

Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition Policy

(Flexible Assessment or PLAR)

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| Purpose | To support and enhance Prior Learning Assessment & Recognition Policy at Vancouver Community College. |
| Policy | <p>Vancouver Community College recognizes Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition as one means for students to complete their course of study.</p> <p>Departments, in collaboration with the Registrar and appropriate administrator, can grant credit towards a program or course(s) for learning acquired through experience or non-formal education/training.</p> |
| Applies to | To all students, student support services and educational divisions. |
| Procedures | <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Departments in conjunction with the appropriate Education Dean, Dean of Student Services and Registrar will establish program PLAR guidelines and implementation procedures.2. Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition information will be made available to all students through Counselling, the college web site, and brochures.3. Each department will develop the appropriate content specific PLAR guidelines.4. PLAR guidelines will be available from Counselling and the Program Department. |

Procedures (con't)

5. Departments wanting to award prior learning credits for a course(s) must have a current curriculum with measurable learning outcomes approved by EDCO that can be used for assessment of prior learning.
6. Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition credit will be recognized as formal credit on a student's transcript in accordance with the college grading policy.
7. Grades generated from PLAR will not be designated as PLAR on a student transcript. All student grading will follow grading policy.
8. Students requesting Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition must apply and meet all the entrance requirements or be accepted for a VCC program prior to requesting PLAR from a department.
9. Students can apply for Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition for up to 75% of a program.
10. Students requesting a combination of exemption, transfer credit, and Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition can only combine these three options to the maximums stated in nine (9) above.
11. Credit will be awarded only if the student has provided evidence of sufficient and current learning as specified by the Program PLAR Guidelines.
12. Non-refundable, non-transferable assessment fees will be levied for PLAR. Fees vary depending on the type of assessment.
13. Current grade appeal policies apply to Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition.
14. Students can withdraw their request for prior learning up to, but not including the date of assessment. The student will be refunded their PLAR fee minus a processing fee.

References

C.1.1. Course/Program Grading Policy

C.1.2 Appeal of Final Grade Policy

C.1.3 Granting of College Diplomas, Certificates and
Statements of Completion Policy

D.3.4 Refund Policy

D.3.6 Admissions Policy

D.3.7 Tuition and Fee Policy

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