



Proposed Agenda Item
Board of Trustees Meeting

Date of Board Meeting: 3/27/2018 Date of This Proposal: 2/19/2018

SUBJECT (item as it will appear on agenda):

Fees for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

RECOMMENDATION: Approve Fees to Award Credit for Prior Learning Assessment

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE: The request is to increase fees for credit for prior learning assessment (PLA) to \$32 per semester credit hour (SCH), effective fall 2018. This fee is the same as the college's in-district tuition per semester credit hour. Currently WCJC offers credit for prior learning in two vocational programs—Law Enforcement AAS and LVN to ADN Transition Program. The Curriculum and Instructional Resources (CIR) Committee recently approved additional professional licensure/certifications and specific non-credit courses to be eligible for PLA credit.

A student who is a certified peace officer may request credit for this prior learning experience to satisfy degree requirements in the Law Enforcement AAS degree for Basic Peace Officer courses (four courses of five credits each). This PLA allows a student to complete the AAS degree in three instead of four semesters. The current cost for certified peace officer PLA is \$12 per credit hour. WCJC does not charge a fee for the LVN to ADN Transition Program.

Since PLA credit allows a student to receive college credit and progress faster through a program, the cost to the college should be somewhat offset. Hence, a reasonable fee is \$32/SCH awarded for PLA.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): No cost; estimated revenue \$3840

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]: Leigh Ann Collins, Vice President of Instruction

SIGNATURES:

Originator

Date

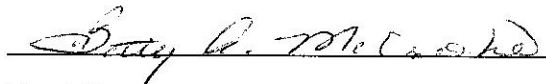


Cabinet-Level Supervisor

2-19-18

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PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:



President

2-6-18

Date



**Proposal for Credit for Prior Learning Assessment for
Professional Certifications and CE Courses
12-8-17**

Note: if approved, some departments must revise catalog & web pages; cost for PLA may be current in-district tuition per SCH (\$32/SCH of credit) if approved by BOT; charge would include p. 109 catalog for work/life experience for AAS Law Enforcement from \$12/SCH to \$32/SCH.

WCJC College Catalog 2017-2019 revision proposal:

Petition for Credit for Professional Licensure/Certifications

College credit may be granted for certain professional certifications if specific criteria are met. Documentation must be provided by the student to demonstrate the certification is equivalent to specific credit coursework. No more than 25 percent of a WCJC award may be obtained through professional certification. A Petition for Credit form must be completed then signed by the program director, appropriate dean, Registrar, and Vice President of Instruction before credit is granted. Certain fees may apply.

Certifications eligible for credit include current Texas Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) in good standing, National Registry and/or State of Texas EMT-certified Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and National Registry and/or State of Texas AEMT-certified Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (AEMT).

Petition for Credit for Non-Credit Courses

College credit may be granted for certain non-credit coursework. Non-credit courses eligible for credit include only those pre-approved non-credit courses successfully completed at WCJC and meeting SACSCOC requirements, including faculty credentials and qualifications. The pre-approved non-credit course is typically taught by credit faculty with credit and CE students co-enrolled in the course. Therefore, the non-credit course uses the credit Administrative Master Syllabus (AMS) and is equivalent to the credit course in length, rigor, content, learning outcomes, and assessment. No more than 15 semester credit hours may be awarded from non-credit coursework. A Petition for Credit form must be completed then signed by the credit program director, appropriate dean, Registrar, and Vice President of Instruction. The petition for credit must be made within 12 months of the end of the term in which the non-credit course was successfully completed. Certain fees may apply.