

# Accelerate your Education at OSUIT through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

## Why is PLA Important?

## What Do I Need to Know?

Prior learning credit is based upon demonstration of your knowledge and skills gained through training and experience. You can gain these skills in many ways, such as technical and on-the-job training, workshops, military training, community service, volunteer work, seminars, travel, and independent study.



**It SAVES  
You TIME**

OSUIT offers many options through which you may earn prior learning credit, including national tests and certifications, institutional challenge exams, and portfolio reviews. You must apply to be a degree-seeking student at OSUIT before you ask for a prior learning assessment.



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You MONEY**

You will only receive prior learning credit for coursework that is applicable to your declared major at OSUIT. You must successfully complete 12 or more semester hours of college credit-bearing course work through OSUIT before any prior learning credit that you earn will be placed on your OSUIT transcript.



**You can earn  
COLLEGE CREDIT for  
what you ALREADY  
KNOW**

## I'm Interested, Where Do I Start?



**APPLY** to OSU Institute of Technology!  
[osuit.edu/admissions](https://osuit.edu/admissions)



**REVIEW** the Prior Learning Assessment opportunities available for the OSUIT degree(s) that interest you. [osuit.edu/pla](https://osuit.edu/pla)



**IDENTIFY** the courses that align with your knowledge and skill set and review the course description and learning objectives. *(We recommend that you meet with a degree advisor to discuss your options.)*



**GATHER** your evidence if you are requesting PLA through industry certifications or portfolio review. Certifications, your resume, training records, letters from former employers, and samples of your work are great things to include!



**STUDY** the course material if you are taking an institutional challenge exam. You only get one chance to pass it, so make sure you're prepared!



**CONTACT** OSUIT's PLA Coordinator for guidance along the way. We're here to help!  
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