

Associated Studies Communications

<p>What is PLAR?</p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment (PLAR) is an evaluation through a valid and reliable process, by qualified specialist(s), of the knowledge and skills that have been learned through non-formal education, training or experience to determine the equivalency for credit to a SIAST course.</p>
<p>What can PLAR do for me?</p>	<p>PLAR reduces redundant learning and provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognition for skills and knowledge acquired through prior learning • Portable credentials • Increased employment opportunities
<p>How do I know if I'm a candidate?</p>	<p>Communications courses support many SIAST programs. These courses provide instruction in interpersonal communication skills, technical writing, presentation skills, job search, customer relations, visual media, computers, public relations, literature appreciation and assertiveness. If you have recent successful work experience using communications techniques and tools, and can provide evidence of your skills and knowledge to align with learning outcomes within the Communications courses, you may be a PLAR candidate.</p> <p>For referral to the appropriate faculty, call SIAST and ask to speak to the advisor/counsellor assigned to the program for which you seek a communications course credit at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>
<p>What are the PLAR Options?</p>	<p>Course Level Challenge: Most programs at SIAST require completion of one or several Communications courses. A student can challenge each PLAR-ready Communications course individually.</p>
<p>How many courses are offered by PLAR?</p>	<p>Visit the PLAR database and select your program of study from the first dropdown list of programs or search the course name and code using the "keyword search" option to determine the PLAR availability for your program's specific communications course(s).</p>
<p>When are PLAR challenges offered?</p>	<p>Please contact the Program Head of the Communications Area at the respective campus for specific information regarding application deadlines.</p>
<p>How much does PLAR cost?</p>	<p>To find fees for your course(s) visit the PLAR inventory database and select your program of study from the first dropdown list of programs or search the course name and code using the "keyword search" option. For assistance, call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Program for which you seek a Communications Course credit at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>

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<p>Are there methods other than PLAR to gain SIAST course credits for prior learning?</p>	<p>Transfer Credit</p> <p>SIAST may grant a transfer credit for course(s) from a recognized credit-granting post-secondary educational institution. The training must be similar in content, objectives and evaluation standards to SIAST training.</p> <p>Major changes in program content may require that the student repeat or seek prior learning assessment recognition for the course for which transfer credit is requested.</p> <p>For specific information and guidelines regarding Transfer of Credit, contact a SIAST Educational Counsellor or refer to the SIAST Website: http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/transferecredit.htm</p> <p>If your training does not qualify for credit transfer you may ask for a review of your learning through the PLAR process.</p>
	<p>Equivalent Course Credit</p> <p>You may receive credit for a specific SIAST course(s) on the basis of a previous credit in another SIAST course(s).</p> <p>If the curriculum no longer qualifies for equivalency, a student may request PLAR for the course(s) if additional learning has occurred to meet the change in the current learning outcomes.</p>
<p>What do I need to prepare for a PLAR assessment?</p>	<p>Credit is earned for proven knowledge and skills. You will be assessed on your competence in the learning outcomes for each course. For more information on the learning outcomes, criteria, and the form of assessment please refer to the program head of Communications at your campus.</p>
<p>How do I get started?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Review the 10-step PLAR Process at http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/plar.htm2. Call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Communications Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.