



THE IMPACT

DIVISION OF EXTENDED STUDIES

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DEVELOPING THE PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT [PLA] PROGRAM

Under the direction of Daniel M. Hancock, M.Ed., MSS, Extended Studies' new Adult Learning/PLA Lead Specialist, Extended Studies is excited to continue to grow the Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Program to offer opportunities to students to expedite their time to graduation. PLA is a means for students to earn college credits for what they already know.

There are multiple avenues for students to earn PLA credit including:

1. Completing standardized examinations such as Advanced Placement (AP), College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), International Baccalaureate (IB), Excelsior (UExcel), DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), among others;
2. Taking challenge exams developed by faculty to earn credit for specific courses;
3. Preparing a portfolio or demonstration of learning from a variety of experiences and non-credit activities known as Credit for Prior Learning (CPL);
4. Earning credit based on an evaluation of non-college programs and industry credentials based on recommendations provided by the National College Credit Recommendation Service (NCCRS) and the American Council on Education (ACE).

As Dan continues to develop CSU Pueblo's PLA program, his goal is to ensure students are aware of the great value of these opportunities.

If your department is interested in learning more about how to incorporate PLA into your program, please email him at daniel.hancock@csupueblo.edu

Bio: Dan is the Extended Studies Adult Learning/Prior Learning Assessment Lead Specialist. He is a native of Butte, Montana and graduated from the University of Montana with a BA in Organizational Communication and from National Louis University with a M.Ed. Dan served on both active duty and in the reserves and retired from the Army in 2008. He was also a Department of the Army civilian employee for over twenty years and graduated from the Air Force War College with a Master of Strategic Studies. Both in and out of uniform, he has been stationed in Korea, Germany, Italy, Japan, and across the United States.

ONLINE DOCTORATE IN EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP TO LAUNCH IN 22-23

CSU Pueblo has been approved by the CSU Board of Governors to move forward with developing an **online Doctorate in Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) program**. This program aims to meet the educator who wants to be an administrator in an ever-evolving landscape. The degree has been submitted to the accreditor and is pending HLC approval. The program will be fully online, and students who complete the program will be able to pursue their Administrator Licensure, if they are interested. This new program will have carousel scheduling, which will allow educators to jump on and off as needed to complete the requirements of the degree. The program will also have additional supports available, including new faculty and a Graduate Coordinator specifically skilled in dissertation writing, as well as providing support for the practicum experience requirements.

“The Division of Extended Studies is proud to partner in the campus endeavor to develop and implement the Ed.D. Making the curriculum entirely online will promote flexibility and opportunity for an already busy educator to pursue future professional growth.” The curriculum will be designed to serve educators across southern Colorado, particularly in rural areas who need highly qualified administrators, without the barrier of travel and specific course meeting times,” states Dr. White Davis, Dean of Extended Studies.

Alongside the Ed.D., CSU Pueblo is also developing a new online Master of Education Principal Licensure Program, which is pending approval and tentatively scheduled to launch in Fall 2022. “The School of Education is very excited about the prospect of more fully developing educational leadership who can act as change agents in our schools,” said Dr. Jeff Piquette, Director of the School of Education.

This communication is a bi-monthly newsletter informing campus and the community of updates, announcements and highlights happening within the CSU Pueblo Division of Extended Studies.