

PLA Checklist: Is PLA for You?

√ **Get Credit for What You know**

√ **Earn Your Degree in Less Time**

√ **Save Time & Money**

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) provides students an opportunity to earn college credit for learning that has taken place through professional and/or life experiences outside the traditional classroom setting. Earning college credit through the proper documentation of college-level learning derived from any of these experiences could save you substantial time, effort and money in your pursuit of a degree. The following checklist may assist you in determining if you are a candidate for earning course credit through PLA. Note that you must be a degree-seeking student at Clarke to earn PLA credit through Clarke University.

Do any of these statements apply to you?

If so, you may be a candidate for PLA credit.

- I have a minimum of 5 years' work experience.
- I am enrolled in or have completed a CareerPLUS micro course(s) or badge program(s).
- My work experience includes leadership, management, or supervisory responsibilities.
- I have certifications and/or memberships with professional organizations.
- I have undergone significant workplace training.
- I have completed non-credit college courses.
- I have taken courses through Coursera, LinkedIn Learning, etc.
- I have hobbies, personal interests, or have completed an informal independent study.
- I have been involved with extensive volunteer or community work.
- I am or was a member of the military.
- I have lived in a foreign country and/or traveled extensively.
- I can read and write fluently in a language(s) other than English.
- I hold certifications, licenses, training, workplace or industry credentials that might be worth college credit.
- I do public speaking regularly.
- I use advanced technology/software regularly.
- I am able to produce evidence of my learning in the experiences listed above (letters of support, samples of your work, training certificates).

Please email careerplus@clarke.edu for more information.