Who?

Is Prior Learning Assessment for me?

If you answer "Yes" to one or more of the following questions, Prior Learning Assessment may a good option for you.

- Have you previously attended another institution of higher education?
- Did you receive exceptionally high scores on any subject area of your ACT or SAT tests?
- Are you, or have you been, a member of the United States military?
- Did you receive professional development training or earn a professional certificate?
- Do you have extensive experience in a specific field or skill that may translate into learning outcomes on a level with university class outcomes in the same field or subject?

How?

How do I do this?

- You must be an admitted and enrolled student at the University of Wisconsin-Superior.
- Speak with your academic advisor about Prior Learning Assessment and your personal learning experiences.
- Contact the appropriate office (Admissions, Student Support Services, Prior Learning Assessment) for information and requirements.
- Complete the requirements for the credit you seek (document submission, examination, portfolio development class).
- Your information, examination or completed portfolio will be assessed, and you will be granted university credit if it is deemed appropriate.

Get the credit you deserve, and apply it toward your degree!

Prior Learning Assessment

Get Credit

Toward Your Degree

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Apply what you know toward your degree!

The **Prior Learning Assessment** office can assist you with portfolio development, and with credit for noncredit training.

The **Admissions** office can help you with credit transfers from other institutions of higher education, and with credit for military service.

The **Student Support Services** office provides examinations for university credit.

Credit for Experience

Students seeking credit for life experience enroll in **Portfolio Development**, a one-credit independent study class (IDS 298). This is a comprehensive process requiring presentation of evidence showing that, through life experiences, you have mastered learning outcomes equivalent to those for a particular course. The portfolio includes the following:

- an autobiographical statement
- a credit request list
- a learning outcome essay for each course for which credit is requested
- documentation that the accomplishments identified in the learning outcome essay have been achieved

Prior Credit/ Learning

- **Prior College/University Credit**

Admissions counselors work with students to transfer as many credits as possible from other universities. Counselors require a copy of official transcripts from all institutions previously attended.

- **Prior Community, Tribal or Technical College Credit**

UW-Superior works with many community, vocational and tribal colleges to make it easy for you to transfer course credits to our university.

- **Credit for Noncredit Training**

If a program has been assessed through the College Credit Recommendation Service of the American Council on Education, it may be eligible for academic credit. Contact the PLA Office for more information.

Examinations for Credit

University of Wisconsin-Superior students may receive college credit for passing scores on exams offered by the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) and the Defense Activity for Nontraditional Educational Support (DANTES) through Student Support Services.

- Credit by exam is awarded only for those course exams approved by UW-Superior faculty.
- Only students who are enrolled at UW-Superior may receive credit by exam.
- Student may acquire up to 30 semester credits by examination.
- When successful on a particular exam, the student is awarded credit for the course (no grades are awarded). Failure on an exam is not recorded on the student's transcript after the initial examination.

Credit for Military Service

Students who have served one year or more of active duty in the armed services may receive credit toward graduation for certain specialized training programs completed while in military service. In awarding credit for such technical or specialized training, we follow the recommendations of the American Council on Education.

Credit may be requested by having your military services transcript sent to the transfer coordinator in the Admissions Office.

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