Credit for Published Works

Posted by MichaelCarl - 2011/09/22 13:36

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Re: Credit for Career Published Works

Posted by VickyPhillips - 2011/09/23 18:04

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Hi Michael,

Thanks much for posting this question.

Unfortunately, in the USA there is no university that will grant college / degree or dissertation credit based on past published works.

Let me preface that by saying there is no university that I know of that holds accreditation that is recognized by the US Dept of Education or the Council on Higher Education Accreditation that will routinely award degree credit for career publications.

SEE: Life Experience Credit Degrees

So, my first question would be do you care about the accreditation status of the online university that grants you the degree?

I ask because there are two options if you set aside the criteria that the school hold recognized accreditation (I wouldn't do that myself but am letting you know of options that you could weigh relative to your question):

1) Option One: There are "licensed" schools in selected states, primarily California, that may be able to help you with extensive review and consideration of prior published works. These colleges are *not accredited* so their degrees are not widely accepted BUT they are legal in the sense that they are recognized by the state of California as degree granters.

2) Option Two: There are also several distance universities that are *not accredited* by any recognized agency but that are operated by various independent religious agencies and denominations that may also provide some credit and review consideration especially in the areas of religious study (but that is not to be your major, yes?)

3) Option Three: There are many diploma mills that simply award paper degrees and credentials upon payment of fees. These schools are accredited, but by fake agencies.

SEE: Get Educated List of diploma mills

I can't really recommend any of the above 3 options -- certainly not the last. The problem with #1 and #2 is that these degrees are not widely recognized due to their lack of accreditation.

There are a good number properly accredited online phd programs.
Get Educated profiles 100+ online doctorates, BUT none of these will review and grant degree credit for past publications per se.

Most all of these are in the areas of Business, Psychology or Education, so choice is limited also related to the major area you desire.

You may be able to use your collective prior knowledge to facilitate thesis research or capstone projects but none will grant you doctorate credit straight up based om a review of a portfolio of past writings.

One interesting fairly open distance PHD that might interest you is the Union Institute. They are not currently in our database BUT I know that they offer the online PHD in public policy and social change. This is a limited residency option BUT does not have credit for past experience as a part of their policy.

Give me some feedback on all this and I'll tell you if I know anything else that might be helpful.

Anyone else with advice, jump in!

Vicky

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Posted by sgttekman - 2012/05/14 11:25

You might want to check out United Kingdom and Australian's colleges for Ph.D. Traditionally, UK schools grant Doctorate degree through publication. For example, Lancaster University offers Ph.D in Management, the student requires to complete the dissertation (thesis) and oral (defense presentation) exam.

- http://www148.griffith.edu.au/programs-courses/Program/OverviewAndFees?ProgramCode=6002
- http://www.psy.gla.ac.uk/~steve/resources/phd.html

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