

# Media Arts Production Certificate

<p><b>What is PLAR?</b></p>	<p>Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition or PLAR is a formal method of providing credit for knowledge and skills gained through experience.</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 experience.</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 can provide evidence of your skills and knowledge to meet learning outcomes within the Media Arts Production Certificate program, you are a PLAR candidate.</p>
<p><b>What are the PLAR Options?</b></p>	<p>Only individual course PLAR is available for the Media Arts Production Certificate program.</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 Media Arts Production 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 on an on-going basis by appointment with the Media Arts Production Certificate program head.</p>
<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/counselor assigned to the Media Arts Production 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></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> <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>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><a href="#">SIAST - Transfer Credit</a></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><b>Equivalent Course Credit</b></p> <p>The Media Arts Production 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><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 on the <a href="#">Media Arts Production Certificate program</a> web page.</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.ca/stuservices/plar/PDF/10stepprocess.pdf">http://www.siastr.ca/stuservices/plar/PDF/10stepprocess.pdf</a>.</li> <li>2. Call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Media Arts Production Certificate program at 1-866-goSIAST (467-4278)</li> </ol>