



Credit for Prior Learning Update

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Credit for Prior Learning Impact



- **Credential Completion:** Adult students who participate in PLA/CPL are 17% more likely to complete their degree



- **Time Saved:** Adult PLA/CPL students saved, on average, 9-14 months in earning a degree



- **Money Saved:** Adult students saved between \$1,500 - \$10,200



- **Increased Enrollment:** On average, adult students with CPL/PLA take 17.6 more course credits from their college or university



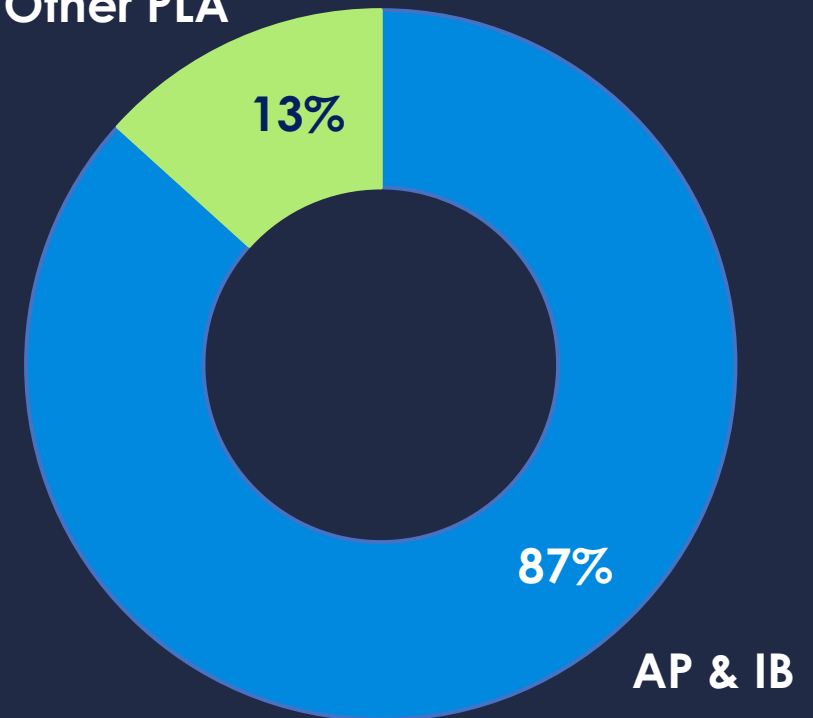
- **Motivation:** Interviews with students show that the CPL/PLA process feel “empowered” and “validated”. Reflection on past learning is a positive experience and improves self-image.



PLA in Montana

PLA Category	Fall 2019*	Spring 2020*
Advanced Placement	6,706	6,314
International Baccalaureate	582	555
Military	346	325
Other: ACE, DANTES, Experiential Learning, NEMT, Portfolio, UExcel, and Other	307	314
CLEP	212	202
Challenge	137	127
Straighterline	53	44
Total	8,343	7,881

All Other PLA



*Count of Enrolled Students with PLA credit

Student-Centered Solutions



- Webinars and trainings for faculty, staff & key stakeholders
 - CPL Fundamentals
 - Building the Foundations of a CPL Program
 - Assessing Prior Learning Workshop
 - CPL for Military-Connected Students
 - Process Mapping
- Cross-walking Employer/Industry Training to College Credit Analysis
- Adult Learner Summit – Summer 2025





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