School of Academics and Applied Arts
Early Childhood Education by Distance

Comprehensive Prior Learning and Recognition (PLAR) Procedures

- Individuals applying for Comprehensive PLAR must be currently active in the ECE by Distance program. Applications will not be accepted from individuals not already admitted into the program or from those who have not recently registered for courses.

- As a result of time and resources needed to assess PLAR requests, learners are strongly advised that their Comprehensive PLAR application must be submitted to the ECE Manager by one of the dates outlined above.

- For individuals newly admitted into the ECE Distance program, they may submit PLAR applications for any courses in the program for which they feel they have already acquired the appropriate level of knowledge and skills (except FW1601, FW2600, and FW2601) prior to starting course work in the upcoming semester.

- Depending on submission date of the Comprehensive PLAR application, PLAR results may not be available prior to start of the next semester. If there are courses offered in that semester for which they have not applied to PLAR, they are advised to register for those courses while awaiting their PLAR results.

- A learner must be registered in a given semester in order for any credits awarded through PLAR to be processed.

- A strategy for which courses will be processed and when will be developed by the ECE Manager in conjunction with the learner, based on criteria such as prerequisites and where the learner is in their program.

- PLARs for courses with prerequisites will not be processed until the prerequisite is completed, unless the prerequisite itself is part of a comprehensive PLAR submission, e.g., applicants with specific child development / psychology credits may apply for PLAR for EE1340, EE1341, and EE2340 (Child Development I, II, III) simultaneously.

- PLAR submissions will be processed as time and resources permit. Learners can continue to enroll in courses for which they are not requesting PLAR while they await scheduled challenge exams or assessment of portfolio submissions.

- All learners will be provided with general information on PLAR, what to submit with a PLAR application and a list of course descriptions. More detailed course information will only be provided to learners who submit applications for specific courses.