

# Accounting Certificate and Diploma Programs

<p><b>What is PLAR?</b></p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment (PLAR) is an evaluation through a valid and reliable process, by qualified specialist(s), of the knowledge and skills that have been learned through non-formal education, training or experience to determine the equivalency for credit to a SIAST course.</p>
<p><b>What can PLAR do for me?</b></p>	<p>PLAR reduces redundant learning and provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recognition for skills and knowledge acquired through prior learning</li> <li>• Portable credentials</li> <li>• Increased employment opportunities</li> </ul>
<p><b>How do I know if I'm a candidate?</b></p>	<p>If you have at least two years of recent successful work experience in the accounting field and can provide evidence of your skills and knowledge to align with learning outcomes within the Accounting Certificate program, you may be a PLAR candidate.</p>
<p><b>What are the PLAR Options?</b></p>	<p>Prior learning is assessed at the individual course level, by using valid and reliable assessment methods such as challenge exams and/or evidence of learning from life and work experiences and accomplishments.</p> <p>A candidate guide has been developed for this program and is accessible through the program web page.</p>
<p><b>How many courses are available by PLAR?</b></p>	<p>Specific program courses are PLAR-ready. For a listing of the specific PLAR-ready course titles, check the <a href="#">PLAR database</a> and/or candidate guide.</p> <p>Some courses common to many programs at SIAST (i.e. communications, math, social sciences, and computer applications) are managed by Associated Studies Faculty. To see if the shared courses in your program are PLAR-ready, visit the "PLAR-ready Courses" link on the <a href="#">PLAR homepage</a> for further details.</p> <p>For assistance call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counselor assigned to the Accounting Certificate Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>
<p><b>When are PLAR challenges offered?</b></p>	<p>PLAR challenges are currently being offered from September to June of the SIAST academic year.</p>

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<p><b>How much does PLAR cost?</b></p>	<p>For a listing of the specific PLAR fees, check the <a href="#">PLAR database</a> or call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Accounting Certificate Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>
<p><b>Are there methods other than PLAR to gain SIAST course credits for prior learning?</b></p>	<p><b>Transfer Credit</b>            SIAST may grant a transfer credit for course(s) from a recognized credit-granting post-secondary educational institution. The training must be similar in content, objectives and evaluation standards to SIAST training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Major changes in program content may require that the student repeat or seek prior learning assessment recognition for the course for which transfer credit is requested.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact the Program Head of Accounting at (306) 694-3308 for any transfer credit inquiries.</p> <p>For specific information and guidelines regarding the Transfer of Credit process, contact a SIAST Educational Counsellor or refer to the SIAST Website:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/transferecredit.htm">http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/transferecredit.htm</a></p> <hr/> <p>If your training does not qualify for credit transfer you may ask for a review of your learning through the PLAR process.</p> <p><b>Equivalent Course Credit</b>            The Accounting Certificate program may recognize credit for a specific SIAST course(s) on the basis of previous credit in another SIAST course(s).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A student may request prior learning assessment recognition for the course(s) in which the curriculum no longer qualifies for equivalency.</li> </ul> <p>Please contact the Program Head of Accounting at (306) 694-3308 for any equivalent credit inquiries.</p>
<p><b>What do I need to prepare for a PLAR assessment?</b></p>	<p>Credit is earned for proven knowledge and skills. You will be assessed on your competence in the learning outcomes for each course. For more information on the learning outcomes, criteria, and the form of assessment please refer to the PLAR candidate guide &amp; self-audit package.</p>
<p><b>How do I get started?</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the 10-step PLAR Process at <a href="http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/plar.htm">http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/plar.htm</a></li> <li>2. Call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Accounting Certificate Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</li> </ol>