

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

College Credit



Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is defined as:

- » A term used to describe learning gained outside a traditional academic environment
- » Learning and knowledge students acquire while living their lives

In short, PLA is an evaluation and assessment of an individual's life learning for college credit, certification, or advanced standing toward further education or training.

- Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL)



Process:

- » Complete 12 hours at college prior to PLA (not required at TCC)
- » Ask department at college for Advanced Standing/PLA for your knowledge/skills
- » For Oklahoma colleges, 25% of the coursework must be taken with the degree granting institution for the degree to be awarded
- » Cost should be between \$5 to \$12 per credit hour (depending on the college)
- » Grade neutral — **S**atisfactory or **P**assing

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NOTE: Any college should allow a student PLA if the course(s) are on the degree plan you are seeking. The college may require proof of your knowledge such as:

- » institutional assessment
- » demonstration (hands on)
- » portfolio
- » certification/licensure

Resources:



tulsaitech.edu/student-resources/college-relations



go.osuit.edu/pla/resources



tulsaitech.edu/student-resources/student-records/earn-college-credit-prior-learning-assessment