



RED RIVER COLLEGE

OF APPLIED ARTS, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Red River College is . . .

- Manitoba's 2nd largest post-secondary institution



- More than 110 diplomas, certificate and apprenticeship programs

Recognition of Prior Learning Overview

- What is RPL/PLAR?
- How does RPL work at RRC?
- Admission Requirements
- RPL Policies
- Some FAQ

RPL is the process of

- identifying
- documenting
- assessing
- recognizing what a person knows and can do



Benefits for Learners

- validates learning gained through work and life experiences
- eliminates duplication of learning
- identifies areas of competence and areas requiring further study
- assists with career development and educational planning
- increases self-esteem
- may reduce the time and expense to complete a program

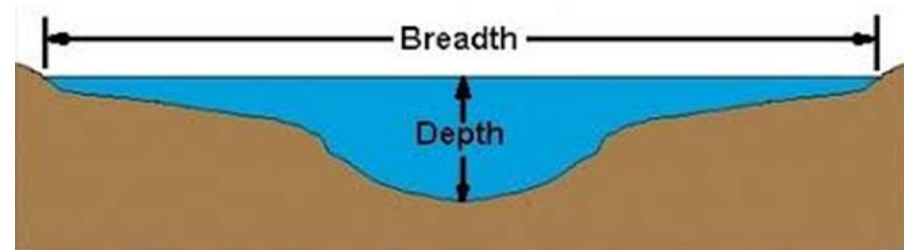


Key Points of RPL process

- Focus is on **what** the learner knows rather than where, when, how it was learned
- Assessments are designed to ensure achievement of **clear learning outcomes/competencies** of course
- RPL processes are developed and assessed by **content specialists/course experts**
- **Not all programs** have RPL processes developed for all courses
- Must be registered in a F/T program or enrolled in CE course for any process to start

Who Should Apply for RPL?

- **Adult Learners** who have previous formal learning and/or significant work and life learning that *may be equivalent* to college courses/programs
- Learning should be **current and relevant** to RRC course/program outcomes
- Learning should be of **sufficient breadth and depth** to ensure college level learning



A Few Examples to use RPL :

- HT: Occupational Health and Safety Officer requires certification for employment purposes
- MB: experienced tradesperson would like to attain trade qualifications – Red Seal
- PD: former Business Administration student (2002) wants to complete program – receive a diploma
- DW: employee in the Informational Technology field needs a diploma to qualify for management level positions
- YM: Engineer in home country wants credit for post-secondary education and experience

Which Program???

Which Red River College program have you targeted for RPL?

- Do you have relevant previous learning?
 - * Current work experience?
 - * Previous post secondary education?



RPL is Program Specific

- Review courses in the targeted program
- Match learning acquired (previous work experience and or post secondary courses) with courses required in the program
- Identify potential for RPL
- Identify courses that would increase knowledge, skills and abilities



Main Methods used to assess prior learning

1. Assessment of educational documents

- As they relate to the program of interest

2. Challenge process

(i.e. written/oral examinations, projects, assignments, product assessments, interviews, skill demonstrations, simulation/role plays)

Steps in the RPL process - general

1. Pre-entry/Initial Advising

2. Student Profiling

3. Preparing and Providing Evidence of Learning

4. Assessment

5. Credit awarded/Not awarded

6. Post Assessment Guidance



Assessment of Educational Documents for Transfer Credit



Transfer of Credit from post secondary institutions:

Manitoba (publicly funded)	No Fee
Canada (publicly funded)	\$25.00 per course (max \$125.00 per application)
International	Fee considered on an individual basis (min \$75.00 to a max \$375.00)

Challenge Processes

- *Challenge examinations* (i.e. written/oral examinations, projects, assignments or a combination)
- Practical examinations, skill demonstrations, simulations

Cost

- \$50.00 per hour of assessment up to a maximum of \$350.00 per course *includes* cost of consumables
- \$50.00 per hour of assessment up to a maximum of \$500.00 per course *plus* cost of consumables

How much credit can I get?

- Can obtain credit for up to 75% of a program via RPL processes
- Still have to take 25%



<http://www.rrc.ca/policies>

4.2 Credit will be awarded for demonstrated learning, which includes knowledge, skills and abilities. It will not be awarded for experience alone.

4.6 The assessment of competence levels and determination of credit awards will be made in a timely manner by the appropriate subject matter experts. Final approval for credit will be the responsibility of the program Chair.

4.7 Credit for prior learning will be awarded upon meeting the established admission and registration requirements to gain admittance to a program/course.

Questions?

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