

Nursing Education Program of Saskatchewan (NEPS)

<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>NEPS 115.3: Who is Eligible for PLAR?</p> <p>A currently registered NEPS student who is an experienced health care worker who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ has received certification as a Continuing Care Assistant or Home Care/Special Care Aide within the past year <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>A currently registered NEPS student who is an experienced health care worker who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ has received certification as a Continuing Care Assistant or Home Care/Special Care Aide, ▪ has at least 1000 hours work experience in the last 5 years in a health care agency giving direct personal care, completed Section 2: Employer Documentation of Work Experience required, ▪ and has been recommended by a nursing supervisor. <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>A currently registered NEPS student who is an experienced health care worker who is not certified as a Continuing Care Assistant or Home Care/Special Care Aide but:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ has at least 2000 hours work experience in the last 5 years in a health care agency giving direct personal care, completed Section 2: Employer Documentation of Work Experience required, ▪ and has been recommended by a nursing supervisor. <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <p>A currently registered NEPS student who is an experienced health care worker but does not fit into the above categories and/or has credentials obtained from outside of Saskatchewan, should contact the appropriate NEPS Program Head for further clarification regarding eligibility.</p> <p>NEPS 118.3 & NEPS 119.3: Who is Eligible for PLAR?</p> <p>A currently registered NEPS student or LPN Bridging Program into NEPS student who has taken a post secondary, in-depth human anatomy and physiology course, covering all systems of the human body, within the last 5 years.</p>
<p>What are the PLAR options?</p>	<p>PLAR challenges are available at the individual course level.</p> <p>A candidate guide has been developed for this program and is accessible through the program web page.</p>

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<p>How many courses are available by PLAR?</p>	<p>Specific program courses are PLAR-ready. For a listing of the specific PLAR-ready course titles, check the NEPS candidate guide and/or the PLAR database.</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 PLAR homepage for further details.</p> <p>For assistance call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the NEPS Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>
<p>When are PLAR challenges offered?</p>	<p>For NEPS 115.3 challenges, to complete the PLAR process by December 17, 2009 (to facilitate access to required learning in Term 2 if needed); you must apply for PLAR by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kelsey Campus: September 10, 2010 ▪ Wascana Campus: October 10, 2010 <p>For NEPS 118.3 and 119.3 PLAR challenges:</p> <p>For students enrolled in the regular entry into NEPS:</p> <p>For NEPS 118.3 PLAR challenges, you must register in the Term 1 onsite NEPS 118.3 course, and apply for the PLAR process by September 12, 2010 to complete the PLAR process by September 26, 2010 (to allow continuation in the on-site NEPS 118.3 course if needed).</p> <p>For NEPS 119.3 PLAR challenges, you must apply for the PLAR process by November 7, 2010 to complete the PLAR process by November 28, 2010 (to facilitate access to the required NEPS 119.3 onsite course in Term 2 if needed).</p> <p>For students enrolled in the LPN bridging option into NEPS:</p> <p>For NEPS 118.3 PLAR challenges, you must register with the PLAR advisor/counsellor, and apply for the PLAR process by July 9, 2010 to complete the PLAR process by July 28, 2010.</p> <p>For NEPS 119.3 PLAR challenges, you must apply for the PLAR process by July 9, 2010 to complete by July 28, 2010.</p>
<p>How much does PLAR cost?</p>	<p>To find fees for your course(s) visit the PLAR inventory 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 NEPS PLAR advisor/counsellor at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>

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<p>Are there methods other than PLAR to gain SIAST course credits for prior learning?</p>	<p>Transfer credit</p> <p>Yes, NEPS will grant credit for previous training that is similar in content, objectives, and evaluation standards to NEPS training. It is the student's responsibility to check with the University of Saskatchewan Admissions Office for specific campus procedures on this policy.</p> <p>Transfer of credit is different from the PLAR process. Transfer Credit guidelines may be found at: http://explore.usask.ca/admission/transfer/</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>Equivalent course credit</p> <p>The NEPS program may recognize credit for a specific SIAST course(s) on the basis of previous credit in another SIAST course(s) with similar content. Please refer to the NEPS PLAR Candidate Guide, page 9 for a listing of equivalent courses at http://www.gosiast.com/stuservices/plar/pdf/nepscandguide.pdf.</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 NEPS PLAR candidate guide & self-audit package at http://www.gosiast.com/stuservices/plar/pdf/nepscandguide.pdf.</p>
<p>How do I get started?</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review the 10-step PLAR process at http://www.gosiast.com/stuservices/plar/PDF/10stepprocess.pdf 2. Call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the NEPS Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.