

Pre-Employment Carpentry Program

<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>If you have a minimum of 2 years recent successful work experience in the construction field and can provide evidence of your skills and knowledge to align with learning outcomes within the Pre-employment carpentry program, you may be a PLAR candidate.</p>
<p>What are the PLAR Options?</p>	<p>Course Level Challenge - The Pre-Employment Carpentry Program has nine courses that may be challenged as individual courses.</p>
<p>How many courses are available by PLAR?</p>	<p>Nine courses in this program are PLAR-ready. For a listing of the specific PLAR-ready course titles, check the PLAR database or call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Pre-employment Carpentry Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>
<p>When are PLAR challenges offered?</p>	<p>PLAR challenges are currently being offered in May and June for the courses beginning in the following September.</p>
<p>How much does PLAR cost?</p>	<p>For a listing of the specific PLAR fees, check the PLAR database or call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Pre-employment Carpentry Program 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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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>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>http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/transferecredit.htm</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>Equivalent Course Credit</p> <p>The Pre-Employment Carpentry 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"> • A student may request prior learning assessment recognition for the course(s) in which the curriculum no longer qualifies for equivalency.
<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 PLAR candidate guide & self-audit package. To obtain the PLAR candidate guide contact a SIAST Educational Counsellor or refer to the SIAST website:</p> <p>http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/educationtraining/oncampusprograms/7262/5570/5851/index.shtml</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.htm 2. Call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Pre-Employment Carpentry Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.