

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) – Am I a Good Candidate?

Learner Self-Evaluation

APU PLA Program information:

<https://www.apu.apus.edu/academic/degrees-and-programs/pla.html>

A. Basic Eligibility

- I am a fully matriculated, active student (I completed the APUS application and orientation process, possess a student ID number, am taking a class, and are not on program hold or disenrolled).

Yes No

- APUS evaluated all my previous academic experience (My TCE has been completed).

Yes No

- PLA is a writing-intensive process; are you confident in your writing abilities?

Yes No

- I currently have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA to date.

Yes No

- I have not applied for graduation

Yes No

- I am not registered for my senior seminar course.

Yes No

B. Additional Qualifications

- I have not received college credit for this prior learning.

Yes No

- I have been in the workforce for at least five years after high school.

Yes No

- I can relate my prior experiential learning to a specific APUS course. (Consider what you have learned from your jobs, professional training,

Note: You must answer “yes” to all questions in section A to be eligible to participate in the APUS PLA program. If you respond “yes” to questions in sections B and C, you are likely a good candidate for PLA.

Email PLA@apus.edu with your student ID and the answer to your challenge question or your last four for more information and an application. Please note that all learners must be pre-approved to participate in PLA. PLA credit award is based on demonstration of mastery of learning outcomes through experiential learning, NOT on years of service or level of experience in a field.

participation in community service or other volunteer organizations, your pursuit of hobbies and special interests, etc.).

Yes No

C. To help you answer this question, refer to your degree path/Academic Plan and review the course description on the APUS website for the course listed.

- I can document my learning.

Yes No

- Examples of appropriate documentation include, but are not limited to, the following:
- Samples of your work
- Job descriptions
- Awards and commendations
- Descriptions of requirements for licenses and certificates
- Certificates of attendance and notes were taken in training courses
- Transcripts
- Annotated bibliography
- Letters of verification from employers or others with first-hand knowledge of your abilities
- Proof of membership in professional or trade organizations

- My learning can be applied in situations other than the one in which it was acquired.

Yes No

- A subject matter expert should be able to validate my learning.

Yes No