

# Nursing Division

## Psychiatric 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 Psychiatric Nursing 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 course PLAR is available.</p> <p>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>Specific program courses are PLAR-ready. The following 9 courses are available.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">             NRSG 200    NRSG 201    NRSG 273    NRSG 274    NRSG 275              NRSG 276    NRSG 277    NRSG 278    NRSG 279    COMP 170*         </p> <p>As well, you may check the <a href="#">PLAR database</a> and/or candidate guide for more information about these courses.</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 assigned to the Psychiatric Nursing 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>

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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 inventory 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. For assistance, call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor assigned to the Psychiatric Nursing Re-entry program 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. For specific information and guidelines regarding transfer of credit, contact a SIAST educational counsellor or refer to the SIAST website:  <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 Psychiatric 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="#">Psychiatric Nursing Re-entry program</a> 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:              Marion Rieger              Psychiatric Nursing Re-entry program              SIAST Wascana Campus              4500 Wascana Parkway              Regina, SK S4P 3A3</li> </ol> <p style="text-align: right;">Email: <a href="mailto:marion.rieger@siastr.sk.ca">marion.rieger@siastr.sk.ca</a></p>