

C-10 POLICY Prior Learning Assessment

In harmony with Southeast Community College's Mission to empower and transform diverse learners through accessible lifelong educational opportunities, SCC has developed a Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) policy to recognize college-level learning outcomes students have acquired outside of a formal higher education institution. PLA is the evaluation and assessment of life and work experiences for college credit. Through prior learning, students have the opportunity to decrease tuition costs and shorten the time to graduation. SCC is committed to ensuring PLA meets state, accreditation, and Department of Education regulations.

PLA allows students enrolled in participating program areas to apply for credit for prior learning to satisfy curriculum requirements for the designated credential. Requests for prior learning credit may include, but are not limited to:

Credit by waiver

- Verifiable job experience
- Industry certification
- Non-credit coursework
- Military Transcript Assessment

Credit by examination

- Nationally recognized exams
 - Advanced Placement (AP) (Fees for student may apply)
 - College-Level Examination Program (CLEP) (Fees for student may apply)
 - Other exams may be considered with approval from the division dean
- Program-specific challenge exams

Southeast Community College's PLA policy is designed to reduce the number of courses a student takes, as well as time and money a student spends in order to obtain their credential from the College. Students may incur fees related to the PLA options they pursue. These fees will need to be reconciled before any transcript-eligible credit may be awarded.

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