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)
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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- **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
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**Where Administered**
- [ ] Testing Center
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**Test Format**
- [ ] Multiple Choice
- [ ] Essay
- [ ] Interactive
- [ ] Oral Interview
- [ ] Portfolio
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**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.

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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.