

# Primary Care Paramedic Program

<p><b>What is PLAR?</b></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><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 prior learning</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 have recent successful work experience in the emergency health care field and can provide evidence of your skills and knowledge to align with learning outcomes within the PCP program, you may be a PLAR candidate.</p>
<p><b>What are the PLAR Options?</b></p>	<p>PLAR challenges are available at the course level.</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 "Courses Common to Multiple Programs" 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 PCP program at 1-866-467-4278.</p>
<p><b>When are PLAR challenges offered?</b></p>	<p>Please contact the Emergency Health Care program at 1-306-775-7665.</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 PCP Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</p>

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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>            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>Please contact the Program Head of Emergency Health Care at for any transfer credit inquiries.</p> <p>For specific information and guidelines regarding Transfer of Credit, contact a SIAST Educational Counselor or refer to the SIAST Website:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="http://www.gosiast.com/stuservices/plar/transfer_credit.shtml">http://www.gosiast.com/stuservices/plar/transfer_credit.shtml</a></p>
<p><b>What do I need to prepare for a PLAR assessment?</b></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>            The PCP 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>How do I get started?</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.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review the 10-step PLAR Process at <a href="http://www.gosiast.com/stuservices/plar/process.shtml">http://www.gosiast.com/stuservices/plar/process.shtml</a></li> <li>2. Call SIAST and ask to speak to the PLAR advisor/counselor assigned to the PCP Program at: 1-866-467-4278 or 1-866-goSIAST.</li> </ol>