



September 4, 2019

Prior Learning Assessment Priorities and Timeline

The Utah Legislature passed House Bill 45 during the 2019 General Session. This bill directs USHE to develop a system wide plan for advising and communicating with students and the public about credit earned through prior learning. It also directs USHE to establish policies that provide minimum standards for all institutions regarding:

- Accepted forms of prior learning assessments
- Awarding credit for prior learning
- Transferability of credit for prior learning between institutions
- Institutional procedures for maintaining transparency and consistency in awarding credit for prior learning
- Communication to faculty, advisors, current and prospective students regarding standards and costs related to credit for prior learning and prior learning assessments
- Required training of faculty and advisors on prior learning assessment standards and process
- Portfolio-specific prior learning assessments (53B-16-110)

These two directives (plan and policy) are due no later than November 1, 2019.

The Board is also directed to create and maintain a website that provides system wide and institutional information on prior learning assessments and credit for prior learning as well as identifying software or data tools to help with implementation.

USHE will provide an update on progress to the Interim Higher Education Committee in November 2019.

The system wide plan and timeline is attached and the Prior Learning Assessment Policy (R472) will be submitted to the ASA Committee in September 2019 and put before the Board for Board approval at the November 2019 meeting.

Commissioner's Recommendations

This item is information only and does not require action.

Attachment