

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) – Sharing RPL Challenges and Successes

What's working and what needs further attention?

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RPL at RRC

Welcome!

- Recognizing Learning
- What is working in RPL?
- RPL Successes
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- Future Ideas

Recognizing Learning

At RRC Recognition of Prior Learning includes:

- **Formal learning from recognized post secondary institutions**
 - Transfer credit, international credential assessment
- **Informal learning from work and life experience**
 - Proof of learning, projects, skill demonstrations, exams, verifications from supervisors/employers, etc.
- **Non-formal learning from workplaces, industries, professional organizations**
 - External course/program assessment

What is working in RPL?

- Centrally coordinated RPL Services department
- College-wide RPL Committee
- RPL specialists in Enrolment Services (International Credential and Transfer Credit, RPL Advising) and in specific programs
- RPL Strategic & Operational Plan (2012-2017) and RPL Policies and Procedures (A14 - A17) guide RPL practices
- RPL processes and resources are available for learners
- Program faculty develop RPL processes and conduct assessments
- Other?

RPL Successes

- The RPL Committee includes representation from 20 College Program and Service areas
- Approximately 1000 students and prospective students connected with the RPL Advisor to enquire about RPL processes (2015-16)
- More than 1000 students were awarded course credit through RPL processes (2015-16)
 - formal learning
 - informal and non formal
- The number of programs identifying RPL Ready courses and implementing RPL processes continues to increase
 - 87 programs use the RPL icon to identify RPL Ready courses
- Other successes?

RPL Challenges

- RPL processes including formal, informal and non formal learning may not be well known
- RPL processes may not be advertised, available or utilized in all program areas
- Course learning outcomes and assessment practices may not be “RPL Ready”
- Timelines for RPL requests and assessments may be tight
- Other challenges?

Future Ideas

- Use a variety of methods to educate about RPL processes at RRC
 - Workshops, seminars, one to one meetings, AIR site, video clips
- Work with other College programs and departments to develop and implement RPL processes
 - Build awareness, develop/enhance RPL resources and supports
- Other ideas?

Thank you!!

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