



YOU DESERVE CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW



THE PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA) AT DEVRY UNIVERSITY

EARN COLLEGE CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW

You may already know how to do many things taught in our required classes. We think that knowledge should count toward your degree. At DeVry University, we have a process for turning this learning from the job or life experience into academic credit.

THE PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

The Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program allows undergraduate students to demonstrate knowledge and skills in a particular field through a PLA Portfolio, and have that learning evaluated for college credit. This can save you time and money as you earn your degree.

DISCOVER WHAT YOU KNOW

We believe the knowledge you have gained outside the classroom is extremely valuable. Check out the 3-minute Credit Predictor to see how your previous learning could fit into your degree plan at learningcounts.org/predictor.

MATCH WHAT YOU KNOW TO OUR COURSES

Enrolled students can find a PLA-eligible course that fits your degree program and discuss it with your academic advisor. Together, determine if using the PLA program might be a faster and more affordable way for you to reach graduation.

CREATE A PLA PORTFOLIO TO SHOWCASE YOUR KNOWLEDGE

When you're ready to start seeking college credit for what you know, you will sign up for "a portfolio-building course through our partner, LearningCounts.org (fees apply*). This course will help you create a PLA Portfolio that shows how your past learning applies to a current DeVry University course.

SUBMIT YOUR PLA PORTFOLIO FOR EVALUATION

Qualified faculty members with expertise in your field from across the country will evaluate your Learning Portfolio. In approximately 2 weeks, you'll hear if your portfolio is approved for course credit.

YOUR PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE IS VALUABLE

There are many types of knowledge that can be evaluated in a Learning Portfolio, including learning from:

- Work experience and job skills
- Employer training programs
- Military service
- Independent study
- Volunteer or community service
- Open source courseware study or other self-study
- Other training or skills

For more information on PLA, visit corp.keller.edu or call **866.606.8349**.

* PLA fees are non-refundable, paid directly to LearningCounts, and are as follows: Portfolio development course and first portfolio assessment: \$254. Each additional portfolio assessment: \$125. Financial assistance may not be used to cover the LearningCounts costs associated with PLA portfolio submission. This program is intended to be paid for out-of-pocket. Federal financial aid, state grants, institutional scholarships and grants, and/or veterans benefits cannot be used.



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MORE WAYS TO EARN CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW

PREVIOUS COLLEGE CREDITS

A maximum of 80 transfer credit hours may be awarded for courses completed at previously attended lower-division, recognized community college and universities.

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

Certifications and licenses earned through work or volunteering may count towards credit, such as certain Cisco, CompTIA, RHIT and Microsoft (MCSE, MCITP) certifications.

CORPORATE TRAINING

Students may earn credit for either instructor-led or online training and development provided by their employer. DeVry University educational partners may already offer credit-eligible coursework.

MILITARY TRAINING

Military coursework and educational experiences may be evaluated for either transfer credit or proficiency credit.

PROFICIENCY EXAMS

Students may earn proficiency credit for a specific course by successfully completing one of the following external standardized exams:

- Advanced Placement (AP) test
- College Level Examination Program (CLEP) test
- DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST)
- International Baccalaureate (IB) exam
- American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA) course or exam

DEVRY CHALLENGE EXAMS

Students who feel course material has been mastered, either through previous noncredit coursework, self-study or volunteer experience, may request an internal DeVry challenge exam for a certain course. Challenge exams are not available for all courses.

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