

Prior Learning Assessment and Sinclair Community College

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The History of Prior Learning Assessment at Sinclair

- **1976 - Credit for Lifelong Learning Program (CLLP)**
 - **Established and located in the Experienced Based Education (EBE) Department**
- **1983 – Academic Credit Information Center (ACAIC)**
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- **1991 – Sinclair Awarded CAEL Institutional Service Award**
- **2006 – EBE Department Eliminated – SCC Divisional Restructuring**
- **2010 – Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Programs**

PLA Programs and Sinclair

- **Standardized Testing (CLEP, DSST, AP Exams)**
- **ACE (American Council on Education) –Corporate Competency-based learning and Training**
- **PLA Portfolios – course match**
- **Licenses, Certifications, Journeyman**
- **Workforce Development – (non-credit to credit evaluation)**
- **AIS/ATS degree development (Individualized Study Programs)**
- **Military Competency-based credits (Registrar's Office)**
- **Proficiency Testing (Credit by Exam, Course Challenge Exams)**

Proficiency Testing and Sinclair Community College

○ Pre-2005

- A hard copy “Systems Document” contained a list of courses, by department, for which a student could take a proficiency test.

○ 2005 – Curriculum Management Tool (CMT) Developed

- Home-grown, integrated, comprehensive software application that automates curriculum processes.
- Database driven, web-based design allows for the automation of curriculum processes including the ability to note whether a proficiency test is offered for courses within the curriculum.
- Available to both internal and external constituencies.
- Link for students on our PLA website.

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Proficiency Report - Mozilla Firefox

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Home - Sinclair Employee Portal Curriculum Management Tool - SEMESTE... Proficiency Report

ank.sindair.edu/reports/proficiency/index.cfm

Search Criteria

Start date:

End date:

Department: All

Course: All

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cmt.sinclair.edu/reports/proficiency/dspResults.cfm

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AVT 2121	Assembly & Rigging	1.0	3.0
AVT 2122	Ignition & Starting	1.0	4.0
AVT 2126	Reciprocating Engines	1.0	7.0
AVT 2138	Engine Fuel & Fuel Metering	1.0	3.0
AVT 2139	Induction/Exhaust/Cooling	1.0	2.0
AVT 2143	Review & Recommendation	1.0	2.0
AVT 2219	Turbine Engines	1.0	4.0
BIO 1121	Human Anatomy & Physiology I	1.0	3.0
BIS 1100	Introduction to Computers & Keyboarding	1.0	2.0
BIS 1120	Computer Concepts & Applications	1.0	3.0
BIS 1200	Keyboarding & Document Formatting I	1.0	2.0
BIS 1220	Word Processing Software	1.0	3.0
BIS 1230	Spreadsheet Software	1.0	3.0
BIS 1240	Presentation Software	1.0	2.0
BIS 1260	Database Software	1.0	3.0
BIS 1300	Keyboarding & Document Formatting II	1.0	2.0
BIS 2140	Records Management	1.0	2.0
BIS 2180	Medical Office Simulation	1.0	3.0
CAM 1107	Principles of Manufacturing	1.0	3.0
CAT 1101	Architectural Drafting	1.0	3.0
CAT 1301	Introduction to Civil Construction CAD	1.0	3.0
CAT 1501	Construction Surveying	1.0	3.0
CAT 2101	CAD Design in Revit	1.0	5.0
CAT 2411	Building Codes & Construction Law	1.0	3.0
CAT 2421	Soil Mechanics	1.0	3.0
CAT 2531	Advanced Surveying & Drafting	1.0	4.0
CIS 1107	Introduction To Operating Systems	1.0	3.0
CIS 1304	Web Site Development with HTML/JavaScript	1.0	3.0
CIS 2165	Database Management	1.0	3.0
CIS 2309	Cascading Style Sheets	1.0	3.0
CIS 2314	Web Programming with Hypertext Preprocessor (php)	1.0	3.0
CIS 2319	Extensible Markup Language (XML)	1.0	3.0

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- 2012 – Q2S Transition

- All aspects of Proficiency Exams, including fee structure reevaluated.

- Questionnaires sent to all department chairs for courses indicated in CMT that were available for proficiency testing.

REMINDER: Proficiency exams must be designed to ensure that successful completion indicates competency of all course outcomes.

Your department has indicated that a proficiency exam is available for: ABC 1234.

- No, a proficiency exam is not available for this course and CMT should be changed to reflect this.
 Yes, a proficiency exam is available for this course

To ensure that our records are accurate, as well as, provide students with additional information, please complete the following information regarding the exam.

Delivery Mode

- Computerized
 Written
 Oral

Where Administered

- Testing Center
 Lab
 Other: _____

Test Format

- Multiple Choice
 Essay
 Interactive
 Oral Interview
 Portfolio
 Other free answer written response

Approximate time (in minutes) student is permitted to complete the exam: 000

How is exam scored?

- Computer generated
 Manual

If manual, approximate time (in minutes) for scoring exam: 00

Is a student required to receive permission from the department chair in order to take the proficiency exam? Yes No

If yes, please explain.

NOTE: Requiring permission to be granted for approval to take a proficiency exam requires the department chair complete the *Proficiency Examination Permission Form*.

Additional Comments:

Completed by: Ima Chairperson

Date: 6/27/13

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Closing Remarks

- SCC is approaching nearly 40 years of involvement in PLA.
- Since 1980, students at SCC have earned over 126,600 credit hours using a variety of PLA opportunities.
- SCC recognizes that PLA is dynamic and new initiatives are always on the horizon.
- SCC welcomes the opportunity to assist in moving the “PLA With a Purpose” initiative forward.