

Prior Learning Assessment

Opportunities and Processes

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AGENDA

Types of PLA Opportunities

Internal PLA Process

Criteria for PLA

PLA Student Application Process



TYPES OF OPPORTUNITIES

Advanced Placement-
Academic PLA offered
through exams sponsored
by CollegeBoard

CLEP Exams- Academic
PLA Through CollegeBoard

Industry Certifications-
Technical PLA offered
through certifications
earned on the job

Departmental Exams-
Available through the
program for many
technical programs at ACC

Continuing Education
Mirror Courses- Courses
taken through CE to be
assessed for college credit

Career Portfolios-
Presentation of knowledge
and skills through a career
portfolio for academic
and/or technical programs

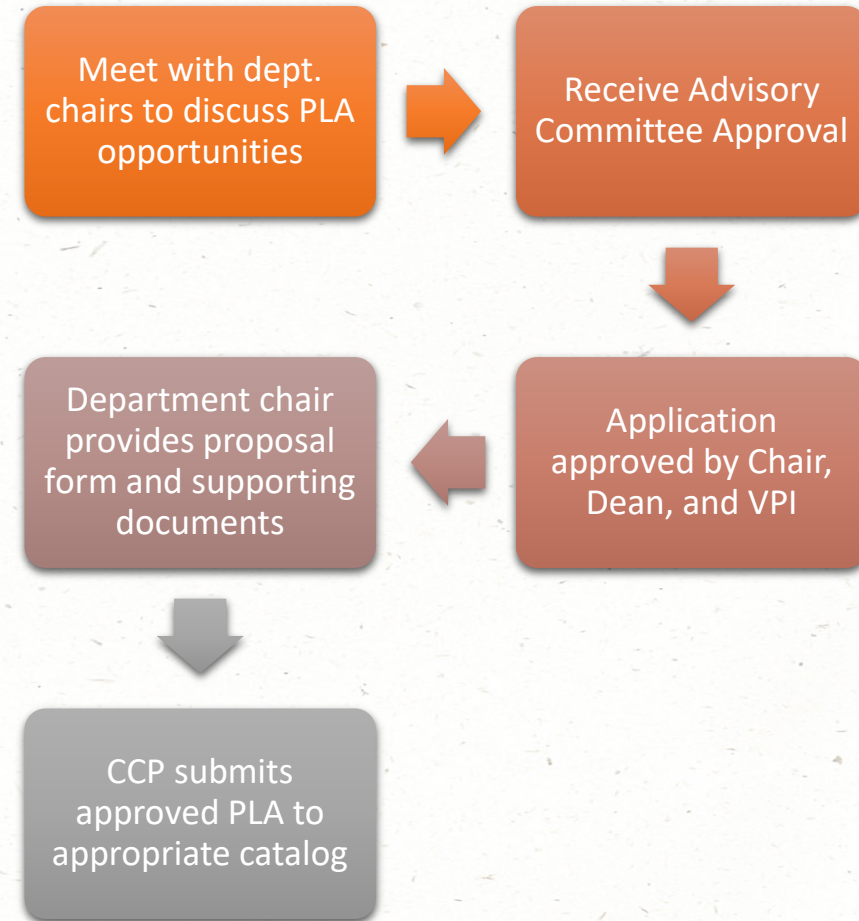
ACC PROGRAMS WITH PLA OPPORTUNITIES

- Business Management
- Child Development
- Communications Radio & TV
- Criminal Justice
- Culinary Arts
- Diagnostic Cardiovascular Sonography
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health Information Management
- Nursing and Vocational Nursing
- Neurodiagnostic Technology
- Polysomnography
- Sports and Human Performance
- Welding Technology



INTERNAL PLA PROCESS

- All PLA paperwork is facilitated by College and Career Pathways Coordinator and maintained in CCP records
- The same process is followed for PLA changes and deletions



CRITERIA FOR PLA

3 HOURS

Students must complete 3 hours of ACC Coursework before they can apply for PLA

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

Students must be enrolled after census date of the requesting semester before applying

PROGRAM OF STUDY

PLA will only be awarded as it applies to current ACC Program of Study

CREDIT LIMIT

A maximum of 24 hours can be earned through PLA and do not count toward residency requirements

FEES

\$10 per credit hour
\$100 per skills exam
AP/CLEP, ID, DSST, and Military are free of charge

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Admissions

Earning Credit through Prior Learning Experience

International Baccalaureate Diploma Program

Core Requirements

Distance Education

Earning Credit through Prior Learning

- Prior Learning Assessment
- Types of Prior Learning Assessment
- Credit by Exam
- CLEP
- PLA Application

Prior Learning Assessment

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is the process of evaluating learning outside of a traditional college setting that can be used to earn credit toward the completion of a certificate or degree. PLA may be granted for a variety of methods including Continuing Education mirror courses, nonaccredited private and technical college coursework, military training, and examination (departmental and national exams). PLA credit earned at an accredited institution's transcript will transfer to ACC. Students should confer with the receiving institutions.

The evaluation of PLA credit is based upon the guidelines of the American Council on Education and Schools and Alvin Community College. Credit may also be granted based on recommendations contained in the National Guide to Educational Equivalency (ACE Guide), published to the American Council on Educational Examinations, Pathways Advising Office, and the College & Career Center.

Prior Learning Assessment credit will be evaluated and approved by the Dean of the respective subject, the CCP office and the Vice President of Academic Affairs.

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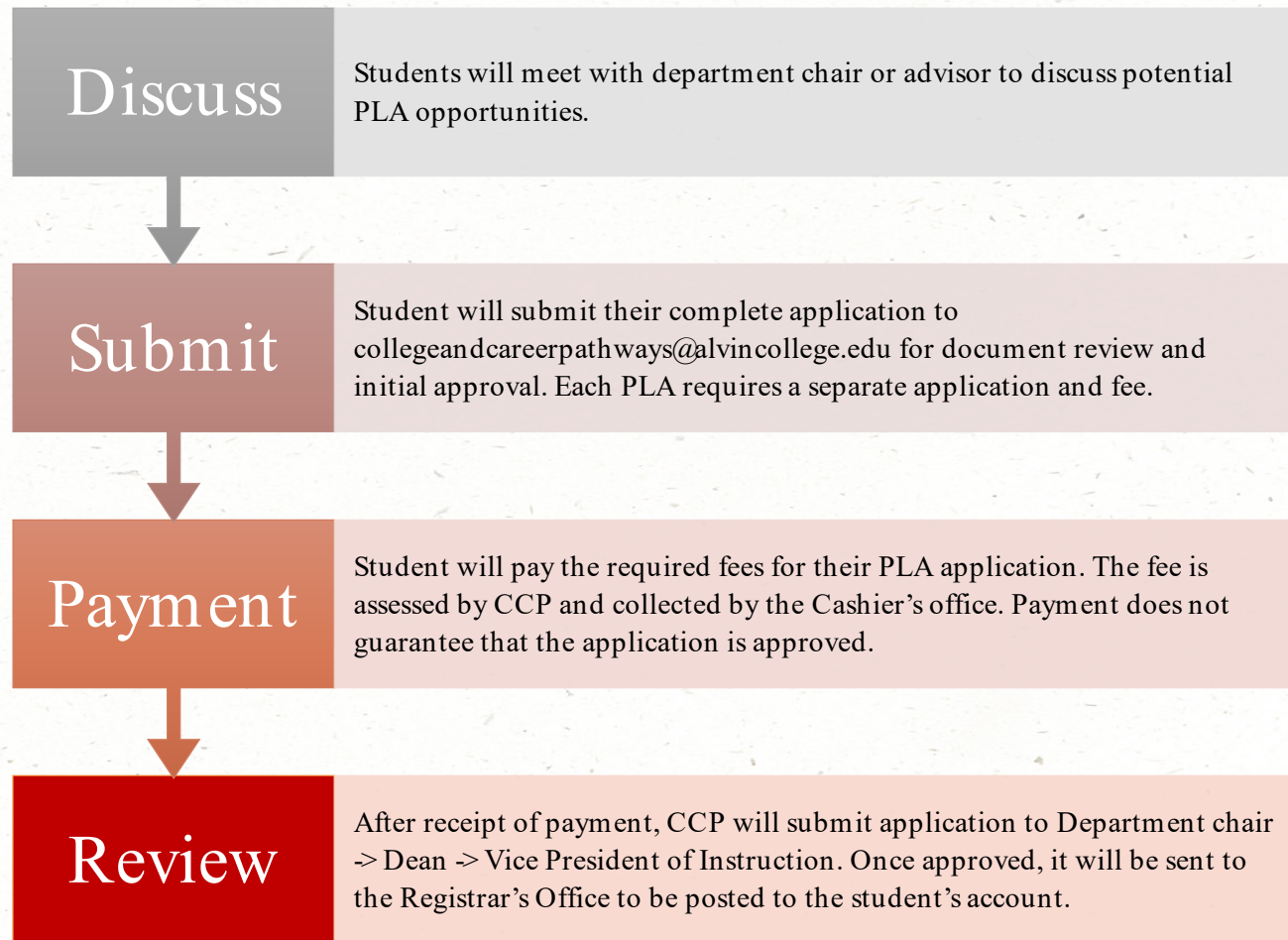
- Types of PLA
- Requirements for Applying
- Cost of Applying
- CLEP and AP Scores
- Current PLA Opportunities
- Requirements for Each Opportunity

APPLICATION FOR PLA

Process for Departmental Exams, Mirror Coursework, Industry Certification, and Career Portfolios

*AP/CLEP/IBD/DSST/ Military Basic Training PLAs will be sent directly to the registrar's office by the student

PLA Format	Amount
Advanced Placement	\$0 to transcribe
CLEP Exam	\$0 to transcribe; \$20 to have ACC Proctor
Departmental Exam	\$10 per credit hour
Skills Assessment Exam	\$100 flat rate
Industry Certification Review	\$10 per credit hour
Portfolio	TBD
Non-Accredited Course Review	\$10 per credit hour





THANK YOU!

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