

LIFELONG EDUCATION

Lifelong Education Status includes all students attending the University who are not pursuing a University degree or an Agricultural Technology or Veterinary Technology certificate. First-time Lifelong Education students should complete the [online Lifelong Education Application](#).

The purpose of the Lifelong Education status is to permit and facilitate access to MSU courses (on-campus, off-campus, or workshop) for persons not wishing to pursue an undergraduate or graduate MSU degree. With the exception of high achieving high school students, this status is limited to persons who have attained a high school diploma or its equivalent. Students who have obtained a baccalaureate degree are considered Graduate Lifelong Education students. All other students are considered Undergraduate Lifelong Education students.

A person who has been denied admission to an undergraduate program at MSU may not attend as a Lifelong Education student until at least two years have elapsed from the date of that denial.

Students pursuing MSU degree programs, students pursuing programs in the Institute of Agricultural Technology or English Language Center, students pursuing the Veterinary Technology certificate program, and students who have been recessed or dismissed from MSU or any other college or university are not eligible for enrollment as Lifelong Education students.

Rules of Application, Enrollment, and Fees

1. Students who have a baccalaureate degree are considered Graduate Lifelong Education students. This information is collected as part of the application procedure. The degree granting transcript is not required as proof. Lifelong Education students who wish to be admitted as graduate degree candidates must make regular application for their desired graduate degree programs with the Office of Admissions and Scholarships. They must do so in accordance with established application deadlines for the given semester.

2. Lifelong Education students are assessed fees at the Lifelong Education rate, with the exception of specifically designated programs approved by the Board of Trustees. Regular Lifelong Education rates are set at a per credit amount. There are no additional fees associated with this status (i.e. no registration, or late registration fees, etc.).

3. Prerequisites, grading standards, class assignments, and attendance requirements of a course apply to all students in that course including Lifelong Education students.

4. Colleges, departments, and schools determine rules of access to the courses for which they are responsible, and may limit enrollment by Lifelong Education students in certain courses.

5. The Coordinator of Lifelong Education Student Affairs will monitor students' academic progress each semester to ensure that once nine or more credits have been attempted, a cumulative grade-point average of 2.00 for Undergraduate Lifelong Education students, or 3.00 for Graduate Lifelong Education Students, has been achieved. Failure to maintain the appropriate GPA standard may result in removal from Lifelong Education status.

6. Lifelong Education students are not eligible for most sources of financial assistance including federal financial assistance programs, graduate assistantships, and most fellowships. The Mildred B. Erickson Scholarship is an exception; for information call 353-1635.

7. Lifelong Education students who contemplate subsequent admission to degree programs must seek advice from the admitting department or school and college as to the applicability of courses/credits taken while in Lifelong Education status. There is no guarantee that these credits will be acceptable. Applicability is subject to the following general limits:

a. no more than 16 Lifelong Education credits may be applied to the undergraduate degree program.

b. no more than 10 Lifelong Education credits may be applied to the graduate degree program except in the Teacher Certification Internship-Year Studies Program, where the 12 credits taken in Teacher Education 801, 802, 803, and 804, or their equivalents, may be applied to a master's degree program.

c. courses taken under the Lifelong Education status may not be transferred to Human, Osteopathic, or Veterinary Medical Programs but instead may be used to waive program requirements.

Lifelong Education — Enrollment and Registration

You will be able to enroll using the enrollment system during the designated enrollment periods. In order to enroll using either method you must have obtained both your Personal ID (PID) and your Personal Access Number (PAN). Generally, you will receive a bill in the mail following your enrollment activity. In some cases you may choose to pay at least the Minimum Amount Due at an [MSU Regional Offices \(during scheduled hours\)](#). In order to become registered you must return the payment stub portion of your Registration Billing Statement along with payment at least equal to the "Minimum Amount Due" indicated on the bill. Payment should be mailed to the address indicated on the back of the payment stub. Your payment and stub must be received by the indicated due date for you to become registered. **(NOTE: Even if your "Minimum Amount Due" is \$0.00 you must return the payment stub by the indicated due date.)** Failure to meet these requirements will result in your being disenrolled - you will lose all the courses in which you enrolled. If at least the Minimum Amount Due was paid at an Extension office prior to the Registration Bill being produced, the bill will be mailed out for information only; no action will be required.

If there are any "HOLDS" noted on your Registration Billing Statement you must resolve these prior to the payment due date indicated on the bill in order to become registered. Failure to resolve all listed holds will result in your being disenrolled. (See HOLDS section for more information.)