




# 5 Ways to Finish What You Started and Advance Your Career

Loyola University New Orleans has been a pioneer of degree programs for working adults for more than a century. Today, Loyola Online offers adult learner programs that are flexible, affordable, and taught by the same experienced faculty you'll find on campus. Find out how Loyola Online can help you finish what you started.

## 1. Set the pace for your education.



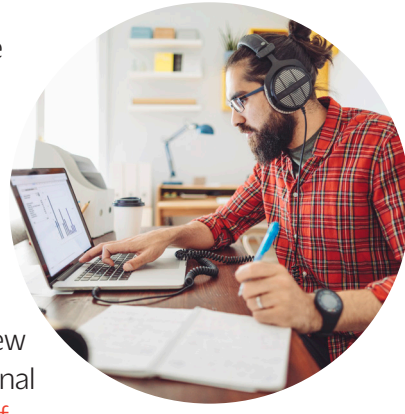
A bachelor's degree may feel out of reach if you've taken a break from academics, especially if you are also juggling work and family priorities. We want to remind you that there is no singular path to degree completion. In fact, the National Center for Education Statistics estimates that in 2020, the average time to degree completion was six years – and only 64% of students earned their degree in that time frame, or even at the same university.

At Loyola Online, our mission is to show you that anything is possible. Our [fully online programs](#) are designed just for you with flexibility that allows you to study on your own time and learn from the same expert faculty as on-campus students. You'll earn your degree on a schedule that fits your life while you continue working and applying your new skills to advance right away.


## 2. Build the skills you already have.

We recognize that adults have a passion for learning and a set of practical skills gained through work, and we celebrate the diverse backgrounds and lived experiences that our students bring to their programs. At Loyola Online, you'll be able to use your existing knowledge and experience to move through your chosen program quickly and efficiently.

With program options in business, communication, criminology and justice, ministry and theology, and nursing, you can pick up where you left off to advance in your current career or start on a new professional path with confidence. If you are already on a professional track, take advantage of stackable credentials through our [Office of Professional and Continuing Studies](#), which offers an array of short and long-term certificates and programs. These "stackable" credentials allow working professionals to add to their knowledge base, qualify for promotions, and build toward certificates and degrees in fields including healthcare, cyber security, human resources, and more.



## 3. Invest in yourself.




A degree is a financial investment, but more importantly, it's an investment in your future, your career, and yourself. Not only will a bachelor's degree provide you with a more finely tuned skill set, but it will also increase your opportunities for promotions and enhance your overall earning potential.

At Loyola Online, we recognize that finances play a big role in the decision to return to school, and we are here to help you plan for the future in a way that is affordable. You'll enjoy [a highly competitive tuition](#), as well as [a range of financial aid options](#). Best of all, our dedicated team will work with you from the start to help you understand possible funding options to complete your degree in a way that works for your life and your budget. As a result, you'll earn the same highly respected Loyola degree online as you would on campus and enjoy value that lasts a lifetime.

## 4. Get the support you need to succeed.

Returning to school as a working adult can feel overwhelming. When it comes to choosing a bachelor's degree program, especially one that is online, you need to know that no matter where you are, around the corner or around the globe, you are part of your school's community and have the support you need to succeed.

For more than a century, Loyola has been supporting adult learners with the resources they need to reach their goals. Our [Online Success Office](#) empowers students with the development of goals and study strategies to ensure success. In addition, the [Student Success Center](#) and [Career Development Center](#) are both available, online or on campus. From opportunities to meet with career counselors and attend virtual job fairs to webinars and tutoring services, you'll have lifetime access to career resources and personalized support to make degree completion possible. Take, for example, what one of our online students had to say about her experience ...




*"The support I have received so far has been fantastic! Everyone from admissions, my advisor and to the financial aid team have gone above and beyond to make sure that I am set up for success. Going back to school as an adult learner and being out of the game for some time already presents its own unique challenges, but hands down the staff at Loyola have made my entire experience a breeze."*

— Christina P. '20

We have also been awarded the Quality Matters certification for Online Learner Support, a distinction that only 11 other universities have attained. The Quality Matters certification recognizes programs that offer comprehensive services necessary for student success and use student feedback to continually upgrade services.



## 5. Be the best you possible.



Earning your degree offers a special opportunity for growth – academically, personally, and professionally. You can apply the unique perspectives you've gained in the workplace to add real-life value to your courses as you share and learn with faculty and peers alike. And just as you enrich the lives of those around you with your lived experiences, you can gain valuable insight from others as well.

As a Catholic, Jesuit university, Loyola creates an academic community dedicated to the whole person and offers a rich tradition of educating students with an emphasis on social justice and a desire to make the world a better place. As part of our community, you can share your unique experiences with peers and develop new skills with the support of dedicated faculty. You'll grow personally and professionally in a learning environment where you can be your authentic self, showcase your talents, and develop the expertise to excel wherever life takes you.

## Ready for the next step?

If you want to make a move that can change your life and your career for the better, Loyola Online is ready for you.

[Apply to Loyola Online today.](#) Our application process is convenient and hassle-free, and you'll have the opportunity to transfer previous credits. Plus, you'll enjoy:

- No application fee
- No test-score requirements
- Assistance obtaining official transcripts at no cost
- No deposit required
- An admissions decision within two weeks of application completion

Have questions? [Send us an email](#) or call or text us at 504-588-6025 anytime to learn more about our programs, the admissions process, or anything else you might want to know. We're here to help you reach your goals.

