

# Nursing Division Practical Nurse Re-entry Program

<p><b>What is PLAR?</b></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><b>What can PLAR do for me?</b></p>	<p>PLAR reduces redundant learning and provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• recognition for skills and knowledge acquired through prior learning</li> <li>• portable credentials</li> <li>• increased employment opportunities</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do I know if I am a candidate?</b></p>	<p>You must be a registered student in the Practical Nurse Re-entry program prior to beginning the PLAR process. You may be eligible to challenge the knowledge and skills in a course, courses, or the entire program. Contact the program faculty.</p>
<p><b>What are the PLAR options?</b></p>	<p>Individual courses are available. There are nine theory courses in the Practical Nurse Re-entry program. Eight have PLAR challenges available. You cannot PLAR NRSG 217 or CLIN 227.</p> <p>A candidate guide is developed for this program and is accessible through the program web page at <a href="http://www.siastr.sk.ca/programs_courses_descriptions/PNRE.shtml">http://www.siastr.sk.ca/programs_courses_descriptions/PNRE.shtml</a></p>
<p><b>How many courses are available by PLAR?</b></p>	<p>Specific program courses are PLAR-ready. For a listing of the specific PLAR-ready course titles, check the <a href="#">PLAR database</a> and/or candidate guide.</p> <p>Some courses common to many programs at SIAST (i.e. communications, math, social sciences, and computer applications) are managed by Associated Studies Faculty. To see if the shared courses in your program are PLAR-ready, visit the "PLAR-ready Courses" link on the <a href="#">PLAR homepage</a> for further details.</p> <p>For assistance call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counselor assigned to the Practical Nurse Re-entry program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>
<p><b>When are PLAR challenges offered?</b></p>	<p>PLAR challenges are offered on a continuous basis from September to April 30.</p>
<p><b>How much does PLAR cost?</b></p>	<p>For a listing of the specific PLAR fees, check the <a href="#">PLAR database</a> or call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counselor assigned to the Practical Nurse Re-entry program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>

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<p><b>Are there methods other than PLAR to gain SIAST course credits for prior learning?</b></p>	<p><b>Transfer Credit</b></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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul> <p>Any Transfer Credit agreements with this program are listed in the Candidate Guide.</p> <p>For specific information and guidelines regarding Transfer of Credit, contact a SIAST Educational Counsellor or refer to the SIAST Website:</p> <p><a href="#">SIAST - Transfer Credit</a></p> <hr/> <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><b>Equivalent Course Credit</b></p> <p>The Practical Nurse Re-entry program may recognize credit for a specific SIAST course(s) on the basis of previous credit in another SIAST course(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A student may request prior learning assessment recognition for the course(s) in which the curriculum no longer qualifies for equivalency.</li> </ul>
<p><b>What would I need to provide for a PLAR assessment of this program?</b></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, refer to the PLAR candidate &amp; self-audit package on the <a href="#">Practical Nurse Re-entry program</a> web page.</p>
<p><b>How do I get started?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the 10-step PLAR Process at <a href="#">SIAST - Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) Process</a></li> <li>2. Consult with the program faculty:  Nathalie Senhouse  Practical Nurse Re-entry Program  SIAST Wascana Campus  4500 Wascana Parkway  Regina, SK S4P 3A3  Phone: (306) 775-7332 or Toll Free: 1-866-goSIAST  Email: <a href="mailto:nathalie.senhouse@siast.sk.ca">nathalie.senhouse@siast.sk.ca</a> </li> </ol>