

Attachment B

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Program
Examples of PLA at Participating UH Campuses

Option	Credit-by-Examination (CE) Reference Part III.B.	Equivalency Examinations Reference Part III.C.	Portfolio-Based Assessment Reference Part III.D.	Non-Collegiate-Sponsored Education Credits Reference Part III.E.
How does it work?	With instructor approval, enrolled students may take instructor-prepared examinations covering the material in a specific course.	Equivalency examinations such as CLEP, DSST, IB, and AP exams give students the opportunity to earn college credit.	Students usually enroll in a portfolio-based assessment course (credit or non-credit). Students prepare a portfolio in which they document college-level learning.	Students who have successfully completed military training, licensure or professional certifications, and/or ACE equivalency may be awarded college credit.
How is student learning assessed for earning credit?	Students must pass the examination with a "C" or higher.	Credit is awarded if the student meets the qualifying score set by the campus.	Student portfolios are evaluated by content expert faculty assessor(s) for evidence of meeting course-level student learning outcomes (SLOs) with a "C" or higher.	Individual campuses determine the equivalencies.
Which students should choose this option?	Students in degree programs that include specific courses for which a student believes he or she has current knowledge meeting the student learning outcomes (SLOs) of the course. Students who have completed courses at non-regionally-accredited postsecondary institutions should consider credit-by-examination.	Students with specific knowledge in an area where tests are offered.	Students who have substantial professional or community experience and college-level writing skills (i.e. qualify for ENG 100)	Military experience that is documented through ACE or other official training records. Employees/professionals who obtained industry certification or licensure and can provide original proofs of satisfactory completion.

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How are these credits awarded?	Criteria for awarding credit should be demonstrated mastery of student learning outcomes at a “C” level or higher.	Transcripts from CLEP, DSST, IB, and/or AP examinations are sent to college specified by the student.	Credit must be approved by appropriate faculty member(s) and/or Division Chairperson.	Transfer credit awarded based on ACE transcripts. Professional certifications or licensures are awarded on an individual basis.
How are these credits recorded?	Institutional credit recorded by the college as a grade of CE on the transcript.	Institutional credit recorded by the college as a grade of CE on the transcript.	Institutional credit recorded by the college as a grade of CE on the transcript.	On other documentation, institutional credit is recorded by the college as a grade of CE or CR on the transcript as appropriate.
What are the costs?	Tuition and fees for the challenged course, but no books or supplies are required.	Test and administration fees.	Students pay portfolio class fee/tuition and textbook costs (if applicable), and portfolio assessment fees.	None, since assessments were administered and paid for previously.
Are there special considerations?	Students should talk with their advisors regarding campus-specific policies.	Students should talk with their advisors regarding campus-specific policies. CLEP or DSST tests must be arranged at authorized test centers.	Students should talk with their advisors regarding campus-specific policies. Students must be able to provide documentation as evidence for prior learning.	Students should talk with their advisors.