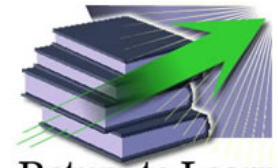


# Madonna University

## Return to Learn Program



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### About Madonna University

- **Nationally recognized for pioneering four-year programs** in sign language, hospice, gerontology, paralegal studies and fire science
- **New innovative programs** in forensic science, sport management and e-commerce
- **91% employment rate** within 12 months of graduation
- Ranked in the **U.S. News and World Report** among “*America’s Best Colleges*”
- Noted in *Great Colleges for the Real World* by Michael Voillt
- Selected as one of only 12 founding institutions for the *Foundations of Excellence Project*
- **Flexible scheduling** for the working student with class offerings in the morning, afternoon, evenings, weekends and on-line
- Over **70 undergraduate** programs and over **25 graduate** programs
- Over **\$1.6 million** in institutional financial aid awarded annually
- In addition to the main campus located in Livonia, our outreach centers are located in **Southwest Detroit, Southgate, Gaylord, and Orchard Lake, Michigan**
- **Accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools** along with over 160 additional national and state accreditations and memberships
- **Prior Learning Program (PLP)** designed to help adult students earn credit for life learning and experiences

### About “Return to Learn”

Governor Jennifer M. Granholm proclaims the month of November 2005 “Return to Learn” month in Michigan. In her weekly radio address, which airs on radio stations across the state, the Governor said college and university campuses across the state are opening their doors to invite Michigan citizens to return to the classroom to finish higher education degrees.

**“A college degree can be the ticket to a bigger paycheck for our citizens and a stronger economy for our state” said Granholm. “To attract the kind of businesses we need to grow Michigan’s economy, Michigan needs to lead the nation in the number of college-graduates we have in our state.”**

When you “return to learn,” you create better job opportunities for yourself and greater potential for the Michigan economy to grow and prosper. Consider these facts:

- Michigan’s economic future depends on an educated workforce.
- Those who earn college degrees also benefit economically – there is a direct link between learning and earning.
- Hundreds of thousands of Michigan citizens have attended college but have not obtained a college degree.
- Michigan’s colleges and universities are welcoming these working/working-age adults back with open arms, helping them to develop and pursue a “Return to Learn” plan.

### “Return to Learn” @ Madonna University

Recognized by the State of Michigan as a “**Return-to Learn**” institution, Madonna University believes that higher education should be available to persons throughout their lifetime and not just immediately after high school graduation. The University welcomes all persons who wish to return to study later in life, either on full-time or part-time schedules. Military personnel, civil service employees, management and supervisory personnel from business and industry, homemakers, and personnel from allied health occupations may pursue degree programs appropriate to their lifetime interests. All applicants follow the regular admissions procedures.

Candidates from areas of specialization, e.g., law enforcement, health, fire protection, and occupational safety, may receive credit for on-the-job field experience and for related knowledge.

Each academic department determines the credit awarded for external study experience and professional training. A personal interview with the Prior Learning Director is required.

***Your Success: Our Greatest Achievement***



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## **Advantages @ Madonna University**

### ***Prior Learning Credit***

**The Prior Learning Program (PLP)** at Madonna University has been designed to help adult students gain college credit for learning they have acquired before returning to the University. The main objective of the Prior Learning Program (PLP) is to facilitate the transfer into college credit or the learning acquired through life learning and experiences.

A formally admitted student can apply for prior learning credit after earning 12 semester hours of credit at Madonna University. The credit can be applied toward a major, minor, or other required or elective courses. With the assistance of an evaluator, the student can decide what course content has been mastered, how the knowledge will be documented (letters, certificates, work samples) and evaluated (portfolio, exam, product, video, observation). Usually the grade of "S" (Satisfactory) is recorded for Prior Learning Credit.

A student applying for prior learning credit will need to correlate such learning with college courses, and have that evaluated in one of a variety of ways. Among these are: University approved standardized tests, (CLEP and NLN), Armed Services Evaluations (for education in military services), University Department Challenge Tests, video (for musical/theatrical performances), interview, product or portfolio.

### ***Career Services***

The Career Services Office provides assistance to students seeking work experience, part-time or full-time employment, career counseling, testing, and advising. Co-op students gain academic credit and paid job experience directly related to their field of study. Annually, over 100 employers participate in the co-op program, giving students a head start in new careers.

Students and alumni are invited to participate in job fairs, the resume referral service, and workshops in resume writing, job search techniques, and interviewing. Individuals seeking assistance in developing their career plans may meet with a counselor and utilize SIGI PLUS, an interactive computer career guidance system that facilitates self assessment.

### ***Continuing Education and Degree Completion***

Madonna University will help any prospective student create a degree completion plan — a road map that can open up new doors of economic opportunity. An admissions officer can talk to you about the availability of financial aid, how to build on previous coursework, how to transfer credits from one institution to another, and how to pursue the degree and career you are most interested in.

To talk with a Madonna University Admissions Officer, call 800/852-4951 or send an e-mail inquiry to the Admissions Office.