

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA) PROGRAM

Prior Learning Assessment is based on the concept that college-level learning can be achieved outside of the classroom. Prior learning credit is coordinated through the University's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program which adheres to and maintains best practices in assessing prior learning as recommended by the Higher Learning Commission, the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, and the Ohio Department of Higher Education.

Students work closely with their academic advisor in determining the area(s) in which prior learning assessment is likely to be applicable. Prior learning is assessed through testing or the creation of a portfolio. Standardized testing is available through the UToledo Testing Services Center (<https://www.utoledo.edu/uc/testingservices/>) on the main campus of the University. Guidance with the required paperwork and any necessary referrals is coordinated through the assistance of the PLA liaison in University College.