

Singapore University of Social Sciences alumni will receive \$500 learning credit



Senior Minister of State for Education and Trade and Industry Chee Hong Tat arriving at the Singapore University of Social Sciences to launch the LIFE initiative on Sept 8, 2018. PHOTO: FACEBOOK/SINGAPORE UNIVERSITY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

The aim of the credit, which has no expiry date, is to encourage the university's alumni to enrol in new undergraduate or graduate courses, including modular ones. The credit can be used together with the university's existing alumni schemes, which provide free modular courses and fee concessions, as well as the SkillsFuture Credit scheme.

The announcement comes as SUSS on Saturday (Sept 8) launched its lifelong and experiential learning brand of education, known as SUSS Life, to cater to learners' needs before, during and after their university education.

SUSS president Cheong Hee Kiat said the initiative "embodies our open, inclusive admissions approach that offers learning journeys for individuals across a wide range of age, background and stage of life".

He added more will be done for lifelong learners under the initiative, which will be led by the university's new College of Lifelong and Experiential Learning.

The new college will consolidate SUSS's various lifelong learning activities such as continuing education, training courses and overseas exposure programmes. It will work with the various schools to prepare students for work attachments and run professional conversion programmes, among other things.

Mr Chee Hong Tat, Senior Minister of State for Trade and Industry and Education, who launched the LifeE initiative at the SUSS campus, said one is never too old to learn.

He added: "Lifelong learning can also deepen our skills and knowledge in different areas of work and enable us to transit into new roles as part of a globally competitive workforce."

Mr Chee noted that there are many different ways to learn, but "the most important thing is to have the passion to learn".