

**Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) – Am I a Good Candidate?**

**Learner Self-Evaluation**

APU PLA Program information: <https://www.apu.apus.edu/academic/degrees-and-programs/pla.html>

**A. Basic Eligibility**

1. I am a fully matriculated, active student (completed the APUS application and orientation process, possess a student ID number and are not on program hold or disenrolled).

Yes  No

2. I have had all my previous academic experience evaluated by APUS (My TCE has been completed).

Yes  No

3. PLA is a writing intensive process, are you confident in your writing abilities?

Yes  No

4. I have a minimum of a 2.0 GPA.

Yes  No

5. I have not applied for graduation

Yes  No

6. I am not registered for my senior seminar/capstone course and understand I must submit all portfolios prior to registering for my capstone/senior seminar course.

Yes  No

**B. Additional Qualifications**

1. I have not received college credit for this prior learning.

Yes  No

2. I have been in the workforce for at least five years after high school.

Yes  No

3. I can relate my prior experiential learning to a specific APUS course. (Consider what you have

learned from your jobs, professional training, participation in community service or other volunteer organizations, your pursuit of hobbies and special interests, etc.).

Yes  No

**C. To help you answer this question, refer to your degree path/Academic Plan and review the course description on the APUS website for the course listed.**

1. I can document my learning.

Yes  No

- a. Examples of appropriate documentation include, but are not limited to the following:  
 b. Samples of your work  
 c. Job descriptions  
 d. Awards and commendations  
 e. Descriptions of requirements for licenses and/or certificates  
 f. Certificates of attendance and notes taken in training courses  
 g. Transcripts  
 h. Annotated bibliography  
 i. Letters of verification from employers or others who have first-hand knowledge of your abilities  
 j. Proof of membership in professional or trade organizations

2. My learning can be applied in situations other than the one in which it was acquired.

Yes  No

3. A subject matter expert should be able to validate my learning.

Yes  No

**Note:** You must answer “yes” to all questions in section A to be eligible to participate in the APUS PLA program. If you answer “yes” to questions in section B & C, it is likely that you are a good candidate for PLA.

**Email [pla@apus.edu](mailto:pla@apus.edu) with your student ID and either the answer to your challenge question or your last four for more information and an application. Please note, all learners must be pre-approved to participate in PLA. PLA credit award is based on demonstration of mastery of learning outcomes through experiential learning NOT on years of service or level of experience in a field.**