

Gateways Project
Summary of PLAR in US Institutions
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Institution	PLAR Contacts	Summary of PLAR Standing
Akamai University 193 Kinoole Street Hilo, Hawaii 96720 USA (877) 934-8793	http://www.akamaiuniversity.us/priorlearning.html	The University respects the college-level prior learning of its adult students to the extent that such learning is appropriate to the degrees pursued by the students and satisfies the expectations of the University's faculty. The University allows prior learning to be credited from professional portfolio evaluations, as well as course challenge examinations. The source of prior learning might include work experience, non-college training, continuing education, seminars and conferences, career experiences and personal achievements, employment training, language training, technical classes, training leading to special certificates, diplomas and licenses and other advanced level learning obtained from personal and professional achievements.
Alverno College 3400 South 43rd Street, P.O. Box 343922 Milwaukee, WI 53234-3922 1-800-933-3401	http://www.alverno.edu/prospective_students/credit_prior_learning.html Admissions Office 414-382-6100 GOOD WEBSITE LAYOUT BY DIV	The Prior Learning Assessment program is for adult students and continuing education students who possess valuable work and life experience and for traditional age students who may have done extensive volunteer work, speak a foreign language, or who possess other potentially relevant experience.
Baldwin-Wallace College 275 Eastland Road Berea, Ohio 44017 (440) 826-2900	http://www.bw.edu/lifelearn/current/explearn/pla/ Lifelong Learning at 440-826-2121 WEAK ONLY 1 PAGE	With the guidance and assistance of course instructors, students learn how to organize and evaluate their experiences into groups of knowledge and begin writing what will become a carefully articulated document of personal achievements that equate to college level learning. Credit hours earned through Prior Learning Assessment range from 1-63, with the average portfolio receiving between 10 and 20 credit hours.
Bellvue University Bellevue University 1000 Galvin Road South Bellevue, Nebraska 68005 1-800-756-7920	http://www.bellevue.edu/resources/ela_overview.asp WEAK ONLY 1 PAGE	Requires a student to develop a portfolio that faculty evaluate for earning university credit. The student relates knowledge acquired through life experiences. ELA is earned for learning from a variety of experiences, including: supervisory and management experience, service on civic or charitable organizations, corporate training, job knowledge, significant skills such as photography, computer programming, etc., and personal, life-altering or life-challenging experiences. It is strongly advised that no more than 20 to 30 credits should be earned through ELA.

Bismarck State College 1500 Edwards Avenue PO Box 5587 Bismarck, ND 58506 1-800-445-5073	http://www.bismarckstate.edu/online/prior.asp Karen Bauer- PLA Coordinator Karen.Bauer@bsc.nodak.edu	Credit is awarded for the knowledge gained, not for the experience itself; therefore, credit is granted for verifiable college-level learning acquired through life or work experience. A maximum of 30 semester hours of CLEP credit may be applied to any degree, diploma, or certificate program.
Bunker Hill Community College 250 New Rutherford Avenue Boston, MA 02129-2925 (617)228-BHCC	http://www.bhcc.mass.edu/SS/StudentResources/PriorLearning.php Prior Learning Assessment Program (617)228-2350 pla@bhcc.mass.edu	The Prior Learning Assessment Program provides an opportunity for students to condense the time of their study by granting credits for college level knowledge and skills. Common sources for this kind of learning are: jobs, volunteer work, skills training, workshops or study groups, and community involvement.
Cabrini College 610 King of Prussia Rd. Radnor, PA 19087-3698 610.902.8100	http://www.cabrini.edu/default.aspx?pageid=313 WEAK ONLY 1 PAGE	Enrolled students in the Bachelor of Arts in Organizational Management are given the opportunity for Assessment of Prior Learning.
California State University Monterey Bay, 100 Campus Center, Seaside, CA 93955-8001 (831)582-3000	http://csumb.edu/info/services/assessment.html Amy Driscoll 831-582-4539 amy_driscoll@csumb.edu	If through prior study or life experiences, students have already achieved the knowledge and skills targeted. It is not necessary for students to engage in additional learning experiences, but rather to reflect on their prior learning experiences and demonstrate their achievement. Students must register to engage in an independent assessment process to show that they have acquired the knowledge and skills specified.
Central Michigan University, Mount Pleasant, Mich. 48859 (989) 774-4000	http://www.cel.cmich.edu/prior-learning/plassess.html	Portfolios are assessed by members of the Prior Learning Assessment Team. Team members use the following procedures to review, evaluate and recommend credit awards: Documentation Review, Portfolio Assessment. Portfolio Re-evaluation/Additional Evaluation
Central Piedmont Community College P.O. Box 35009 Charlotte, NC 28235 USA	http://www.cpcc.edu/pla/ Dianne Cates (704) -330-6946	Working adults who are returning to a learning environment often possess skills and knowledge gained through life experiences can receive credit. Adults learn on the job, in military service, and through hobbies, friends, television or books.
Charter Oak State College 55 Paul J. Manafort Drive New Britain, CT 06053-2150 (860) 832-3800	http://www.cosc.edu/programs/portfolio/PortfolioAssessment.cfm http://www.charteroak.edu/Programs/portfolio/index.cfm	The portfolio contains a separate section for each college course that you challenge. For each section (each course credit request) you must submit: An approved description of a credit-bearing college course, from a regionally accredited institution, that fits your knowledge, a personal narrative that describes your learning, and documentary evidence that supports your claim that you have knowledge and that what you know reflects the knowledge base described in the catalog description.
College of Technology at Montana State University 3803 Central Ave Billings, MT 59102 (406)247-3000	http://www.msubillings.edu/cot/FastTrack/PriorLearning.htm	Students can receive credit by developing a portfolio that documents how they have acquired knowledge and skills that match the learning objectives in a specific undergraduate course. Students may transfer up to 15 credits at the undergraduate level through credit for prior learning evaluation.

<p>College for Lifelong Learning 125 N. State Street, Concord, NH 03301 (603)-228-3000</p>	<p>http://www.cll.edu/services/prior_learning.htm</p> <p>Contact an Academic Advisor for more information</p>	<p>Will apply a maximum of 48 prior learning credits towards an associate degree and 94 credits towards a bachelor's degree. Of these, a maximum of 32 credits toward an associate degree or 64 credits toward a bachelor's degree can be earned through testing. These credit limits include all types of prior learning (transfer credit, tests, validation, plus training and assessment portfolios).</p>
<p>The College of St. Scholastica 1200 Kenwood Ave. Duluth, MN 55811-4199 1-800-447-5444</p>	<p>http://adep.css.edu/whatpla.shtml</p>	<p>PLA is the process of: Identifying a learner's previous life or workplace learning, comparing that learning to the learning requirements of a particular course or program, assessing/evaluating the learner's knowledge and skills, recognizing the learning by granting academic credit in an equivalent course or program. Various methods are used alone or in combination to assess learning including: Portfolio of evidence, Case study assignments, learning essays, Department exams, Performance observation, skill demonstration, product assessment, simulations, Licenses, certifications.</p>
<p>Columbia Southern University 25326 Canal Road Orange Beach, Alabama 36561 (251) 981.3771</p>	<p>http://www.colsouth.edu/Admissions/admission_information.html</p>	<p>A Prior Learning Portfolio must be completed to properly document all experiential learning that is to be considered for college credit.</p>
<p>Columbus State Community College P.O. Box 1609 Columbus, OH 43216-1609 1.614.287.5353</p>	<p>http://www.csc.edu/pla/faq.htm</p>	<p>A portfolio documenting prior learning for a particular course must be prepared. In the portfolio, you will include evidence that you have knowledge and skills, which match the outcomes which are identified for a particular course.</p>
<p>Community College of Rhode Island 400 East Avenue Warwick, Rhode Island 02886-1807 (401) 825-1000</p>	<p>http://www.ccr.edu/priorlearning/index.shtml</p>	<p>The assessment of your prior learning may require the preparation of a portfolio</p>
<p>Community College of Vermont Multiple locations</p>	<p>http://www.ccv.edu/APL/</p> <p>Office of External Programs at 802-828-4064</p>	<p>Enroll in college's three-credit Assessment of Prior Learning course. At the end of the semester, you will submit your portfolio to the Vermont State Colleges Office of External Programs. No limits are placed on the number of credits you may receive. Your credit award will depend on how much college-equivalent knowledge you have acquired</p>
<p>The Council for Adults & Experiential Learning 55 East Monroe Street Suite 1930 Chicago Illinois 60603 312-499-2600</p>	<p>http://www.cael.org/online_pla_certificate_program.htm</p>	<p>The PLA certificate program consists of four web-based workshops each with 4-7 modules.</p>

Davenport University 616-336-9320	http://www.davenport.edu/du/currentstudents/dearborn/academicresources/priorlearn/default.htm	Academic credit may be awarded to those students who produce a completed portfolio detailing college-level learning gained through experience. Consideration will be given to learning gained through career and personal experience in job-related activities and community participation, as well as that based on training from specialized schools or testing programs. A maximum of 40 semester hours may be obtained through Prior Learning
Delta College 1961 Delta Rd University Center, MI 48710 (989)686-9000	http://www.delta.edu/assess/CreditPriorLearnFlyer.html Assessment/Testing Services at (989) 686-9338 or e-mail at assess@delta.edu	The Credit For Prior Learning Program, administered through Assessment/Testing Services, is designed for students who have gained learning that may be equivalent to content taught in actual college courses through relevant work experience and/or training.
District Services and Training Center - A North Harris Montgomery Community College 5000 Research Forest Drive The Woodlands, TX - 77381-4356 (832)-813.6500	http://wwwdstc.nhmccd.edu/Templates/Content.aspx?pid=5164	PLA allows students to demonstrate their knowledge in a number of disciplines and gain credit for courses offered including internal and external challenge exams, portfolios, military transcripts, and external evaluations. A student can use PLA credit for no more than 50% of their certificate program and 75% if they are working on an Associate's degree.
Duquesne University 600 Forbes Avenue Pittsburgh PA 15282 412-396-6000	http://www.leadership.duq.edu/pdf/priorlearning.pdf http://www.leadership.duq.edu/home/main.cfm?SID=10085	Students who wish to pursue credit for life experience must: Obtain approval from the PLA coordinator, Complete a minimum of 60 credits toward his/her degree, and Complete the course requirements for CEPLA 380W. The course (CEPLA 380W) is a 3-credit graded course that applies as an elective. During the course, students develop a portfolio that consists of four sections: Autobiography, Learning Inventory, Prior Learning Preliminaries and Prior Learning Essay Materials.
Eastern Michigan University 300 West Michigan Avenue 473 Gary Owen Building Ypsilanti, Michigan 48197 (734) 487 4140	http://www.emich.edu/public/cob/ug/priorlrng.html Gene Bennion, Program Coordinator Prior Learning Assessment (734)487-0427 gene.bennion@emich.edu	The College of Business Offers Prior Learning Assessment through Continuing Education. Students have the opportunity to earn credit or to enroll in advanced courses through a variety of options including the following: College Level Examination Program (CLEP), Credit-by-examination (Available through academic departments when CLEP is not available), Validation and Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)
Edmunds Community College 20000 68th Ave W Lynnwood, WA 98036 (425)640-1459	http://priorlearning.edcc.edu/ WEAK ONLY 1 PAGE Pam LeMay, PLA Director (425) 640-1360 plemay@edcc.edu	Knowledge that is current and corresponds to courses taught by the college may be assessed for college credit. Your level of competence should be comparable to that of students in regular courses, including both theoretical and practical knowledge of the subject. Most credit for prior learning is awarded on a "course equivalency" model.
Empire State College One Union Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 587-2100	http://www.esc.edu/esconline/across_esc/assessmnt.nsf/wholeshortlinks2/Prior+Learning+Assessmnt?opendocument	Many people have developed learning outside of the traditional classroom and this knowledge is as valuable as knowledge gained through more formal learning situations. Credit is granted for verifiable learning, but not for the experience itself.

<p>Ferris State University The University Center for Extended Learning 410 Oak Street, Alumni 113 Big Rapids, MI 49307 1.800.562.9130</p>	<p>http://www.ferris.edu/htmls/colleges/ucel/services/priorlearning.htm</p>	<p>Recognizes that many non-traditional students have acquired college-level learning through independent study, work and life experience outside the traditional classroom setting. Credit may be earned by taking a proficiency exam or developing a portfolio for review.</p>
<p>Friends University 2100 W. University St. Wichita KS 67213 316-295-5000</p>	<p>http://www.friends.edu/academics/caps/pla.asp http://www.friends.edu/academics/caps/pla_overview.asp Director of Assessment Bob Epperly, Ph.D. epperly@friends.edu</p>	<p>The maximum amount of experiential learning credit which may be awarded is 30 credit hours. An essay format is used to express the knowledge and experiences related to a specific subject area.</p>
<p>Goddard College 123 Pitkin Road Plainfield, VT 05667 1-800-906-8312</p>	<p>http://www.goddard.edu/academic/APLprocess.html admissions@goddard.edu</p>	<p>The process begins only after enrollment and in consultation with the Prior Learning Coordinator. The process involves two phases: the identification and articulation of the college-equivalent learning in terms of "course equivalents." A Petition is prepared that describes that learning and makes clear the role that this learning plays in meeting Goddard's degree criteria. If the petition is accepted a Portfolio is prepared that substantiates and documents the proposed learning. Credit is granted only at the undergraduate level, and only up to a maximum of 45 credits.</p>
<p>Harford Community College 401 Thomas Run Road Bel Air, MD 21015 (410)-836-4000</p>	<p>http://www.harford.edu/Testing/credByExam.asp</p>	<p>Students can earn as many as 30 credits by examination or a combination of examination and portfolio assessment.</p>
<p>Iowa State University Ames, Iowa 50011 (515) 294-4111</p>	<p>http://www.dietetics.iastate.edu/intern/pal_intro.htm Food Science and Nutrition Program Jean Anderson Dietetic Internship Director (515) 294-7316 janderso@iastate.edu</p>	<p>The Iowa State University Dietetic Internship participates in the Prior Assessed Learning program is designed to grant internship credit in specific rotations of the internship based on the qualified applicant's previous life experiences including work, volunteer, achievement, education, or family responsibilities.</p>
<p>Ivy Tech State College 1-888-IVY-LINE</p>	<p>http://www.ivytech.edu/pla/</p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is a way to discover whether or not your prior life experiences and achievements can be translated into course credit towards a degree. The online self-paced tutorial can guide through the process of assembling a portfolio and submitting it through the appropriate channels for assessment of life experiences and achievements.</p>

James Madison University Adult Degree Program MSC 1910 Harrisonburg, VA 22807	http://edtech.jmu.edu/bis/IS201/priorlearningassessment.htm	Offered with the Adult Degree Program. Recognizes that learning takes place throughout life and that college level-learning is not limited to the institutions of higher education or to classroom settings.
Johnson & Wales University	http://www.jwu.edu/sas/assessment/	All undergraduate students who are attending classes are eligible to apply for participation and earn credit in the Prior Learning programs. The University recognizes up to a maximum of 45 credits earned through Prior Learning Assessment.
Johnson County Community College 12345 College Boulevard Overland Park KS 66210 (913)469-8500	http://www.jccc.net/home/depts.php/5302/site/pla 913-469-8500, ext. 3538 pla.testing@jccc.net	Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is a program that provides credit for knowledge acquired outside the traditional classroom. Students who demonstrate and/or document previous learning may be able earn college credit. Credit may be awarded for Portfolio evaluation, Certificate evaluation, Proficiency Testing, or Armed Services Experience Evaluation.
Joliet Junior College 1215 Houbolt Road Joliet IL 60431-8938 (815)729-9020	http://www.jjc.edu/priorlearning/portfoliod.htm	This prior learning may have resulted from job experiences, community service, travel, hobbies, and/or seminars and workshops. A total of 30 semester hours can be used toward graduation for all prior learning.
Jones International University 9697 E. Mineral Ave. Centennial, CO 80112 1 (800) 811 5663	Course BC 101- Credit for Prior Learning	
Lane Community College 4000 East 30th Ave., Eugene, OR 97405 (541) 463-3000	http://www.lanecc.edu/cops/cba.htm Helen Garrett- Enrollment Services 463-5686 garretth@lanecc.edu	Credit by Assessment allows a student to earn college credit for a specific course, upon faculty approval of evidence demonstrating a student's mastery of course outcomes.
Lebanon Valley College 101 North College Avenue, Annville, PA 17003-0501 717-867-6213	http://www.lvc.edu/ce/prior-learning.aspx	You can earn academic credit in the following ways: transfer credit from other accredited institutions of higher learning that are relevant to your proposed program, testing (CLEP, college challenge exams), portfolio assessment of college-level learning acquired through life experience, in-house business courses at your place of employment, or military training.
Lesley University 29 Everett St., Cambridge, MA 02138 (800) 999-1959	http://www.lesley.edu/policies/catalog/transfer_credits.html PLAR contact information not on website	Accepted degree candidates in the Adult Baccalaureate College who document and evaluate past experiences relevant to their course of study may petition to receive a maximum of 48 prior learning assessment credits.

<p>Lewis University One University Parkway Romeoville, IL 60446-2200 (815) 838-0500</p>	<p>http://www.lewisu.edu/academics/cpeoi/accel_priorlearning.htm 815-836-5570- Advisor</p>	<p>The prior learning assessment program offers standard processes for attempting to earn credit for prior college-level learning through Proficiency Examinations, transcript evaluation and the prior learning portfolio. It is granted for the college-level learning from the experience which the student demonstrates and documents. The Prior Learning Assessment Program is course-based.</p>
<p>Maricopa Community College 2411 W 14th St. Tempe AZ USA 85281-6942 (480) 731-8000</p>	<p>http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/academic/curric/ac/a_bussr.html http://www.dist.maricopa.edu/gvpolicy/adminregs/students/2_2.htm#credit</p>	<p>Prior learning, not life experience, is the basis for the award of college credit. Students may be awarded no more than 30 credit hours using one or more of the following assessment methods: Articulated programs, credit by evaluation and college-level equivalency examinations.</p>
<p>Marylhurst University 17600 Pacific Highway (HWY. 43) PO Box 261 Marylhurst, OR 97036-0261 (506)636-8141</p>	<p>http://www.marylhurst.edu/lacinfo/ Learning Assessment Center 503.636.8141, extension 3326</p>	<p>Through Marylhurst's Prior Learning Assessment program, life and work experiences such as employment, homemaking, company-sponsored or military training, community service, independent research and travel study may earn you credit toward your undergraduate degree.</p>
<p>Marymount Manhattan College, 221 East 71st Street, NY, NY 10021 - 1-800-627-9668-68</p>	<p>http://marymount.mmm.edu/study/experience.html</p>	<p>If you can provide evidence that you have achieved the learning goals of a course through your professional, non-college experience, you can get credit for that course. You can receive up to 30 credits through this program. Must enroll in a 2-credit pass/fail course called "Seminar in Experiential Education." You will create a Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio, which will be reviewed by your instructor and the Assistant Dean for Academic Affairs.</p>
<p>Maryville University 13550 Conway Road, St. Louis, MO 63141 - 1(800)627-9855</p>	<p>http://www.maryville.edu/academics/content/priorlearning/</p>	<p>Students who pursue prior learning assessment must enroll for a one-credit workshop (ASMT 295). This workshop is designed to help students prepare a portfolio which documents their prior college-level learning experiences. Prior learning credit will be awarded only if it can be equated with the learning outcomes/objectives described in the catalog or in the course syllabi.</p>
<p>McKinley University 19950 Mariner Avenue Torrance, California 90503 (888)303-7270</p>	<p>http://www.mckinley.edu/programs/prior_learning.html</p>	<p>Up to 25% of the credits required for the degree program (30 semester credit hours) may be earned through prior learning credit. Prior Learning credit is assessed on the basis of the written materials submitted in the portfolio and an oral interview with the faculty assessor.</p>
<p>Medaille College 18 Agassiz Cir. (Parkside Ave. & Rte 198) Buffalo, NY 14214 (800)292-1582</p>	<p>http://www.medaille.edu/specialprograms/priorlearning.html Deborah Ceppaglia Assistant Academic Dean (Portfolio Advisor) dceppagl@medaille.edu</p>	<p>Students have the opportunity to work with the Portfolio Advisor to prepare a portfolio which demonstrates college-level knowledge/skills that have been acquired through career and life experiences. The portfolio is directed at addressing objectives for a particular course(s) at the College.</p>

Metropolitan State University 700 East 7th St, St John's Hall, Room 100, St. Paul, MN 55106-5000 651-793-1775	http://www.metrostate.edu/fc/priors/plaexamp.html Contact information not on website	
Montana State University 3803 Central Ave. Billings, MT 59102 (406)247-3000	http://www.msubillings.edu/cot/FastTrack/PriorLearning.htm	Students can receive credit by developing a portfolio that documents how they have acquired knowledge and skills that match the learning objectives in a specific undergraduate course. Students may transfer up to 15 credits at the undergraduate level through credit for prior learning evaluation.
Montgomery College Germantown Campus 20200 Observation Drive Germantown, MD 20876 Rockville Campus 51 Mannakee Street Rockville, MD 20850 Takoma Park Campus 7600 Takoma Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912 301-279-5000	http://www.montgomerycollege.edu/assessment_prior_learning/ Elinore Diggs ediggs@mc.cc.md.us	Degree seeking students may be awarded credit for prior learning in the following ways High school advanced placement or International baccalaureate course plus examination, portfolio assessment of prior experiential learning, CLEP (College Level Examination Program), DANTES (Defense Activity for Nontraditional Education Support) Testing Program, and Credit-by-examination.
Mountain State University PO Box 9003 Beckley, WV 25802 1.866.FOR.MSU1	http://military.mountainstate.edu/pl/ http://www.mountainstate.edu/orlando/programs/pla.aspx	You must formally request to have your prior learning experiences associated with jobs, training, hobbies, personal interests and life experiences evaluated for the equivalency to specific courses, and/or its ability to satisfy institutional and degree requirements. You submit a "portfolio" as evidence supporting your request for prior learning credit.
NACTEL National Coalition for Telecommunications Education and Learning	http://nactel.org/programs/prior.php	Colleges use 5 methods to document and evaluate the prior learning (PLA) of an adult student: Transfer credit, challenge exams, standardized national exams, American council on education, and portfolio.
National-Louis University -More than 1 campus 1-888-NLU-TODAY	http://www3.nl.edu/centers/assessment/index.cfm Prior Learning Assessment Center at 630.874-4318 or nbutzky@nl.edu .	Credit by portfolio is possible in some degree programs. Portfolios are prepared by students to demonstrate their prior or extrainstitutional learning. A maximum of 60 QH of credit by portfolio may be applied toward the baccalaureate degree.

<p>Normandale Community College 9700 France Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431 (952) 487-8200</p>	<p>http://www.normandale.edu/academics/?dept=34</p> <p>Dennis W. Peterson PLAN Coordinator 952-487-8262 dennis.peterson@normandale.edu</p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment allows you to earn college credit for the knowledge that you've gained from accumulated experience. This learning experience might come from your career or volunteer activities, or sometimes even from your hobbies and avocations or personal, life-impacting events.</p>
<p>Northeastern Junior College 100 College Avenue Sterling, CO 80751 1-800-626-4637</p>	<p>http://www.njc.edu/counseling/portfolio.html</p> <p>Steve Smith steven.smith@njc.edu</p>	<p>The portfolio is a document of proof that previous experience has provided learning comparable to college level learning in specific courses. The learning is verified through an essay and other documentation.</p>
<p>North Park University 3225 West Foster Avenue Chicago, Illinois 60625-4895 (773) 244-5517</p>	<p>http://www.northpark.edu/goal/services/pla.cfm</p>	<p>The college-level learning which is awarded credit occurred prior to entering the University, either through informal life-learning or non-credit courses.</p>
<p>Pace University</p>	<p>http://support.csis.pace.edu/nactel/program/prior_learning.cfm</p> <p>NACTEL Program Pace University School of Computer Science and Information Systems, 861 Bedford Road, Pleasantville, NY 10570</p>	<p>You submit information about specific past experiences and accomplishments for academic credit assessment. A special 2 credit Prior Learning Assessment course will assist for this process.</p>
<p>Prince George's Community College 301 Largo Road, Largo, Maryland, 20774-2199 USA Phone: 301-336-6000</p>	<p>http://www.pgcc.edu/pgweb/pgdocs/PLAN.htm</p> <p>Prior Learning Assessment Network 301-322-0437 PLAN@pg.cc.md.us</p>	<p>The program includes several ways in which prior life experiences may be evaluated. These include portfolio assessment, challenge or competency examinations, ACE evaluations of business and industry and military training.</p>
<p>Quinebaug Valley Community College Danielson: 742 Upper Maple Street CT 06239 (860) 774-1130 Willimantic: 729 Main Street - CT 06226 (860) 423-1824</p>	<p>http://www.qvctc.commnet.edu/catalog/cat_credit.asp</p> <p>Dr. Scott DeShong, English Faculty sdeschong@qvcc.commnet.edu</p>	<p>Students who believe that through prior learning they have acquired the competence ordinarily associated with satisfactory completion of approved QVCC courses may request evaluation of the experience through the Credit for Prior Learning Portfolio Assessment process. No more than 50 percent of an approved associate degree program will be awarded for prior experiential learning.</p>
<p>Quinnipiac University 275 Mount Carmel Ave. Hamden, CT 06518 (203) 582-3600</p>	<p>http://www.quinnipiac.edu/x14080.xml</p> <p>PLAR contact information not on website</p>	<p>College credit for prior learning can be claimed by constructing a document called a portfolio that presents the evidence necessary for your learning to be evaluated. The portfolio contains a separate section for each college course that you challenge.</p>

<p>Red Rocks Community College 13300 West Sixth Avenue Lakewood, CO 80228 (303)914-6600</p>	<p>http://www.rrcc.edu/assessment/prior.html</p> <p>(303)914-6720</p> <p>Michael Derou michael.derou@rrcc.edu</p> <p>Sylvia Sieverding sylvia.sieverding@rrcc.edu</p> <p>Al Vendi al.vendi@rrcc.edu</p>	<p>Prior learning is college-equivalent education acquired through non-traditional schooling, work, or other life experiences. Prior Learning that qualifies for credits include work and/or life experiences, learning which is college equivalent, learning equated to those courses directly applicable to curriculum requirements, learning applicable to the declared certificate or degree program of the student, and outlined in the college catalog or other college publications.</p>
<p>Regis University 3333 Regis Boulevard Denver, Colorado 80221-1099 (303)458-4100</p>	<p>http://www.regis.edu/regis.asp?sctn=ars&p1=pl&p2=pla</p>	<p>Offers two methods of assessing your prior learning: Prior Learning Assessment (Portfolio) and Testing. You may earn up to 45 credit hours (the equivalent of 15 college courses) through the Prior Learning Assessment program.</p>
<p>Rio Salado College 2323 West 14th Street Tempe AZ 85281 1-800-729-1197</p>	<p>http://www.rio.maricopa.edu/services/student/enrollment/prior_learning/</p> <p>Assessment/Testing Center (480) 517-8560 academic.advisement@email.rio.maricopa.edu</p>	<p>Prior learning can be the basis for awarding college credit. Students may be awarded no more than 30 credit hours unless required by a specific program of study for prior learning demonstrated through one or more of the following assessment methods: College Level Equivalency Examination Program, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, Credit by Evaluation, and Credit by Examination.</p>
<p>Sacred Heart University 5151 Park Avenue Fairfield, CT 06825-1000 (203) 371-7830</p>	<p>http://uc.sacredheart.edu/transcript_request_form.pdf/index.asp</p>	<p>Awards academic credit to students for what they have learned through life and/or work experience. This experience can be the result of self-education, professional certification, in-service training programs, volunteer work or other work experience. A portfolio process is involved in assessing a student's experience.</p>
<p>The Sage Colleges 45 Ferry Street Troy, NY 12180</p>	<p>http://www.sage.edu/saw/admissions/creditoptions.php</p> <p>Jean Poppei (518) 244-2076 poppei@sage.edu</p>	<p>Grants credit for prior learning and life experience after a fair evaluation of which prior learning fits appropriately and meaningfully into an academic degree program.</p>
<p>Saint Peter's 2641 Kennedy Blvd., Jersey City, NJ 07306</p>	<p>http://www.spc.edu/academics/prior.shtml</p>	<p>Matriculated students may earn credit for prior learning gained through work experience, in-service courses, community service activities, unique travel experiences, and special accomplishment in the arts. Students who wish to apply for Prior Learning credit must register for the appropriate examination or submit a portfolio which demonstrates learning gained through experience. The portfolio consists of a detailed resume and essay with appropriate documentation in support of the essay.</p>

<p>Sinclair Community College 444 West Third Street Dayton, Ohio 45402- 1460 1-800-315-3000</p>	<p>http://www.sinclair.edu/academics/elhs/departments/ebe/cllp/index.cfm</p> <p>Credit for Lifelong Learning Program (937) 512-5385</p>	<p>The Credit for Lifelong Learning Program is designed for students of any age or background who already have extensive college level learning experiences outside the classroom. The portfolio itself consists of a written description of experience and, most importantly, what learning was gained from these experiences. The portfolio students enroll in EBE 100, Prior Learning Portfolio Development I.</p>
<p>Southeastern College (Name of department, office, or person) 1000 Longfellow Boulevard Lakeland, FL 33801 (863)-667-5000</p>	<p>http://www.secollege.edu/Excel/pla.htm</p>	<p>Opportunity to earn up to 30 credits. Recognize that adult students should receive college credit for college-level learning occurring outside the classroom.</p>
<p>St. Edward's University 3001 South Congress Avenue Austin, Texas 78704 512-448-8400</p>	<p>http://www.stedwards.edu/newc/portfolio/</p>	<p>The CPLA offers a course (A-APLR 1132: Prior Learning Assessment Seminar) providing portfolio advisors to work individually with students to evaluate student portfolios of prior learning.</p>
<p>Sunny Rockland Community College 1-800-RCC-SOON</p>	<p>http://www.sunyrockland.edu/assmnt/cfpc.htm</p> <p>Office Of Assessment and Placement at (845) 574-4525</p>	<p>The college may grant credit for college-level learning acquired as a result of work experience, volunteer work, community service, and military experience. Prior learning, not life experience, is the basis for the award of college credit.</p>
<p>Taylor University Fort Wayne 1025 West Rudisill Blvd, Fort Wayne IN 46807 1(800)233-3922</p>	<p>http://fw.taylor.edu/academics/registrar/pla.html</p> <p>Gladys Smith, Associate Registrar E-mail: gsmith@tayloru.edu Office of the Registrar (260)744-8629</p>	<p>Recognizes college level learning that has occurred through one's life experiences. No more than 30 credit hours toward a bachelor's degree program may be credited through portfolio submission.</p>
<p>The College of St. Scholastica 1200 Kenwood Ave. Duluth, MN 55811-4199 (800) 447-5444</p>	<p>http://adep.css.edu/whatpla.shtml</p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment is a formal process to evaluate learning that has taken place outside college or university programs.</p>
<p>The Council for Adult & Experiential Learning 20000 68th Ave W Lynnwood, WA 98036 (425)640-1459</p>	<p>http://www.cael.org/online_pla_certificate_program.htm</p>	<p>The PLA certificate program consists of four web-based workshops each with 4-7 modules.</p>

<p>Thomas Edison State College 101 W. State St. Trenton, NJ 08608-1176</p>	<p>http://www.tesc.edu/prospective/undergraduate/credit/pla.php</p> <p>http://www.tesc.edu/prospective/undergraduate/credit/tutorial.php</p> <p>PLAR contact information not on website</p>	<p>PLA is a flexible, efficient way of earning credits for college-level knowledge you have gained outside the traditional classroom.</p>
<p>Three Rivers Community College Mohegan Campus 7 Mahan Drive Norwich, CT 06360</p>	<p>http://www.trcc.commnet.edu/Academics/APL.htm</p>	<p>Non-traditional or experiential learning oftentimes translates into college-level learning. The College offers a course, which teaches you the process of developing a portfolio based on your learning. You can receive up to 30 credits to be applied toward a program of study.</p>
<p>Trinity International University 2065 Half Day Road Deerfield, Illinois 60015 (847)317.6500.</p>	<p>http://www.tiu.edu/reach/pla.htm</p> <p>Cindy Kron ckron@tiu.edu Office Coordinator to the REACH Program</p>	<p>Life experience could be worth as many as 32 credit hours toward finishing your bachelor's degree. Students then have the opportunity to gain credit for their own life experience or for formal business and professional training.</p>
<p>Union County College 1033 Springfield Avenue Cranford, NJ 07016 (908) 709 - 7000</p>	<p>http://www.ucc.edu/apl/</p> <p>Coordinator: Prof. Eileen T. Kaufman 908-709-7585 kaufman@ucc.edu</p>	<p>Students design a portfolio which documents life experiences and learning that has occurred. You may already have college-level knowledge.</p>
<p>University of Cincinnati 2600 Clifton Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45221 (513)-556-6000</p>	<p>http://www.uc.edu/alc/priorlearning.asp</p> <p>Transfer and Lifelong Learning Center transfer@ucmail.uc.edu</p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment is a process that involves the identification, documentation, assessment and recognition of learning acquired through formal and informal study.</p>
<p>University of Minnesota</p>	<p>http://www.crk.umn.edu/people/services/registrar/cap.htm</p>	<p>A Competency Assessment Portfolio is a method by which an institution can evaluate prior learning. The portfolio contains a collection of materials and written documentation which identifies and describes professional training and experiential learning which can be evaluated for college-level credit equivalency. A maximum of 30 semester credits may be awarded.</p>
<p>University of Phoenix 3157 E. Elwood Street Phoenix, AZ 85034 (800)366-9699</p>	<p>http://phoenix.19gi.com/campus/Memphis/military.php</p> <p>PLAR contact information not on website</p>	<p>Service members who wish to have their personal and professional experiences assessed for equivalence to college-level learning can take a Prior Learning Assessment course.</p>
<p>University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI 02881 (401)874-1000</p>	<p>http://www.uri.edu/catalog/cataloghtml/courses/pla.html</p>	<p>Identification through self-assessment of student prior learning and appropriate methods for seeking credit. Analysis and application of the process for developing a prior learning portfolio.</p>

<p>University of Southern Maine P.O. Box 9300 Portland, ME 04104-9300 (207) 780-4141</p>	<p>http://www.usm.maine.edu/pla/ Joyce Lapping, Director jlapping@usm.maine.edu Louise Nisbet, Staff Associate lnisbet@usm.maine.edu</p>	<p>Learning Portfolios may be submitted by students interested in obtaining college credits for knowledge and skills gained outside the classroom.</p>
<p>University of St. Francis 500 Wilcox Street Joliet, Illinois 60435 (800) 735-7500</p>	<p>http://www.stfrancis.edu/aca/new/geninfo.htm Prior Learning Assessment Coordinator (800) 726-2600</p>	<p>Credit is granted for verifiable college-level learning from one's experiences but not for the experiences themselves. The learning should include both a theoretical and a practical understanding of the subject area.</p>
<p>University of Wisconsin - Green Bay 2420 Nicolet Drive Green Bay, Wisconsin 54311-7001 920.465.2000</p>	<p>http://www.uwgb.edu/assessment/CPL.htm Assessment Services: assessment@uwgb.edu (920) 465-2221</p>	<p>The Credit for Prior Learning process requires the learning to be related to university courses or programs. Faculty members use the portfolio process and individual assessment to decide whether and how much credit an individual should receive for prior learning.</p>
<p>University of Wisconsin- Superior Belknap & Catlin PO Box 2000 Superior WI 54880-4500 (715) 394-8101</p>	<p>http://edp.uwsuper.edu/handbook/PriorLearning/ap1.htm Sonny Stowe Assessment of Prior Learning Coordinator mstowe1@uwsuper.edu (715) 394-8370</p>	<p>The portfolio process requires presentation of evidence supporting a claim that through life experiences learning outcomes equivalent to those for a particular course have been achieved.</p>
<p>Villa Julie College 1525 Greenspring Valley Road Stevenson, MD, 21153-0641 1-877-468-6852</p>	<p>http://www.vjc.edu/academics/index.aspx?id=3727</p>	<p>College offers a course that is a guide to the development of a portfolio for students pursuing credit for prior learning. Topics covered include self-assessment, the assessment of learning styles, and portfolio requirements for demonstrating prior learning through applied theory and experience. Students will create a portfolio for a course for which they are petitioning for credit.</p>
<p>Warner Southern College 13895 Hwy 27 Lake Wales Florida 33859</p>	<p>http://www.warner.edu/registrar/credits.asp Sara Fasel at 1-800-949-7248 ext. 7602</p>	<p>A maximum of 30 semester credit hours may be awarded through PLA.</p>
<p>Western Illinois University 1 University Circle Macomb, IL 61455-1390 309/298-1414</p>	<p>http://www.wiu.edu/SES/BOT/guide/portfolio.shtml School of Extended Studies 309/298-1864 SES@wiu.edu</p>	<p>You may earn academic credit through the portfolio evaluation procedure. A key criterion in the evaluation of a portfolio for academic credit is the student's ability to organize and present verifiable evidence of college-level learning. There is a limit of 30 hours that can be applied to your graduation requirements.</p>

<p>Western International University 9215 North Black Canyon Highway Phoenix, AZ 85021 1-866-WIU-INFO</p>	<p>http://www.wintu.edu/ExistStudents/TestingInfo/apl.htm</p>	<p>You can earn a maximum of 60 credits through any combination of assessment of prior learning and credit-by-exam opportunities.</p>
<p>Wilbur Wright College 4300 North Narragansett Chicago, IL 60634 773 777-7900</p>	<p>http://wright.ccc.edu/admissions/eval.asp 312-552-3350</p>	<p>Adults who have acquired learning on-the-job or through other experiences can assemble a portfolio in which they list their experiences and learning outcomes. Persons who have taken training and development courses at their places of employment or courses at a non-collegiate institution may request credit through an evaluation of such courses.</p>
<p>York County Community College 112 College Drive Wells, ME 04090 (207) 646-9282 or 1-800-580-3820</p>	<p>http://www.yccc.edu/catalog/priorlearning.html</p>	<p>Portfolio credit provides a process for evaluating and when appropriate, awarding academic credit for learning acquired outside of the traditional college environment. In order to receive Portfolio Credit, students must provide evidence that their prior learning is equivalent to college-level learning. Students may earn a maximum of 65% of their program credits for written documentation of college-level learning acquired.</p>