

PLAR for Mature Students

What is PLAR?

Prior Learning Assessment and Recognition (PLAR) is the formal evaluation and credit-granting process through which mature students may obtain credits for prior learning – the knowledge and skills that adults have acquired, in both formal and informal ways, outside secondary school.

The PLAR process for mature students involves three (3) procedures:

- Individual Assessment/Equivalency (Grades 9/10)
- Equivalency (Grades 11/12)
- Challenge (Grades 11/12)

Who is eligible for PLAR?

If the student entered an Ontario Secondary School in September 1999 or later, under new curriculum and diploma guidelines, or if the student is from out-of-province and was not registered in on Ontario secondary school by February 2004, when the student returns to school as a mature student, he/she will be evaluated under the PLAR process.

Students who are following the PLAR process must earn a minimum of four (4) senior (grade 11 or 12) credits including:

- Grade 11 English
- Grade 12 English
- A senior math or approved substitute
- Senior science/technology/or approved substitute

The Ontario Literacy Requirement and Community Hours requirement apply to mature students under PLAR.

PLAR Promotional Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qXQmD3EFJA8>