

INTERNATIONAL
LEARNING
UNIT (ILU)
ILU OVERVIEW

“ The new outcomes based
standard for the 21st century ”



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The Learning Unit (© LERN), or International Learning Unit- ILU (© LERN) is an outcome based measurement of learning designed for lifelong learning activities.

History

There are a number of organizations that have asked LERN to develop an outcomes based alternative measure and standard to the time based continuing education unit (CEU). The ILU was designed to provide an outcomes based alternative for programs.

Definition

0.1 Learning Units is gained by an outcome based evaluation composed of 5 content items learned, with a pass rate of 80%. (© LERN)

Evaluation

A common method of evaluation is a test. Other acceptable evaluations include demonstrations, essays, evaluated online discussions, presentations and other outcome-based evaluations.

Content items

A common content item is a question. Other acceptable content items include skill based or manual techniques, written comments (such as a thesis, point, illustration, or other words), and any other components, five of which constitute the evaluation. A Content Item is a fundamental aspect of knowledge, a collection of key

facts, a set of essential abilities, and/or a demonstrated understanding that is the intended outcome of the learning activity.

Pass rate

The pass rate is a minimum of 80%, or four out of five content items. In some cases, Providers or Approval Agencies may require a higher standard where necessary or required.

Players

Those using ILUs include Learners, those individuals who gain Learning Units (© LERN); Providers, those organizations and entities that provide learning activities, evaluations and the awarding of Learning Units (© LERN); and Approval Agencies, those organizations and entities that regulate professions, accept credit, approve relicensure, and provide other recognition for specific fields and areas of endeavor.



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Guidelines for Providers

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Guidelines for Approving Agencies

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Registering

You may register to offer the ILU anytime on the ILU web site.

See the "FAQ Guidelines for Providers" for complete details on registration.

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