

*Is it for you?*

# Nursing Division Nursing 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'm a candidate?</b></p>	<p>You must be a registered student in the Nursing Re-entry program prior to begin the PLAR process (see <a href="#">SIAST calendar</a> or <a href="#">website</a>). 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><b>Individual course challenges</b> and <b>Total Program PLAR</b> are available. A candidate guide has been developed for this program and is accessible through the <a href="#">program web page</a>.</p>															
<p><b>How many courses are available by PLAR?</b></p>	<p>The following 15 courses are available:</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td>NRSG 200</td> <td>NRSG 201</td> <td>NRSG 202</td> <td>NRSG 203</td> <td>NRSG 204</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NRSG 205</td> <td>NRSG 206</td> <td>NRSG 207</td> <td>NRSG 208</td> <td>NRSG 209</td> </tr> <tr> <td>NRSG 210</td> <td>NRSG 211</td> <td>PHAR 200</td> <td>COMP 170</td> <td>CLIN 200</td> </tr> </table> <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 "Courses common to multiple programs" 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/counsellor assigned to the Nursing Re-entry program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST</p>	NRSG 200	NRSG 201	NRSG 202	NRSG 203	NRSG 204	NRSG 205	NRSG 206	NRSG 207	NRSG 208	NRSG 209	NRSG 210	NRSG 211	PHAR 200	COMP 170	CLIN 200
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<p><b>When are PLAR challenges offered?</b></p>	<p>PLAR challenges are currently being offered on a continuous basis from September to April 30.</p>															

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<p><b>How much does PLAR cost?</b></p>	<p>To find fees for your course(s) visit the <a href="#">PLAR database</a> and select your program of study from the first dropdown list of programs or search the course name and code using the “<b>keyword search</b>” 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><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> <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:</p> <p><a href="http://www.siastr.sk.ca/stuservices/plar/transfer_credit.shtml">http://www.siastr.sk.ca/stuservices/plar/transfer_credit.shtml</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 Nursing Re-entry 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> <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><b>What do I need to prepare for a PLAR assessment?</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 please refer to the <a href="#">Nursing Re-entry program web page</a> for the PLAR candidate guide &amp; self-audit package.</p>
<p><b>How do I get started?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the <a href="#">10-step PLAR process</a></li> <li>2. Consult with program faculty:  <b>Carole Reece</b>  Nursing Re-entry program, SIAST Wascana Campus  4500 Wascana Parkway  Regina, SK S4P 3A3  Ph: (306) 775-7336 or 1-866-goSIAST      email: <a href="mailto:carole.reece@siastr.sk.ca">carole.reece@siastr.sk.ca</a></li> </ol>