

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT FACT SHEET

Addictions Counselling Diploma Program

What is PLAR?	Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition or PLAR is a formal method of providing credit for knowledge and skills gained through experience.
What can PLAR do for me?	<p>PLAR reduces redundant learning and provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recognition for skills and knowledge acquired through experience. ✓ Portable credentials. ✓ Increased employment opportunities.
How do I know if I'm a candidate?	If you meet the admission requirements and have the equivalent of 3 years successful work experience within the past 5 years, you may be a candidate for PLAR in this program.
How many courses are available by PLAR?	Currently we have 6 out of 42 Addictions Counselling Diploma courses available to challenge through the PLAR process.
What would I need to prepare for a PLAR assessment?	<p>Credit is earned for proven knowledge and skills. Examples of PLAR Assessment may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Evidence File ✓ Progress Reports ✓ Assessments ✓ Incident Reports ✓ Brief Screenings ✓ Lecture outlines ✓ Treatment Plans ✓ Activity outlines ✓ Discharge Summaries ✓ Interviews ✓ Video/audiotapes of presentations & counselling sessions ✓ Practical Assignments and/or Demonstrations ✓ Progress Reports ✓ Incident Reports ✓ Lecture outlines ✓ Activity outlines ✓ Interviews ✓ Practical Assignments and/or Demonstrations

**How much does
PLAR cost?**

A one-time application fee of \$30 is charged to initiate your PLAR request. This fee is valid for your enrollment period. Each course request for PLAR will be assigned an assessment fee. Assessment fees for PLAR ready courses may be viewed in the PLAR Database. It is accessible through Campus Pipeline / School Services / Online Administrative Services. Consult with the Program Head or a PLAR Counsellor for further information.

**How do I get
started?**

1. Review the 10-step PLAR Process at www.siastr.ca/siastr/admissions/plar.htm
2. Call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Addictions Counselling Diploma program at: (306) 765-1730 or 1-866-667-7730.

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