



Pharmacy Technician

PLAR Candidate Guide

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR)

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Prior learning credit options at Saskatchewan Polytechnic

See [Get Credit for What you Know](#) for important information about all options to get credit for prior learning at Sask Polytech, including PLAR, transfer credit, Canadian Armed Forces credit, and equivalency credit.

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A. PLAR fees

Fees for PLAR challenges are set to cover our costs for consultation, assessment, and related administrative tasks. PLAR fees are non-refundable and non-transferrable.

The PLAR fees policy is subject to change for each new academic year. Please see the **Cost** section on the [PLAR webpage](#) for current fee information.

B. PLAR eligibility and options

To be eligible for PLAR you must consult with the [PLAR contact person](#) and be approved for PLAR assessment.

Course prerequisites and corequisites

Some courses have one or more other courses that must be completed first (prerequisite) or at the same time (corequisite). See [course outlines](#) in this guide to identify any pre- or co-requisites for each course. Discuss with your [PLAR contact person](#) how to deal with courses with corequisites.

Block assessment

Some programs may assess a cluster of courses together in one block, which may save you time and effort. Ask the [PLAR contact person](#) whether there are any block assessment options in this program.

C. Dates when PLAR assessment is available

PLAR assessment for this program is available from Sept 1 to June 15 in each academic year.

All PLAR assessments must be completed by June 15 of each academic year.

D. Special directions for this program

1. **Review** the [PLAR process and FAQs](#) and the information in this guide.
2. **Self-rate** your learning for each course using the [Course Outlines](#) in this guide.
3. **Consult** with the [PLAR contact person](#) for PLAR approval. Be prepared to provide your resume, course self-ratings (see [section F](#)), and a partially completed [PLAR application](#). If you are approved for PLAR, the contact person will sign your PLAR application and explain next steps.
4. **Register** for PLAR at [Registration/Enrolment Services](#) once you have signed approval on your [PLAR Application Form](#). The PLAR fee will be added to your student account.
5. **Finalize** an assessment plan with your assigned assessor.
6. **Complete** assessment before your PLAR registration expires.

E. PLAR contact person

Contact one of the Program Heads below to arrange a consultation **after** you have read this guide and [general PLAR information](#) and rated yourself for each course (see next section). Consultation may be by phone, online, or in person. Be prepared to provide your resume, course self-ratings, and a partially completed [PLAR application](#). If agreement is reached to go ahead with PLAR, the contact person will sign approval on your PLAR application and explain the next steps. Admission to the program is required before you can register for PLAR.

Courses that are eligible for PLAR within the Pharmacy Technician program are delivered by partnering departments/programs. Please follow the links below to access the PLAR Candidate Guide for the course(s) you would like to PLAR.

F. Self-rating course outlines

Clicking on a course code below opens a page where you can rate yourself on the knowledge and skills assessed for PLAR credit. For Arts & Sciences courses, clicking on the course code opens another PLAR guide. The [PLAR contact person](#) for this program will refer you to another person to discuss PLAR for courses delivered by Arts & Sciences or another program/department.

COURSE CODE	COURSE NAME	Delivered by another department/program
APHY 160	Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology	Arts & Science
COMM 291	Interpersonal Communications	Continuing Care Assistant
SOCl 171	Culture and Diversity in Canadian Society	Arts & Science

APHY 160 - Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology

You will develop a basic understanding of the anatomy and physiology of the human body. You will discuss the concept of homeostasis. You will acquire knowledge of cells, tissues, organs and all the organ systems of the human body.

Credit unit(s): 3.0
Prerequisites: none
Corequisites: none
Equivalent course(s): APHY 189

<p>Use a checkmark (✓) to rate yourself as follows for each learning outcome</p> <p>Competent: I can apply this outcome without direction or supervision. Learning: I am still learning skills and knowledge to apply this outcome. None: I have no knowledge or experience related to this outcome.</p>	Competent	Learning	None
1. Describe the organization of the human body and homeostatic regulation.			
2. Describe the structures and functions of human cells, tissues, and integumentary system.			
3. Describe the structures and functions of the musculoskeletal system.			
4. Describe the structures and functions of the nervous system, the special and general senses, and the endocrine system.			
5. Describe the structures and functions of the blood and cardiovascular system.			
6. Discuss the structures and functions of the lymphatic system.			
7. Describe the structures and functions of the respiratory system.			
8. Describe the structures and functions of the digestive, urinary and reproductive systems.			

COMM 291 - Interpersonal Communications

You will develop employability skills through the study of interpersonal communications theory and applications in the workplace. Learning outcomes include the importance of self-awareness and self-esteem, perception problems, verbal and nonverbal messages, and listening skills, creating positive communication climates and resolving interpersonal conflict.

Credit unit(s): 2.0
Prerequisites: none
Corequisites: none
Equivalent course(s): BCOM 103, COMM 112, COMM 135, COMM 155, COMM 160, COMM 381, HUMR 182, HUMR 186, JOBS 190, NEPS 114, NURS 114, NURS 163

<p>Use a checkmark (✓) to rate yourself as follows for each learning outcome</p> <p>Competent: I can apply this outcome without direction or supervision. Learning: I am still learning skills and knowledge to apply this outcome. None: I have no knowledge or experience related to this outcome.</p>	Competent	Learning	None
1. Describe interpersonal communication.			
2. Describe how self-concept and perception affect communication.			
3. Discuss verbal and nonverbal messages.			
4. Discuss factors affecting communication climates.			
5. Apply skills to improve communication.			

SOCI 171 - Culture and Diversity in Canadian Society

You will explore culture and diversity in Canada and the challenges they present. You will discuss the impacts of oppression, multiculturalism, immigration, social inequalities, and social justice at both personal and professional levels. You will discuss the historical and contemporary challenges of Indigenous peoples. You will also examine tools to foster social change and diversity competencies.

Credit unit(s): 3.0
Prerequisites: none
Corequisites: none
Equivalent course(s): SOCI 160

<p>Use a checkmark (✓) to rate yourself as follows for each learning outcome</p> <p>Competent: I can apply this outcome without direction or supervision. Learning: I am still learning skills and knowledge to apply this outcome. None: I have no knowledge or experience related to this outcome.</p>	Competent	Learning	None
1. Examine the concepts of diversity and identity in the context of Canadian society.			
2. Examine the concepts of oppression, inequality, and race.			
3. Examine the roles of multiculturalism, religion, and gender in Canadian society.			
4. Discuss the historical and contemporary challenges of Indigenous peoples.			
5. Examine immigration to Canada.			
6. Examine ways of practicing diversity competency on personal and professional levels.			