

PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

GET CREDIT FOR WHAT YOU KNOW

WHICH PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT OPTION IS RIGHT FOR YOU?

Assessment of Prior Learning *3-credit course*

- I have worked as a professional in my field for at least three to five years.
- I have also worked in other professions for extended periods of time.
- I have attended work-related trainings such as computer workshops or interpersonal skills trainings.
- I have earned certifications that keep me up-to-date in my job and have helped me to get promotions.
- I have learned a lot of different things during my many years of working and involvement in the community.
- I have taught others what I know or coached colleagues.
- I perform as well as other people who have college degrees.
- I think I could ask for quite a few college credits.

If you checked several of these, the **Assessment of Prior Learning** course would be a good option for you! You can earn unlimited credits in many different areas.

Focused Portfolio *1-credit course*

- I have worked in my field for three or more years.
- I have learned some specific skills that help me every day at work.
- I want to learn more in my field but don't think I need to start at the beginning.
- I have knowledge in my field that is quite extensive in certain areas.

If you checked several of these, the **Focused Portfolio** would be a good option for you. You can ask for up to 16 credits in one field.

College Subject Tests *Testing @ OEP in Montpelier*

- I have studied a lot on my own by reading and practicing new skills in very specific areas.
- I have taken classes and workshops in subjects such as government, history, or computers.
- I have taken some open online courses on specialized subjects, and think that I learned a lot.
- I do well on tests if given proper preparation.
- I am already in college, but there are a few courses I don't think I need to take because I already know the material.

If you checked several of these, taking some **college subject tests** (through CLEP or DSST) would be a good option for you. Many tests are offered here at CCV and it takes just a few hours to take them. The results are immediate!

Course Challenge *Meet with a CCV faculty member*

- I am in a degree program and am taking classes, but I am required to take one or two CCV classes in my major that I could 'test out of' or challenge.
- I don't know which degree I am going to get, but there are some general education CCV classes offered that I definitely would not need to take.
- I am not going to CCV, but when I checked out their courses, I realized that I already know the subject matter of some classes.
- I have looked at the requirements for a CCV class and I know I could pass it with what I already know.

If you have checked some of these, you may do very well in a **CCV Course Challenge**; you can meet with a faculty member and challenge any course offered at CCV for just the cost of one credit.