NLU Q/A relating to transfer of Kendall’s programs to NLU

Why did Kendall/Laureate choose National Louis University for the transfer of programs?
After careful consideration, the boards of Kendall, Laureate and NLU all agreed that NLU would provide the best opportunity for Kendall students. Like Kendall, NLU offers holistic services to ensure student success and is focused on professional preparation and placement for students.

I am not familiar with NLU, is it ranked?
NLU has received recognition from many ranking agencies, organizations and prestigious foundations such as U.S. News & World Report, College Factual, MSN Money, Money Magazine, Online Learning Consortium, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the Michael & Susan Dell Foundation. Many of our alumni, faculty and staff have also received top honors in their fields including Teacher of the Year, Latinos 40 Under 40 in Chicago, 2017 Digital Learning Innovation Award, and Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching. NLU has also received classification for Community Engagement from the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education, is identified as a Hispanic-Serving Institution through the U.S. Department of Education, and was honored with the Seven Seals Award and the Patriot Award by the U.S. Department of Defense.

Will all of my General Education classes transfer to National Louis University?
Yes, if you are a current student at Kendall College, National Louis will accept all of your general education credits.

I am a current business online student; can I finish my degree at NLU?
Yes, current Kendall business students will be able to complete their degree at NLU.

Will NLU continue to offer the BA in Culinary Arts?
Yes, if you are currently enrolled in the BA in Culinary Arts, you will be able to finish your BA in Culinary Arts.

NLU does not have kitchens, how can you have a culinary program?
NLU intends to build state-of-the-art kitchens, a cafeteria and restaurant on a floor in our building at 122 S. Michigan Ave. This is a joint project with Kendall and Laureate — who will be providing both their professional expertise and substantial financial support.

I am enrolled in the Kendall ECE program, will that program transfer to NLU?
NLU has offered early childhood programs since our founding in 1886, including an early childhood licensure program. Any student is welcome to enroll in our early childhood programs. NLU does not currently offer the ECE licensure program fully online, but intend to as part of this transfer of programs, pending regulatory approvals.

Will my diploma say Kendall College?
Yes, if you are in the hospitality or culinary program, your diploma will say Kendall College of Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management at National Louis University.

Will NLU cost more?
NLU is committed to ensuring that the cost of completing your degree, for currently enrolled students will not increase and may go down. If NLU’s current pricing is lower than Kendall’s pricing, students will pay the lower price.

Will it take me longer to graduate?
No, this transfer of programs will not cause you to take longer finishing your degree.

We have required internships for graduation, will NLU still help us get them?
Yes, we will continue to help students get internships and job placements upon graduation. NLU has a Career Bridge which includes career services advisors and resources to guide your career search and an employer relations staff that connects students to employers for both internships and full-time opportunities. NLU plans to continue the same types of internship opportunities that are currently offered in the culinary arts, baking and pastry and hospitality management programs.

Will NLU honor the Laureate dual degree discount?
Yes, for all currently enrolled students NLU will hold the line on costs. You will not pay more than you are currently paying.

I am an international student; how will this transfer impact me?
NLU is a certified Student Exchange and Visitors Program (SEVP) institution authorize to issue F-1 visas to eligible international students. If you are an F-1 student at Kendall College your F-1 will transfer to NLU. As a SEVP certified institution, NLU will submit for approval for J-1 visas.

Will my current professors be going to NLU too?
We are still working on the exact number of faculty, staff and student support staff positions that will be needed. We hope to have the positions identified by early March. As soon as they are identified, they will be posted on an internal website that only Kendall and NLU employees will be able to access. Our hope is that most, if not all, of the added positions will be filled by Kendall employees.

What is NLU’s ADA policy?
NLU has and follows an ADA policy that meets all guidelines. For more information visit nl.edu/librarylearningsupport/adaaccommodations

National Louis is a nonprofit, non-denominational University offering bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees in the fields of education, management, human services, counseling, public policy, and others concerned with career and professional development.

National Louis’ roots date back to 1886 when it first began providing educational access to adult, immigrant and minority populations. Our mission to provide innovative and superior and supportive educational experience for students of all ages and backgrounds continues today through progressive and professionally focused programs. National Louis, well-known for an exceptional history in teacher training, is committed to the preparation of professionals who serve their communities and provide leadership to improve urban environments.

In 2015, NLU launched the Pathways Program which offers students — especially low-income and minority students — wraparound support services to overcome real-life barriers to college success. The program is designed to address cost barriers and helps students attain the college degrees employers will require in the future.