



**Credit for Prior Learning
Memorandum of Understanding
September 2017**

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

PLA is the evaluation and assessment of an individual’s life learning for college credit, certification or advanced standing toward further education or training. Prior learning assessment is often applied to military and work experience, as well as community service, informal online learning and other learning acquired outside traditional academic institutions. Prior Learning Assessment is the evaluation of knowledge and skills an individual has gained outside of the classroom for college credit.

Transfer of CPL credits awarded through PLA within the WTCS

CPL can be awarded to students who present appropriate documentation of credits earned through Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) while attending other WTCS colleges. College guidelines will affirm the full transferability among WTCS colleges of courses adopted as part of system-wide assessments.

System-wide assessments are managed and stored in the system repository available to all WTCS Colleges. All system-wide assessments may not be offered by every college.

Colleges may re-evaluate credits awarded as fulfilling program course requirements to determine their applicability to new program requirements for students who enroll in a different program within a college or show transfer to a different WTCS college.

Faculty will participate in the analysis of data and appropriate action on assessment of student learning and program completion. Colleges using approved system-wide credit for prior learning assessments, and who accept these credits, are eligible for Outcomes Based Funding awards.

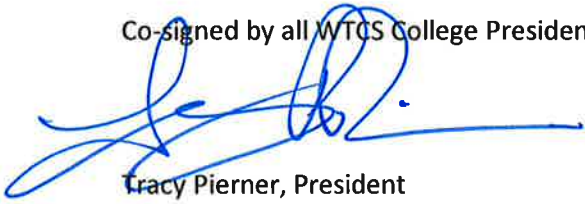
Prior Learning Assessment Fees Across the WTCS

The PLA fee structure, which goes into effect the fall of 2017-2018, is standard across all WTCS Institutions. All students seeking CPL will be charged the standard PLA fee. If two types of PLA are needed for one assessment, only the higher fee of the two is charged.

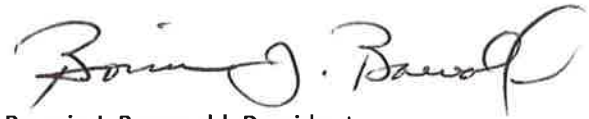
The Prior Learning Assessment fee is not tied to a number of course credits. It is a fee per assessment to cover incurred administration and evaluation costs. The PLA fee structure will be reviewed every 3 years.

Type of Prior Learning Assessment	Prior Learning Assessment Fee
PLA Test	\$50.00
PLA Skill Demonstration	\$90.00
PLA Portfolio	\$90.00

Co-signed by all WTCS College Presidents



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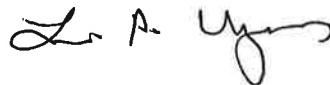
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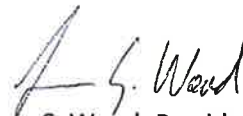
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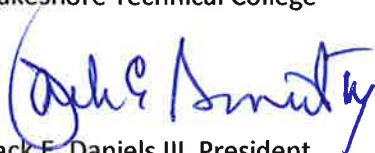
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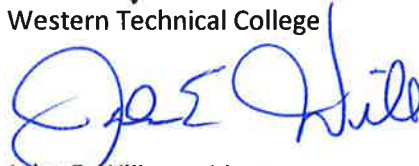
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