

Frequently Asked Questions

Understanding the Relationship between I-CAR® & University of Phoenix: Earn College Credits for I-CAR Training

Transferring Credit Process (I-CAR Training)

What degree programs can I apply my I-CAR credits toward?

I-CAR credits can be applied to any University of Phoenix Associate or Bachelor degree programs.

How do I find more information on the I-CAR and University of Phoenix relationship?

You can begin by accessing the University of Phoenix specific page on the I-CAR web site. This page is accessible from the I-CAR home page (www.i-car.com) by selecting “Earn College Credit” from the “Training” drop down menu. Much information is available on this page, as well as a link to the microsite (www.phoenix.edu/corp/dtwilli1).

Will all I-CAR programs be recognized for college credit?

All I-CAR programs are eligible for college credit with the University of Phoenix. Check the Course Transfer Guide on the microsite (www.phoenix.edu/corp/dtwilli1) to see what programs have already been evaluated. If a program that you have successfully completed is not listed on this guide it is still eligible for credit, and should be added to the list on your University of Phoenix Prior Learning Assessment Center (PLAC) application to be evaluated.

Does I-CAR training completed at an Industry Training Alliance career and technical school or college count for college credit through the University of Phoenix?

Yes, all I-CAR training completed, whether it is in a school or continuing education setting, will apply for credit.

What I-CAR training should go through the PLAC?

Any I-CAR training that has not been approved by the ACE evaluation should be submitted through the University of Phoenix PLAC. See the University of Phoenix specific page on the I-CAR web site for details on which training has been evaluated by ACE. Also, training earned through I-CAR Industry Training AllianceSM training partners should be submitted through the PLAC.

The classroom curriculum is four hours in length. What would the cost be to have one program receive credit towards a degree program?

If your programs are on an ACE transcript, then there is no charge, since they are direct transfer credits. There is a \$110 (U.S.) application fee to have all coursework evaluated if you do not have an ACE Transcript. The number of college credits awarded would depend on the program that you successfully completed and the results of its evaluation (if not on an ACE transcript). The cost per credit for those items not on an ACE transcript is on the microsite at www.phoenix.edu/corp/dtwilli1.

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I have been on the ACE site and it doesn't show my credits online. I thought that I-CAR transferred all information to ACE?

Most I-CAR Live programs have been evaluated by ACE. You need to request an ACE transcript to show which ACE evaluated I-CAR training you have completed.

How do I request an ACE transcript?

Step-by-step instructions appear on the University of Phoenix specific page of the I-CAR web site. Or, visit www.acenet.edu and click on the "Online Services," then go to "transcript request" and order an ACE transcript to get those credits.

What transcript do I need to submit to the University of Phoenix to show my successfully completed I-CAR training?

To transfer credit directly, submit an ACE transcript (this may be used for I-CAR programs already evaluated by ACE). To apply non-ACE evaluated I-CAR training through the PLAC, you may submit your I-CAR transcript or certificate of completion. Remember that you can print your I-CAR transcript for no charge using the *myI-CAR* function on the I-CAR web site.

Can I apply I-CAR training other than Live training for credit?

All I-CAR programs regardless of modality are available for credit. If they have not been evaluated by ACE, then they would be submitted to the PLAC for evaluation.

What do I have to do if I already have an Associate degree, but also have I-CAR training?

All you have to do is apply to one of the University of Phoenix degree programs. The University will request an ACE transcript for you as part of the application process.

Are I-CAR credits accepted one-to-one for University of Phoenix credits?

No. You would have to check the University of Phoenix specific page on the I-CAR web site or the Course Transfer Guide on the I-CAR microsite (www.phoenix.edu/corp/dtwillia) to see how many credits you would receive for your I-CAR training.

If you take I-CAR classes while working on your degree will the credits transfer?

Yes. You would need to request an updated ACE transcript that shows your new programs on it.

Transferring Credit Process (Non-I-CAR Training)

Are credits from a career and technical school or college or business school transferable?

Any credits from regionally and most nationally accredited schools will transfer into the University of Phoenix. Credits from nationally accredited schools must be accredited by ACICS or ACCST.

Are AIC course or AEI (SCLA) courses or designations transferable for college credit?

Yes. These types of courses and designations will be evaluated through the University of Phoenix Prior Learning Assessment Center (PLAC). You will need to complete the PLAC application, listing all of your courses and designations. The application, course descriptions, and copies of certificates of completion must all be submitted to the PLAC for evaluation. Once the evaluation is completed, you will be sent a complete listing of what college credits were awarded. PLAC evaluations are done once you have started a program and credits are applied by the third class.

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Does the University of Phoenix take into consideration all courses that have been taken at a community college, even if the degree was never accomplished?

Yes. All credits from regionally accredited community colleges are transferable to any of the degree programs.

Does the University of Phoenix accept ASE certifications for course credit?

These will be evaluated through the PLAC on a case-by-case basis.

Does the University of Phoenix accept an occupational Associate degree through ACCST (national accreditation)?

Yes. If you have completed an Associate degree at a nationally or regionally accredited school, then it comes into the University of Phoenix.

What is CLEP testing, and does it apply for credit?

CLEP testing stands for College Level Examination Program and it is an examination that you take that shows you have a college level proficiency in a subject area. The average CLEP test is 3 credit hours. They are only \$50 - \$70 each and can save a lot of time and money on an undergraduate degree.

University of Phoenix Degree & Application Requirements

What is the price for an Associate degree with University of Phoenix?

The price is variable depending on how many credits you transfer in, etc. It is specific to each individual's background, and will be discussed in a phone consultation is conducted with potential students. Note that tuition is subject to change and fees associated with online and ground campuses vary.

What are my initial application fees?

Right now there are none if you are seeking an Associate or Bachelor degree. If you are seeking a Master degree, then the application fee is \$45.

Could I have more than 30 credits apply toward the Bachelor degree from prior learning?

No. The University of Phoenix's accreditation prevents them from allowing more than 25% of the Bachelor degree to come from Prior Learning Credits.

When can I register to start at the University of Phoenix?

The University of Phoenix has 51 start dates a year for all online classes. Classes start every week except for the week of Christmas.

Are there any special software applications that have to be downloaded (javascript, etc.) to attend the University of Phoenix?

No, there is nothing that has to be downloaded. You just need a computer with internet access.

I already have an Associate degree and a Bachelor degree in an area other than automotive or collision repair. Do I apply for a Master degree in this program or do I start over at the Bachelor level?

You would go on to register for a Master degree in whatever field you choose. Remember that I-CAR credits do not apply toward a Master degree, only to undergraduate programs.

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If the end result I want is a Master degree, should I start with an Associate degree or follow a specific Master program?

If you have less than 48 college credits, then you would start with the Associate degree. If you have more than 48 but have not completed a degree, then you would start with a Bachelor degree. If you have a Bachelor degree already, then you would go straight to the Master degree program.

What if I have Bachelor and Master degrees, but want an Associate degree in a different area? Can I apply prior credits and other learning toward this Associate degree?

Yes. However, it would be more beneficial and economical to get a second Master degree. If you decide you want the Associate degree then all you would have to complete are the course concentration credits.

Are the Master degree programs accredited and equal to another University program?

Yes. All of the University of Phoenix programs are regionally accredited which is the highest accreditation in the U.S. There is no difference between this accreditation and any other regionally accredited school.

What are the credit amounts needed to complete the different degree programs?

Associate Degree – 60 credits total

Bachelor Degree – 120 credits total

Master Degree – Varies depending on which program you choose

General Questions & Contact Information

Why did I-CAR form a relationship with the University of Phoenix?

Offering this opportunity to the collision industry is a monumental step towards increasing professionalism and recognition of training. Working with the University of Phoenix, I-CAR students are able to achieve a target not possible until now. Another exciting aspect of this relationship is the fact that any professional who already holds an Associate degree in collision repair can apply that credit, along with their I-CAR training, towards a Bachelor degree with an emphasis in collision repair.

What training do University of Phoenix instructors go through to qualify as instructors?

All University of Phoenix instructors hold Master or Doctoral degrees and actively work in the field they teach. They also have to complete a five-week training program successfully before being allowed in any classroom format.

Who do I contact for more information?

Please direct all questions to Teresa Hutchinson of the University of Phoenix at 800.433.2490. Additional information can be located on the microsite which can be accessed from the I-CAR home page or directly at www.phoenix.edu/corp/dtwill1.