Prior Learning Assessment

2019 Annual Report

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College Credit for What Students Already Know

- Work experience
- Experiential learning
- Military Service
- Volunteer work
- Other education and training
- Up to 25% of credits toward degree
- Recognition of skills, knowledge, experience, competency
Prior Learning Assessment in the MUS (2014-2018)

• Formed PLA Task Force and PLA Council
• Completed PLA Policy & Procedures
• Completed PLA Expanded Policy Recommendations
• Produced PLA marketing materials
• Implemented PLA data tracking
• Dissolved PLA Council (2018) after PLA work complete
### Count of Students that earned PLA credits in the MUS by Assessment Type

#### Fall 2018 & Spring 2019

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<th>Assessment Type</th>
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Percent of PLA Students by Assessment Type, Fall 2018 & Spring 2019

- AP: 80%
- Non-AP: 20%

Assessment types:
- International Baccalaureate: 6%
- Military: 5%
- CLEP: 3%
- Challenge - 2%
- Other: 3%
- Straighterline - 1%

Adult Learners:
- ACE
- DANTES
- Experiential Learning
- NEMT
- Portfolio
- UExcel
- Other
~ 1 out of every 5 students

Earned credit in the MUS through PLA in Fall 2018 & Spring 2019

PLA Participation in the MUS, Fall 2018 & Spring 2019
Veteran PLA Participation in the MUS
Fall 2018 & Spring 2019

33%

Percent of enrolled veterans received PLA credit
PLA Cost Savings for Students

$30-40/credit

Average cost of PLA exams and fees

~ 85%

Savings compared to the average 4-year MUS resident tuition rate
PLA Moving Forward

• Connecting PLA to adult learners

• **New Opportunity** – NWCCU lifts 25% cap on PLA credits

• Campus & organization training & partnerships

• Improve PLA processes and access

• Increase awareness of PLA