Bachelor's Degree with Consolidated Credits

Posted by lhtaylor - 2013/01/10 15:45

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Thank you!

Lavonne

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Re:Bachelor's Degree Consolidated Work Experience Credits

Posted by vicky - 2013/01/11 18:14

Hi Lavonne,

Over the years I've met a lot of students like you.

There are only a couple of real, accredited online schools that can help you -- indeed, there are a couple of online colleges that were DESIGNED just for you.

SEE >>

Real Accredited Life Experience Colleges / Degrees
http://www.geteducated.com/diploma-mills-police/life-experience-college-degree/162-is-a-life-experience-online-degree-a-scam

5 Ways to Earn Life Work Experience Credit
http://www.geteducated.com/online-degree-financial-aid/cutting-online-university-cost/145-online-life-experience-degree

First off, forget about Concordia University or College if you mean the Concordia that is in Delaware or the US Virgin Islands
http://www.geteducated.com/diploma-mill-police/degree-mills-list/concordia-college-accreditation. They are one of hundreds of colleges that advertise as "life experience colleges" -- and they are NOT accredited by any recognized agency so you'd be buying an empty degree or piece of paper.

You are VERY well educated and have the equivalent of a college degree in work experience, classes and career certifications.

I think maybe you would be best off at Thomas Edison State College of New Jersey, http://www.geteducated.com/profiles/search/schoolID=105&SS=Search%20by%20School%20%3E%20Thomas%20Edison%20State%20College%20%28%20NJ%20%29, a public university that was designed in the 1970s for people like you.

TESC will allow up to 120 semester credits -- that's what accreditation agencies require for a BS/BA degree in the USA -- in transfer from regionally accredited colleges AND grant maximum acceptance for career credentials and certifications -- such as army ACE training and paralegal work.

TESC allows for an online BS or online BA in LADS -- learner directed applied studies -- so it looks like for you earning a BS in Paralegal or Legal Studies might be best for you BUT that would depend on the types of credits and certifications you hold in that area already.

Go get educated .... check out all the schools in the articles above as they will allow you maximum credit transfer and career documentation options.

Or -- you can go to almost any college BUT as you say most all colleges require that you take 30 credits minimum -- 10 courses in new courses -- from them to earn their degree. TESC is one of the few schools that does not require this.

All the Best
Vicky Phillips
Founder - GetEducated.com

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