

Diabetes Education for Health Care Professionals 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>You must be a registered student in the Advanced Diabetes Education 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>What are the PLAR options?</p>	<p>Option A: Individual course challenge</p> <p>Only individual course PLAR is available for the Diabetes Education for Health Care Professionals program. A candidate guide has been developed for this program and is accessible through the program web page.</p>
<p>How many courses are available by PLAR?</p>	<p>There are 9 theory courses in the Diabetes Education for Health Care Professionals program. All of the theory courses have PLAR challenges. The lab component, HLTH 273, is also available for PLAR. CLIN 231 is available for PLAR only if you are currently a diabetes educator.</p>
<p>When are PLAR challenges offered?</p>	<p>PLAR challenges are currently being offered continuous basis from September to April 30.</p>
<p>How much does PLAR cost?</p>	<p>To find fees for your course(s) 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.</p> <p>For assistance, call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>

<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>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: http://www.siastr.sk.ca/stuservices/plar/transfer_credit.shtml</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 Diabetes Education for Healthcare Professionals program may recognize credit for a specific SIAST course(s) on the basis of previous credit in another SIAST course(s) with similar content.</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 Diabetes Education for Health Care Professionals program PLAR candidate guide & self-audit package.</p>
<p>How do I get started?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the 10-step PLAR process 2. Consult with program faculty: Charlene Obrigewitsch Diabetes Education programs SIAST Wascana Campus 4500 Wascana Parkway Regina, SK S4P 3A3 Phone: (306) 775-7333 or toll free 1-866-goSIAST email: charlene.obrigewitsch@siastr.sk.ca