

LEARNING ENRICHMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Learning Assessment Center offers courses in life/work planning for individuals who are entering or re-entering the job market, making a career change or returning to school.

INFORMATION MEETINGS

Learn more about how you can spend less time and money earning your bachelor's degree. Contact the Learning Assessment Center or visit our Web site for the time and location of the next PLA information meeting.

NEXT STEP

Contact Marylhurst University today. Personalized academic advising is the key to creating your optimal degree plan. An advisor will answer questions about designing your academic program and provide you with information about admissions, transfer credits, financial aid, scholarships and prior learning assessment.



Marylhurst University is a liberal arts university located south of Portland between Lake Oswego and West Linn. Founded in 1893, Oregon's oldest Catholic university welcomes students of all faiths and backgrounds. A member of Servicemembers Opportunity Colleges (SOC) and an affiliate of the Concurrent Admissions Program (ConAP), Marylhurst is accredited by the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities.

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just 10 minutes south of Portland.**

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OPPORTUNITIES TO EARN CREDIT

**Prior Learning Assessment**

Through the PLA process, credit requests are evaluated by specific content experts for credit recommendations. Upon completion of your work, your final portfolio is presented.

*As many as 45 PLA credits may be earned toward your undergraduate degree.*

**Credit-by-Examination**

College credit may be achieved through recognized credit-by-examination programs including DANTES, CLEP, Excelsior and NYU Foreign Language Proficiency testing. Details are available from Marylhurst's Learning Assessment Center.

*As many as 45 credit-by-examination credits may be earned toward your undergraduate degree.*

**Corporate Training**

Corporate training, seminars and workshops approved by the American Council on Education may transfer as credit to be used in your degree plan.

*The number of credits that may be earned varies by undergraduate degree.*

**Military Training**

Military training approved by the American Council on Education may transfer as credit to be used in your degree plan.

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**Transfer Credits**

Courses completed at other accredited colleges or universities will be evaluated for use in your degree plan.

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Please refer to the current catalog for more information.

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT & CREDIT-BY-EXAMINATION



# TIME IS VALUABLE

## ACCELERATE YOUR EDUCATION

through Marylhurst University's **Learning Assessment Center**. You can earn credit toward your bachelor's degree by documenting the knowledge you have gained during years of work and life-long learning. Corporate and on-the-job training, community service, parenting, volunteer work, seminars, home management, military training, workshops, travel study and independent research are among the many areas that can be evaluated for credit toward your degree.

### SIX WAYS TO EARN COLLEGE CREDIT

1. **Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)**. Document your experiential learning with a portfolio presentation.
2. **Credit-by-Examination**. Verify your mastery of a subject through recognized testing programs.
3. **Corporate Seminars and Workshops**. Apply toward your degree when approved by the American Council on Education.
4. **Military Training**. Convert training to college credit when validated by the American Council on Education.
5. **Classes from other accredited institutions**. Transfer your credits when evaluated by a Marylhurst advisor.
6. **Marylhurst coursework**. Complete on campus or online.



The Learning Assessment Center offers programs and services to assist you with:

- Reducing the time it takes to finish your studies;
- Decreasing the cost of your undergraduate degree;
- Improving your writing and research skills;
- Learning more about what you already know;
- Discovering how your learning from past experience can equal college credit; and
- Receiving credit for your documented college-level learning.

### PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

Focus on what you know. Learn how to document it. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) gives you the tools to jump-start your degree.

#### Step 1

Development of your education plan begins in the *Learning Assessment Workshop*, the first step in the PLA process, where you will:

- Clarify your educational goals and priorities;
- Develop a personal plan with specific objectives; and
- Discover how many college credits you may earn for your prior learning.

#### Step 2

Next, the *PLA Seminar* teaches you how to articulate your experiential learning and provides instruction for developing a portfolio of individual submissions. You will describe, analyze and document your knowledge of subjects within an academic framework while you complete your first three PLA submissions.

#### Step 3

*Portfolio Development Studies* consists of individualized tutorials where you receive one-on-one instruction and guidance. Your PLA advisor will meet with you regularly and review your work.