



PACIFIC COAST UNIVERSITY
FOR WORKPLACE HEALTH SCIENCES

Course Challenge - Policy 045

Policy Statement

Course challenge is a form of Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition.

Course challenge is suitable for currently registered students (or those recently registered within the last three years) wishing to acquire credit for specific University courses.

Related Policy

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition
Academic Complaint and Appeal

Definitions

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) means a process of assessment by valid and reliable means, by a qualified specialist and an expert in the relevant field, of what has been learned that is worthy of credit in a course or program offered by the University. PLAR is used to evaluate learning which may have been achieved through work experience, independent reading, volunteer work, informal and formal learning or other relevant activities. PLAR is based on documentation that provides authenticated evidence of learning. PLAR is only available for specialized courses. PLAR credits are only granted on the basis that it is considered that the applicant meets all the learning objectives of a course and are not granted for partial credits.

University means Pacific Coast University for Workplace Health Sciences, a corporation established under the Act.

Procedures

After consultation with the student, a department or program head or designate may grant permission for the student to seek credit for a course through a demonstration of meeting course objectives.

A student is not permitted to challenge a course they have previously failed.

A student may not challenge a course more than once.

Students considering challenging a course are urged to obtain permission prior to commencement of classes. Normally, students enrolled in a regular section will not be permitted to challenge that course.

The department or program head or designate will set the requirement(s) to be met for successful course challenge.

The department or program will set appropriate grading standards.

Course challenge is not permitted for a course for which credit has already been obtained at the University or through transfer credit.

General PLAR policies will apply to course challenge.

A student may appeal a course challenge related decision as outlined in the University's policy on Academic Complaint and Appeal.



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Approvals and Responsibility

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