

# Get College Credit for your Real-world Experience

**PLA:** Ranken's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) process evaluates the learning a person acquires through life, such as work experience, apprenticeship programs, community service, travel and military training. It is geared to assist in granting college credit, certification or advanced standing toward further education and training.

**Do you have work experience?  
Ranken thinks that counts for a lot!**

**Your experience and industry knowledge could be applicable for college credit!**

## **Possible Assessment Approaches:**

- » Evaluated non-college programs (American Council on Education, corporate training or military training)
- » National standardized exams (AP, CLEP or DSST)
- » Challenge exams for local courses
- » Individualized assessments (portfolio based)

The Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) studies show that PLA students have better academic graduation rates and typically shorten the time required to earn a degree. On average, PLA students earn more course credits than non-PLA students. Just think, you can help advance or change your career by utilizing your experience!

For more information or to find out how to get your work experience assessed, contact Patsy Zettler at (314) 286-3397.

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