

ADMISSION POLICIES

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

The Division of Enrollment Management exists to identify, enroll, and retain motivated and qualified students who are committed to leadership, the liberal arts, and a desire to develop as a whole person, and to assist them in seeking resources to achieve their educational goals. We seek students with intellectual curiosity, the capacity for achievement, desirable personal qualities and special talents. Further, we develop and manage an integrated marketing program for the University.

THE OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

The Office of Admissions coordinates the recruitment and selection of undergraduate and graduate students. We seek to admit students who are capable of mature college-level work and are committed to maintaining and enhancing the quality of new students. The office provides information that will help make prospective students and their support groups aware of Lenoir-Rhyne and its offerings.

Lenoir-Rhyne University admits students in all programs regardless of gender, race, religion, national origin, disability, age, sexual orientation or veteran status. In order to be considered for admission to Lenoir-Rhyne University, application must be made through the Division of Enrollment Management. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis, but priority deadlines are August 1 for Fall; December 1 for Spring, and May 1 for Summer. Applications are available from the Office of Admissions, Lenoir-Rhyne University, Box 7227, Hickory, N.C., 28603, or on the University website at www.lr.edu. Please refer to the graduate section of this catalog for information regarding admission to the Graduate School.

FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS

The Division of Enrollment Management of Lenoir-Rhyne University reviews the secondary record in order to evaluate applicants who will be successful here. The secondary record includes the high school transcript and standardized test scores. Of importance to selection is the number and level of academic courses taken in high school, as well as the performance in these classes. We are also interested in service, leadership, and other extracurricular activities in which students have participated. Students who are home schooled are welcome to apply. Applicants will be considered for admission to the First-Year upon meeting the requirements specified below. It is the student's responsibility to submit the following information:

1. A completed, accurate application for undergraduate admission and a non-refundable \$35 application fee
2. High school diploma or equivalent
3. Official high school transcript
4. Official SAT/ACT score report (if score is not included on official transcript). Lenoir-Rhyne University's CEEB (SAT) code is 5365; ACT code is 3118.
5. Satisfactory completion of required coursework (see below)
6. Official college transcript(s) if any college work has been attempted, even if course(s) are listed on high school transcript

Minimum Course Requirements

- *Four Units of English
- *Two Units of a Language other than English
- *Three Units of Mathematics including Algebra I, Algebra II and Geometry
- *One Unit of a Laboratory Science
- *One Unit of American History
- *One Unit of Chemistry preferred for students planning to major in Nursing

Upon receipt of the items above, an application will be reviewed and an admissions decision made. Neither high school grade point average nor test score has an absolute minimum requirement. It is the combination of factors that is important. Any offer of admission is contingent upon receipt of final high school transcripts showing satisfactory completion of the senior year's work.

The University may grant admission to outstanding students who have not completed four years of high school work. Students should apply for early admission only if they have an excellent high school record, supportive SAT or ACT scores, and the endorsement of their parents and their high school. An interview may be required for early admission applicants.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

A transfer is a student who has obtained a high school diploma (or equivalent) and has been enrolled at any college/university for one or more semesters following high school graduation. The Division of Enrollment Management reviews the college record in order to evaluate transfer applicants who will be successful here. Of importance to selection is the number and level of academic courses taken in college, as well as the performance in these classes. The University is also interested in service, leadership, and other extracurricular activities in which students have participated. Applicants must be in good social and academic standing at their previous institution(s).

Transfer applicants will be considered for admission upon meeting the requirements specified below. It is the student's responsibility to submit the following:

1. A completed, accurate application for undergraduate admission and a non-refundable \$35 application fee
2. Official transcripts from each college or university attended
3. Dean's reference form from each college or university attended
4. An official high school transcript and official SAT or ACT scores if less than 30 semester or 45 quarter hours have been attempted

*Students who have earned a baccalaureate degree and wish to pursue a second one are welcome to apply to Lenoir-Rhyne University.

TRANSFER OF CREDIT

An official evaluation of credit, completed by the University Registrar, will follow admission to Lenoir-Rhyne University. College courses in which a grade of "C" or better has been earned may be transferred to Lenoir-Rhyne for credit provided the credit was earned at a regionally accredited institution. Course requirements may be fulfilled, but no credit will be awarded, with a grade of "D" in the first of sequential course offerings, provided the student earned a grade of "C" or higher in the following course and the first course is a prerequisite for the following course.

A student may transfer as general elective credits up to 6 hours of passing grades below the grade of "C" from another regionally accredited institution. These hours may be used only as general elective credits and will not satisfy any program or core curriculum requirements at Lenoir-Rhyne. Once a student matriculates and continues uninterrupted, no subsequent grade below a "C" completed at another institution may be transferred for credit.

Credit from an accredited junior or community college is limited to a maximum of 64 semester or 96 quarter hours. A maximum of 96 semester hours may be transferred from all institutions.

The last 25% or 32 semester hours of course work must be completed at Lenoir-Rhyne. Exceptions to this rule may be granted by the Provost or designee.

During the evaluation of transcripts from other institutions, special scrutiny will be given to credits earned more than ten years preceding the applicant's transfer. The University reserves the right to reject such credit when, in the judgment of the University Registrar and the appropriate program faculty, the coverage and content of the particular course(s) has undergone substantive change. After a student has transferred, the grade point average is computed only on work attempted at Lenoir-Rhyne. Any transfer student may elect to transfer no credits from former institutions and take the total number of hours required for graduation at Lenoir-Rhyne University. A student who takes the total number of hours required for graduation at Lenoir-Rhyne University may elect to delete all credits from former institutions at any time prior to graduation.

Students who have earned an Associate of Arts degree from a North Carolina Community College may transfer the AA degree to Lenoir-Rhyne to be used in place of the University's core courses with the exception of REL 100, foreign language or an equivalency, any core courses that are part of the student's major, and the core's level two courses and capstone. The same rules apply to any student who transfers to Lenoir-Rhyne having previously earned a baccalaureate degree.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International applicants will be considered for admission upon meeting the requirements specified below. It is the student's responsibility to submit the following information:

1. A completed, accurate International Student Application for undergraduate admission and a non-refundable \$35 (U.S.) application fee
2. Official transcripts that have been evaluated and translated into English
3. Official TOEFL, SAT, or ACT scores. Lenoir-Rhyne University requires that students whose native language is not English demonstrate their English proficiency on the TOEFL exam. It is expected that applicants have a score of at least 550 paper based, 213 computer based, or 79 web based.
4. A completed Certificate of Finance certified by a bank official, attorney, or notary public. An I-20 form will be forwarded to the accepted student upon receipt of the \$200 enrollment fee (see Confirmation of Enrollment).

LIFELONG LEARNERS

The **Lifelong Learning (LLL)** program at Lenoir-Rhyne University is designed to serve the needs of area adult and/or non-traditional students who because of other life responsibilities need to progress at a pace consistent with these obligations. LLL students at Lenoir-Rhyne are students who require evening or more conveniently scheduled courses, although they may select classes at any time during the day.

Lifelong Learners will be considered for admission upon meeting the requirements specified below. It is the student's responsibility to submit the following:

1. A completed, accurate application for undergraduate admission and a non-refundable \$35 application fee
2. Official transcripts from each college or university attended
3. An official high school transcript and official SAT or ACT scores if less than 30 semester or 45 quarter hours have been attempted
4. Proof of eligibility to be considered for the LLL program. Candidates must be at least six years removed from high school graduation AND meet at least one of the following criteria:
 - At least two years of full time professional employment in which one does not attend college
 - At least two years of living independently, e.g. not living with parents/guardians or in any college residence
 - At least two years of full-time military service

- Have a family and children of one's own

Students who begin at Lenoir-Rhyne classified as traditional students and continue uninterrupted may not change their classification to Lifelong Learning. Students classified as LLL students who take more than 12 credit hours in a given term will be charged tuition at the standard traditional student rate.

Life Long Learning students are charged tuition at a discounted rate provided they remain registered for less than 13 credit hours. If the student enrolls in more than 12 credit hours, standard tuition charges will apply (see tuition rates for applicable charges).

RE-ENTRIES

Students in good standing who are re-entering after a one semester absence do not have to reapply for admission provided they have not attended another college or university during that time. Inquiries regarding re-entering after one semester should be addressed to the Registrar's Office.

Re-entering students in good standing, absent from the University for two or more semesters, must reapply and meet the requirements as outlined in the catalog at the time of their readmission. All transcripts of work completed at other institutions must be submitted with the application.

After satisfactory completion of the requirements outlined in the official letter of Suspension, students desiring to continue study following a period of academic or judicial suspension will be considered for admission upon meeting the requirements specified below. It is the student's responsibility to submit the following:

1. A completed, accurate application for undergraduate admission
2. If courses were taken at another college or university during the time of suspension, official transcripts from each college or university attended must be provided
3. A personal statement detailing what they have done during their time away and describing how they plan to be successful at Lenoir-Rhyne if they are allowed to return.

CONFIRMATION OF ENROLLMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS

Payment of a \$200 enrollment fee confirms the acceptance of an offer of admission. Enrollment fees for the fall term are refundable only if requests are received in writing before May 1. For the spring term, enrollment fees are refundable if written requests are received before January 1. Lifelong Learning students pay an enrollment fee of \$50 and follow the same guidelines as above.

DEFERRED ENROLLMENT

Students who have been accepted in one of the above classifications may defer enrollment for one year. The Division of Enrollment Management must be notified of the student's wish to defer prior to the start of the original term for which the student applied.

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARS ACADEMY

The Lenoir-Rhyne University High School Scholars Academy (HSSA) is a one-year program designed for high school students who seek an alternative opportunity for a full-time on-campus experience. Students will enroll in English IV Honors plus three college courses in the fall, and AP English plus three more college courses in the spring. Students are expected to attend for the full year.

The High School Scholars Academy is limited to 30 spaces for each school year. First preference for admission will be given to students enrolled in the Catawba County, Hickory Public, or Newton-Conover school systems. If there are still spaces remaining, applicants from private schools, home schools and other school systems will be considered. A waiting list will be established once the first 30 slots are filled.

High school students will be considered for admission to the High School Scholars Academy upon meeting the requirements specified below. It is the student's responsibility to submit the following:

1. Completed, accurate HSSA application
2. Official high school transcript
3. Official SAT/ACT score report (if score is not included on official transcript)
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4. Satisfactory completion of required coursework through the junior year

Official college transcript(s) if any college work has been attempted, even if course(s) are listed on high school transcript

HIGH SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

Outstanding high school students may enroll in courses at Lenoir-Rhyne University while still in high school. The University permits this arrangement for students who will be at least 16 years old on or before August 31 of the year in which enrollment is desired, and classified as a junior at their high school. High School Enrichment students may take two undergraduate courses per term at Lenoir-Rhyne.

High school students will be considered for admission to the High School Enrichment program upon meeting the requirements specified below. It is the student's responsibility to submit the following:

1. A completed, accurate High School Enrichment application
2. Official high school transcript with proof of a minimum GPA of 3.0
3. Official SAT/ACT/PSAT/PLAN score report (if score is not included on official transcript).
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4. Completed high school enrichment contract
5. Approval of participation by the administration of the student's high school

NON-DEGREE STUDENTS

This classification is for individuals who generally never plan to obtain a degree from Lenoir-Rhyne University. Non-degree students may take a maximum of 12 undergraduate-level credit hours per semester. Admission as a non-degree student is granted on a semester-by-semester basis and is only permissible when space is available. While a student may not be required to submit an additional application for subsequent semesters (depending on the length of time between enrollment), permission to enroll in more than one semester under this status must be pre-approved. Students seeking enrollment for multiple semesters should contact the Division of Enrollment Management for current policies and procedures. Non-degree students will be considered for admission upon meeting the requirements listed below.

It is the student's responsibility to submit the following:

1. A completed Non-Degree Seeking student application (currently not available online)
2. \$35 non-refundable application fee
3. Unofficial transcripts for students taking courses with prerequisites

Because this classification is designed for students taking courses purely for their edification, academic advisors are not assigned. Applicants who are under current suspension from Lenoir-Rhyne, or who were denied admission as degree-seeking first year, transfer, or graduate student, are not eligible for non-degree status.