Aims Community College Procedure 2-1000B

Student Engagement, Inclusion, and Success

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Credit

Aims Community College understands that learning can also take place through alternative means outside of the traditional academic environment. Students who can demonstrate equivalent college-level knowledge and skills may receive Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Credit from such activities as:

- Standardized tests such as the College Board’s College Level Examination program (CLEP) and Advanced Placement (AP), the DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST) and Defense Language Proficiency Test (DLPT), the International Baccalaureate program (IB), and the UExcel Excelsior College Examination Program

- Training or examinations offered by businesses, the military and other government entities, as recommended in the American Council on Education (ACE) National Guide to College Credit for Workplace Training, the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS), and the ACE Guide to the Evaluation of Educational Experiences in the Armed Services

- Credit through Course Challenge and Portfolio Assessment administered at Aims

- Faculty-evaluated local industry and workplace training and certifications.

Aims will provide specific guidance to all students, including active duty and veteran military members, in selecting a program of study and in optimizing the use of prior learning assessment credit to accelerate the student’s path to degree or certificate completion in the chosen program of study.

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