In today’s VUCA world, one needs to remain agile, and lifelong learning is key to this agility.

In your career, we will be your anchor for lifelong learning so that you can make sense of the future economy and your future jobs.

To our students, we say that NUS is committed to helping you grow as a person. NUS will be here for you, for life. We aim to empower you so that you can give back to the community, to help others succeed.

- Professor Tan Eng Chye, NUS President

The importance of Continuing Education and Training (CET) or lifelong learning is heightened by the rapidly changing VUCA environment and NUS sees CET as an integral part of our students’ education and personal development.

With NUS alumni adopting a lifelong learning mindset and CET becoming an institutional focus for NUS, NUS’ responsibility as a provider of university education will shift from preparing our students for a ‘career of a lifetime’ to ‘a lifetime of careers’.

- Professor Ho Teck Hua, NUS Senior Deputy President and Provost

There will be better vertical and horizontal integration, as alumni can connect with graduates from different cohorts in the classroom.

Lifelong learning brings in another important dimension to the NUS-alumni relationships, beyond the social and other forms of engagement we already offer. Alumni can connect with graduates from different cohorts in the classroom and also enjoy the flexibility of taking modules in various disciplines, resulting in a vibrant alumni culture.

- Professor Susanna Leong, NUS Vice Provost (Lifelong Education)

The NUS L³ initiative innovatively reconfigures the entire construct of NUS’ CET offerings, advancing it beyond merely lining up a suite of CET courses for subscription.

We constantly disrupt our own thinking and challenge ourselves – what else can we do to encourage more of our alumni to embrace the lifelong learning mindset and make it easier and more intuitive for them to embark on this journey?

- Professor Wei Kwok Kee, Dean, NUS School of Continuing and Lifelong Education (SCALE)

NUS is giving back to the alumni community through the NUS L³ programme, which will help our alumni to continually upgrade themselves professionally.

NUS L³ is a dynamic initiative. The NUS L³ CET course catalogue is carefully curated to ensure that the courses are skills-based and industry-relevant. Depending on shifting demands and industry needs, periodic updates will be made to the catalogue so that the courses offered will always be relevant.

- Dr. Chan Mun Kitt, Vice Dean (Executive & Professional Development), NUS SCALE
WHAT IS NUS L³?

For NUS Alumni
Graduates who have completed their degree at the National University of Singapore (NUS) are automatically eligible. All current and future students will also be eligible upon graduation.

Choice of Academic Modules and Short Courses
Offered in both academic modules and short courses, lessons are conducted in the days and the evenings. Alumni may select courses that meet their learning needs and schedule.

Wide Array of Contemporary Courses
Leveraging on the multi-disciplinary expertise of 17 NUS Faculties and Schools, NUS L³ offers a comprehensive, curated catalogue of CET courses guided by the Singapore government’s Industry Transformation Maps (ITMs), with a focus on the emerging skills areas identified under the SkillsFuture Series. Industry 4.0 type of courses are also available.

NUS LIFELONG LEARNERS

Provisions of Lifelong Learning Support
NUS L³ ensures our graduates have access to skills-based, industry-relevant courses necessary for upskilling or reskilling, to stay competitive in our digital age.

Option to Stack Towards a Certification and/or a 2nd Qualification
Alumni may choose to stack qualified academic modules into a certification (i.e., Specialist/Graduate Certificate) and/or a 2nd qualification (i.e., Graduate Diploma, Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree).

Learning Opportunities All-Year Round
Short courses are offered all-year round and there are two intakes a year for academic modules, i.e., Semester 1 (August) and Semester 2 (January).

Application Dates to Note:
1 – 31 Oct 2018 for Semester 2 (Dec 2019) Intake

HOW DOES NUS L³ WORKS?

Alumni may select Continuing Education & Training (CET) courses (academic modules/short courses) from 2 CET course baskets:

SSG-Funded
Academic Modules/Short Courses Open to NUS Alumni and the Public

SSG-Funded
Academic Modules Self-Funded

Qualification (i.e. Graduate Diploma, Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree):
Take additional modules as required

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Take additional modules as required

Certification (i.e. Specialist/Graduate Certificate):
Take additional modules as required

One free academic module

ACCESSIBLE
NUS CET courses are accessible by busy working professionals as they are designed to enable learning anytime, anywhere.

APPlicable
Knowledge and skills effectively gained through NUS CET courses are highly applicable at the workplace.

ACCRUable
Pursuit of additional credentials could enhance one’s career and/or facilitate a career change.

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PEDAGOGY
- Skills-based
- Industry-relevant
- Pedagogy/Andragogy Research
- Blended-learning

PATHWAY
- Stack to a Certification and/or a 2nd Qualification

APPLICATIONS
- Online Components
- ‘Learn on Demand’ Systems

PLACE & PACE
- Online Components
- ‘Learn on Demand’ Systems

4Ps Approach
- Triple-A Benefits enabled by NUS’ CET

NUS CET VALUE PROPOSITION
NUS L³ seeks to equip NUS alumni with the latest knowledge and skills demanded in today’s digital workplace. To deliver this mission, the NUS CET model is designed to ensure that NUS alumni benefit from our CET training that is APPLICABLE, ACCESSIBLE and ACCRUable (Triple-A), enabled by NUS’ CET 4Ps Approach.
Frequently Asked Questions

1. How many courses will be available?
NUS L³ courses will be launched in phases. The first edition of the NUS L³ Continuing Education & Training (CET) course catalogue consists of approximately 500 courses. The NUS L³ course catalogue is available at scale.nus.edu.sg/AlumniLifeLongLearning/index.html.

2. What areas will be covered?
The courses will be in selected Industry Transformation Map clusters, such as Manufacturing, Modern Services and Essential Domestic Services, and will match the eight priority and emerging skills areas identified under the SkillsFuture Series: Data Analytics; Finance; Tech-Enabled Services; Digital Media; Cybersecurity; Entrepreneurship; Urban Solutions; and Advanced Manufacturing. Additional courses not under the SkillsFuture Series will also be offered under NUS L³.

3. What types of courses will be available?
The CET course catalogue will comprise two categories of courses. The first category are academic modules which are credit-learning and may be stackable towards certifications such as Specialist/Graduate Certificates and qualifications such as Graduate Diplomas, or even Bachelor’s/Master’s Degrees. The classes are generally held throughout a semester of 17 to 18 weeks. Academic modules may be SSG-funded or otherwise.

The second category are SSG-funded short courses which do not earn credits and are conducted over a shorter period of time, typically ranging from 1 to 5 days.

4. Is there an age limit for NUS L³?
Under NUS L³, student enrolment is valid for 20 years from the point of first admission as an undergraduate or graduate student, whichever is earlier. This would mean that all current and future students would be automatically eligible for NUS L³ upon graduation.

5. Who is eligible for the virtual voucher?
Alumni who are under the NUS L³ are eligible for one virtual voucher. However, alumni who were/are enrolled in any module offered under the Lifelong Learning Initiative (LLI) for NUS Alumni, will not be eligible for the virtual voucher.

6. What can the virtual voucher be used for?
The virtual voucher can be used to take an academic module for free. The majority of academic modules are worth 4 Modular Credits (MCS). Please note that virtual vouchers cannot be used for SSG-funded courses.

7. If I am/was in the LLI programme, am I entitled to the virtual voucher offered under NUS L³?
LLI participants will not be entitled to the virtual voucher under NUS L³.

8. If I am/was in the LLI programme, can I enrol in NUS L³? Can I use the modules taken in LLI to stack towards a certification/qualification?
Yes you can enrol in NUS L³. If you subsequently wish to pursue a certification, i.e. Specialist/Graduate Certificate, or qualification, i.e. Graduate Diploma, Bachelor’s/Master’s Degree, you may submit a request for modules you have taken under LLI to be taken into consideration as part of the certification/qualification requirements.

9. What certification will I get at the end of the semester?
You may apply for an official academic transcript (fees apply) from the Student Services Centre or through the Online Transcript Application portal (https://myaces.nus.edu.sg/transcripts/ and select CPE Programme/Other).

10. What other lifelong learning support will there be for NUS alumni in the future?
NUS is taking a phased approach to lifelong learning support for NUS Alumni. We believe that mature alumni who have gained extensive working experience would benefit from a different instructional model. NUS will be introducing new initiatives for different segments of adult learners in due course.

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