

Occupational Health & Safety Practitioner Applied certificate & certificate program

<p>What is PLAR?</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>What can PLAR do for me?</p>	<p>PLAR reduces redundant learning and provides:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recognition for skills and knowledge acquired through prior learning ▪ Portable credentials ▪ Increased employment opportunities
<p>How do I know if I'm a candidate?</p>	<p>If you have successful work experience in the Occupational Health & Safety field or related fields and can provide evidence of your skills and knowledge to meet learning outcomes with the Occupational Health & Safety program, you may be a PLAR candidate.</p>
<p>What are the PLAR options?</p>	<p>You must be registered in a SIAST Occupational Health & Safety program to receive PLAR services. Admission standards for programs will still apply. See admissions policy in the SIAST calendar or website.</p> <p>Option A: Individual course challenge If you have 2 or more years of recent (within the past 5 years) successful experience in the Occupational Health & Safety field and learned the skills and knowledge for one or more of the Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner Program Applied Certificate or Certificate courses, you may apply to be assessed for each applicable course.</p> <p>Option B: Program level certification PLAR candidates with extensive Industry Training and experience may challenge all courses in the Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner program Applied Certificate in one single challenge.</p> <p>Eligibility criteria for this option are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed 2 or more years of recent (within the past 5 years) successful experience in the Occupational Health & Safety field, and • Hold a designation in one of the following areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Canadian Registered Safety Professional – CRSP ▪ Construction Safety Officer – CSO ▪ National Certified Safety Officer – NCSO ▪ Occupational Health Officer – OHO

<p>How many courses are available by PLAR?</p>	<p>All courses in the Occupational Health and Safety Practitioner program Applied Certificate and Certificate are PLAR ready for Individual course challenge.</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 “Courses common to multiple programs” link on the PLAR homepage for further details.</p>
<p>When are PLAR challenges offered?</p>	<p>PLAR challenges are currently being offered from September to May.</p> <p>Please contact the program at ohspractitioner@siast.sk.ca for more details.</p>
<p>How much does PLAR cost?</p>	<p>To find fees for your course(s) visit the PLAR database and select your program of study from the first dropdown list of programs or search the course name and code using the “keyword search” option.</p> <p>For assistance, call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>
<p>Are there methods other than PLAR to gain SIAST course credits for prior learning?</p>	<p>Transfer Credit</p> <p>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> <p>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.</p> <p>Any transfer credit agreements with this program are listed in the candidate guide.</p> <p>For specific information and guidelines regarding transfer of credit, contact a SIAST educational counsellor or refer to the SIAST website:</p> <p>http://www.siastr.sk.ca/stuservices/plar/transfer_credit.shtml</p>
	<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>Equivalent course credit</p> <p>The Occupational Health & Safety program may recognize credit for a specific SIAST course(s) on the basis of previous credit in another SIAST course(s) with similar content.</p> <p>If the curriculum no longer qualifies for equivalency, a student may request PLAR for the course(s) if additional learning has occurred to meet the change in the current learning outcomes.</p>

<p>What do I need to prepare for a PLAR assessment?</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 Occupational Health & Safety applied certificate program and the Occupational Health & Safety certificate program PLAR candidate guide & self-audit package.</p> <p>Evidence required may include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work samples • Validation letters • Skills resume • Industry training certificates with detailed outlines • Job description and duties • Written self assessments • Recent performance appraisals • Video and evaluation of presentations you have done
<p>How do I get started?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the 10-step PLAR process 2. Call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Occupational Health & Safety Practitioner program at: (306) 933-8346 or 1-866-goSIAST. 3. You must apply to and be accepted into the program before your PLAR submission will be marked.