students are also employed, a normal course load is considered to be two courses per term (six to eight units). The number of units you take, however, is up to you as long as you don't exceed 10 units per term. Effective **Fall 2013**, for financial aid and veteran's benefits, half-time is considered to be three units and full-time is six units.

Concurrent Enrollment

If you are admitted as an Bachelor's Degree for Professionals student and wish to enroll in courses within the traditional CLU program or in another college or university, you must obtain approval from the Director of the Bachelor's Degree for Professionals Program, the Registrar of the University,

and the Director of Financial Aid prior to enrolling in the course(s). Normally, requests for concurrent enrollment at another institution will not be granted unless you demonstrate a compelling need to take the course at that location.

Financial Information

Tuition and Fees

Refer to www.callutheran.edu/student_accounts/tuition/adept.php for current tuition and fees.

Tuition is due and payable on or before the first class meeting unless you have made alternative payment arrangements. Late payment fees are assessed on delinquent accounts. Students with delinquent accounts cannot register for the new term until fees for the prior term have been paid. All financial obligations must be met before academic records (diplomas, grade reports and transcripts) will be released. You may contact the Business Office or refer to WebAdvisor for information regarding your student account status.

Student Status

Student enrollment status definition for Bachelor's Degree for Professionals effective **Fall 2013**:

- **Full-time** = six units or more
- **Three-quarter time** = five units
- **Half-time** = three units

Effective **Fall 2013** Bachelor's Degree for Professionals students must be at least half-time (three units) to be eligible for federal loans. Limited financial aid may be available for less than half-time status.

Financial Assistance

An adviser is available to help you apply for financial need and discuss various forms of financial assistance.

Employer Tuition Assistance Programs

Many companies offer full or partial tuition assistance to employees who participate in work-related or degree-oriented college programs. California Lutheran University provides a deferred payment option for students who take advantage of their company's tuition reimbursement opportunities. Program details are available on the Student Accounts website.

Bachelor's Degree for Professionals Grant

Students registered for at least six units per term and who demonstrate financial need may qualify for an Bachelor's Degree for Professionals Grant. Students must file a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and an Bachelor's Degree for Professionals Financial Aid Application (found within the Office of Financial Aid's website under "Forms") to be considered. *Grants are awarded on a first-come first-served basis and there are a limited number available.*

Cal Grant

A California Grant based on need and GPA is available to eligible Bachelor's Degree for Professionals students. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed and a Cal Grant GPA Verification Form (www.csac.ca.gov) must be submitted to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2.

Federal Pell Grant Program

Under this federal grant program, award amounts are based on exceptional financial need. A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed for consideration.

Congregational Partners in Education (CPE) Award

This renewable award allows congregations to assist outstanding students who have demonstrated a commitment to the life and work of their church. CLU will match gifts from the congregation in support of a full-time student (six units per term) up to a maximum of \$1,000. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information.

Federal Stafford Loan

Eligibility for a Federal Stafford Loan is determined by the FAFSA. The Federal Stafford loan program is divided into two types of loans – subsidized and unsubsidized. Both have fixed rates (please contact the Financial Aid Office for the most current interest rate information) and are available to students who are fully admitted to an eligible program of study and are enrolled at least half time per term.

The U. S. Department of Education pays the accrued interest on the need-based Subsidized Stafford loan only. The Unsubsidized Stafford loan accrues interest while the student is in school; a student can choose to pay or defer the interest until the repayment period begins.

An eligible, independent student may borrow up to the annual maximum of \$9,500 for freshmen, \$10,500 for sophomores and \$12,500 for juniors and seniors. The loan may be awarded as subsidized, unsubsidized or a combination of both.

Students must be enrolled at least half time per term (three or more units) to receive a Federal Stafford loan. A separate electronic application process is required in addition to accepting the loans in the Financial Aid Award, which is available online at www.callutheran.edu/financialaid in the Loans & Counseling section.

Alternative Loans

Private educational loans are also an option. The Financial Aid Office has information available online at www.callutheran.edu/financialaid regarding alternative loan options. The interest rates for alternative loans are variable. Eligibility and availability are determined by the lender.

Veteran's Benefits

Students who may be eligible for veteran's benefits should contact the Veterans Affairs office and the Financial Aid Office at CLU for specific information. Students must submit a copy of their VA Certificate of Eligibility and complete a Veteran's School Form with the Financial Aid Office.

How to Apply for Financial Aid:

1. Complete the following forms:
 - a. FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) available online at www.fafsa.gov (<http://www.fafsa.gov>)
 - b. Bachelor's Degree for Professionals Application for Student Financial Aid online at www.callutheran.edu/financial_aid/forms/
2. Turn in all completed financial aid forms and necessary supporting documentation to the Financial Aid Office by the deadlines indicated.
3. Accept the financial aid offered, in whole or part, by the reply date indicated on your award letter.
4. If borrowing loans, you will be required to complete the loan application (Master Promissory Note) and Entrance Counseling process if needed.

You must be officially admitted to the University and registered for classes to receive financial aid.

Return of Funds Policies for Federal Aid

Students who receive federal aid¹ are subject to federal return of funds policies. If the payment period for which a student received funds (term) is not completed and the student withdraws from all courses, then the student is only eligible for a percentage of the aid equal to the percentage of the period completed. The following is an example of this concept:

Krista enrolls in the fall term but drops out before the end of the term. She actually completes 35 percent of the term and, therefore, is only eligible for 35 percent of the aid awarded for that period (amount earned).

If the aid earned is more than the amount that was actually disbursed to the student (credited to their account), then California Lutheran University will offer the student a post withdrawal disbursement according to certain conditions such as whether or not a valid Student Aid Report has been received, the status of the verification process, etc.

If the amount disbursed is more than the amount earned, then California Lutheran University must return the amount unearned to the U.S. Department of Education. The student will then be responsible for any balance owed to California Lutheran University caused by the return of funds.

For additional information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at (805)493-3115.

¹ Federal aid covered by the Return of Funds policies includes the Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, Subsidized Stafford Loan, and Pell Grant.

Degree Requirements

General Degree Requirements

The requirements for the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science are designed to provide you with a broad program of liberal arts study and an opportunity to concentrate in the field of special interest. It is intended that at the undergraduate level the emphasis be placed on acquiring a broad education in many subjects, leaving highly specialized and professional studies to the graduate school level.

Bachelor's Degree for Professionals advisors will assist you in preparing an individualized degree plan; nevertheless, you are ultimately responsible for seeing that your academic program includes all requirements for graduation.

1. Students must complete 124 semester credits. At least 40 of these must be upper division, that is, junior or senior level courses (courses numbered 300-499).
2. 30 of the final 40 credits must be completed in residence. This requirement cannot be met using credit by examination, CLEP or community college.
3. Students must earn at least a 2.0 grade point average for all CLU work and also achieve a 2.0 on all combined CLU and other college work.

General Education Requirements

You may have transferred some or all of the required general education courses from previous course work. However, if you still need any of the courses, you will find them as part of the Bachelor's Degree for Professionals curriculum. General education includes:

1. Proficiencies

a. **Written Communication:**

- i ENGL 111 – Freshman English with a grade of C or better
- ii One upper division writing intensive course

b. **One speaking intensive course**

c. **Mathematical Reasoning:**

One course (beyond intermediate algebra) or satisfactory score on the designated exam. Depending on the student's score on the math placement test, the student may be required to take MATH 110 Intermediate Algebra as a prerequisite for higher level courses.

2. Perspectives

a. **Humanities:**

One religion course and three additional courses selected from religion, literature, philosophy, history or humanities.

b. **Social Sciences:**

Two courses in different disciplines selected from specifically approved cultural anthropology, criminal justice, economics, cultural geography, political science, psychology, and sociology courses.

c. **Natural Sciences:**

One course with a lab component: physical anthropology, astronomy, biology, chemistry, physical geography, geology, physics. Senior transfers (90 or more credits) who have completed two science courses without laboratory components will have met the natural sciences requirement.

d. **Visual and Performing Arts:**

One course, at least two credits.

3. Cultures and Civilizations*

a. **U.S. Diversity** – one course

4. Integrated Studies*

a. **Integrated Studies Capstone** – one course (This course is part of the requirements for your major and may also be used to complete a perspectives requirement.)

* The courses marked with an asterisk are not additional credit or course requirements. They are content requirements which may be met through a selection of courses which also meet major, elective, or other core requirements.

Pass/No Credit

No general education requirements or any portion of the major (including supporting courses) may be satisfied by courses graded P/NC, except for specifically designated courses.

NOTE: Students transferring from California community colleges who, prior to transfer to CLU, have fully satisfied the Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) need only complete the religion and oral communication requirements to meet the Bachelor's Degree for Professionals general education requirements. Students who do not complete the IGETC will follow the CLU general education requirements as stated above.

Major Requirements

All students must complete an academic major as part of the requirements for the baccalaureate degree. Requirements for an academic major are as follows:

1. Completion of at least 32 credits in an area of concentration for the Bachelor of Arts or at least 36 credits for the Bachelor of Science.
2. Three upper division courses for the major, including the capstone, must be completed in residence at CLU.
3. A minimum grade point average of 2.0 is required in the major. Required support courses are not included in the major GPA.
4. At least 75 percent of the required courses for a major must be unduplicated with any other major or minor.

Minor Requirements

Minors consist of a coherent set of related courses in a particular disciplinary or interdisciplinary area. An academic minor is not required for a degree; however, if a student elects to earn a minor, he or she

1. must complete the specified 15-20 credits within the minor desired;
2. may not major and minor in the same department;
3. must complete at least eight to 12 credits in upper division courses and at least two of those courses must be completed in residence at CLU;
4. must achieve a minimum GPA of 2.0;

5. may not count internships toward the minor unless specifically required by the minor;
6. may use only one independent study course to meet minor requirements;
7. at least 75 percent of the required courses for a minor must be unduplicated with any other major or minor.