



*Is it for you?*

# Pharmacy Technician Program

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| <b>What is PLAR?</b>                           | 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.   |
| <b>What can PLAR do for me?</b>                | <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>  |
| <b>How do I know if I'm a candidate?</b>       | If you have recent successful work experience in the pharmacy technician field and can provide evidence of your skills and knowledge to align with learning outcomes within the Pharmacy Technician program, you may be a PLAR candidate. Your work experience should be within the last five years and greater than 50% of your time should have been spent in the dispensary performing drug distribution functions. |
| <b>What are the PLAR Options?</b>              | Individual course level challenges are available for MTER 180, PHAR 183, PHAR 185, PHAR 187, PHAR 189 and PRAC 484. These range from challenge examinations to a combination of challenge examinations, performance evaluations and evidence files.  |
| <b>How many courses are available by PLAR?</b> | Courses in this program are PLAR-ready. For a listing of the specific PLAR-ready course titles, check the <a href="#">PLAR database</a> or call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counsellor assigned to the Pharmacy Technician Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.   |
| <b>When are PLAR challenges offered?</b>       | PLAR challenges are currently being offered upon acceptance into the program and prior to start of the course being challenged.  |
| <b>How much does PLAR cost?</b>                | 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 Pharmacy Technician Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.  |

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| <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>• A fee is charged for each transfer credit processed.</li> <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="http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/academicregulations.htm#Transfer/Equivalency">http://www.siastr.sk.ca/siastr/admissions/academicregulations.htm#Transfer/Equivalency</a></p> |
|  | <p>If your training was through a private trainer, you may ask for a review of your learning through the PLAR process.</p>  |
|  | <p><b>Equivalent Course Credit</b></p> <p>The Pharmacy Technician 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>• There is no fee charged for Equivalent Course Credit.</li> <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 and 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 Pharmacy Technician Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</li> </ol>   |