Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition

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PREAMBLE

Lambton College recognizes that learning may take place outside of formal post-secondary institutions through life experience, non-formal study, work and training. Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is a means by which the student can demonstrate that learning and the College can recognize it and grant credit towards a program or course.

1.0 POLICY

1.1 A student requesting Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) does not need to be enrolled in a College program, but must demonstrate that through life experience, non-formal study, or work and training experience she has the background to undertake PLAR.

1.2 The assessment of the student's learning will be undertaken by a content-expert College faculty member. The assessment may be based on the challenge process or portfolio assessment. The method(s) of assessment will be determined by the faculty member in discussion with the student and will vary according to the subject matter being assessed.

1.3 A grade and credit will be awarded only if the student demonstrates sufficient current learning as determined by the faculty evaluator. The grade awarded will be commensurate with the demonstrated learning relative to normal grading expectations for the course(s). The grade awarded will be one of the grades normally awarded for that course.

1.4 Once the student has met with the assessing faculty member and the assessment criteria and requirements have been established, the student must complete all requirements within four months in the case of a course challenge, and within eight months in the case of a multi-course portfolio assessment.

1.5 The grade for a course earned through PLAR will be recorded on the student's transcript. The grade and credit earned through PLAR will not be designated or in any way identified on the student transcript as having been earned through the PLAR process.

1.6 Unsuccessful attempts through PLAR will not be recorded or noted on the student transcript.

1.7 The grade appeal policy applies to PLAR.

1.8 A student currently or previously registered in a course may not use the PLAR process to gain a grade or credit in the course until at least one year has lapsed from the end of the semester in which the student was most recently enrolment in the course.

1.9 A fee will be levied for PLAR, payable at the time of registering for PLAR. After meeting with the faculty assessor and establishing the assessment criteria and requirements, the student may withdraw the application for PLAR within five working days and be refunded the PLAR fee minus a processing fee.

1.10 Courses completed and credits earned through the PLAR process may not be used to fulfill residency requirements.