

**Prior Learning  
Assessment**

Currently enrolled students may earn credit for relevant non-traditional learning experiences. A student who believes that he or she already possesses the knowledge and/or skills taught in certain courses or programs offered by the College District may challenge certain courses for credit using Prior Learning Assessment (PLA).

PLA refers to all of the processes the College District uses to review and evaluate evidence of learning and to award academic credit in accordance with academic and administrative standards. The College District shall develop procedures to implement this policy. The guidelines implementing this EGAA(LOCAL) policy are published on the College District's [website](#).

Students are required to complete a minimum of 25 percent of the semester credit hours for any degree or certificate in residence at Collin College. [See EGC(LOCAL)]

In order to petition for credit earned by PLA to be posted to the student's transcript the student:

1. Must be currently enrolled in credit coursework at Collin College (or have been enrolled in credit coursework at Collin College within the last five years);
2. Must meet the admission requirements of the declared program for which the student intends to petition for credit for non-traditional (or prior) learning experience; and
3. Must earn at least three semester credit hours of college credit-level (i.e. non-developmental education) coursework at Collin College.

Credit earned through PLA shall not count toward the residency requirement, and credit earned by PLA is not guaranteed to transfer to a university.

A student shall earn credit for a course through PLA in accordance with the following methods:

1. Testing instruments prepared by appropriate faculty members to challenge courses;
2. Various educational testing service providers, or other College District-approved testing services [see EGA(LEGAL)];
3. Articulated college credit for select high school career and technical education courses;
4. Evidence of an appropriate valid certification and/or license in the field;

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5. Evidence of successful completion in a College District non-credit, cross-listed (i.e. "mirror") course for conversion to a college-credit academic course;
6. Evidence of training and service for military and veteran students. [See EGA(LEGAL)]; and
7. Evidence of successful completion of an apprenticeship program approved by the federal Office of Apprenticeship of the U.S. Department of Labor, by another federal agency, or by a state agency.

Upon successful completion of any PLA method, credit shall be awarded for the indicated course with a "CR" grade, and as a result, the credit shall not impact the student's grade point average (GPA).

Fees for the processing and posting of PLA shall be set by the Board upon recommendation from the District President.

A student who is dissatisfied with the outcome of the approval process may appeal to the Campus Provost. The decision of the Campus Provost is final and may not be further appealed. The Campus Provost shall notify the student of the final decision.