Prior Learning Assessment

Can you answer “yes” to any of the following scenarios?

☐ I have received training from my employer or a trade association (i.e., CUNA, medical coding, etc).
☐ I have a professional license or certificate (i.e., real estate, insurance, Microsoft, etc.)
☐ I have traveled internationally and have experienced other cultures.
☐ I have significant ministry and/or mission experience.
☐ I have unique talent(s) in fine arts (music, art, design, photography, etc).
☐ I have a seasoned track record in the business world.
☐ I have volunteered and/or served the community through nonprofits/charities.
☐ I have considerable computer aptitude that can be documented.
☐ I have experienced or cared for someone that has battled mental illness, addictions and other medical challenges.
☐ I have unique life lessons and insights into marriage, parenting and relationships.
☐ I have successful entrepreneurial and/or leadership skills.

Prior learning credit is awarded to students that can document and demonstrate significant college-level learning that has taken place outside of the classroom. Your experience is important, but what you have learned is essential for petitioning for credit.

The PLA director can help you assess your opportunities and get you started on the process. Contact the adult and graduate studies office for an appointment.

Please see the reverse side for a list of subject areas that can be considered for PLA credit if significant life experience applies.

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Please see the PLA director for additional possibilities. The list below is not exhaustive.

**PROFESSIONAL/WORKPLACE TRAINING AND LICENSING**
- Trade license (i.e., real estate, insurance, etc.)
- Certification (i.e., medical coding, NCUA, Microsoft, etc.)
- On-the-job training towards a specific skill or service (i.e., computer skills, customer service)

**COMMUNITY SERVICE AND VOLUNTEERISM**
- Serving on board
- Leadership in nonprofit or charity
- Organizing community events

**INTERCULTURAL**
- Long-term trip to a foreign country
- Short-term mission trip
- Immigrated to the United States

**MINISTRY**
- Significant mission work
- Pastoral or lay counseling
- Bible study fellowship
- Youth ministry
- Urban ministry
- Women’s studies
- Death and dying
- Church administration

**ENGLISH**
- Public speaking
- Creative writing
- Journalism

**HEALTH**
- Experience with a specific disease
- Caring for aging parents
- Addictions or working with addicts
- Mental illness

**FINE ARTS**
- Music
- Painting
- Drama
- Photography
- Interior design

**SOCIAL SCIENCE**
- Marriage and divorce
- Parenting/single parenting
- Caring for aging parents
- Case management/counseling

**EDUCATION**
- Adult education
- Early childhood
- Special education

See your academic advisor for details about CLEP tests that are available for introductory prerequisite courses.