

GRADUATE SCHOOL CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

Prior learning is non-college or experienced-based learning that has been attained outside of accredited postsecondary education systems. Credit for Prior Learning includes learning acquired from work and life experiences. It is awarded for graduate-level learning involving knowledge, skills, and competencies that students have obtained. Credit for Prior Learning may apply to a degree or certificate but does not fulfill the university residency requirement. CSU Pueblo students may seek graduate academic credit for prior learning by first contacting the Adult & Prior Learning Assessment Office. Information about the applicability of prior learning within a specific discipline and assistance with the requirements and process for obtaining prior learning credit will be provided. A portfolio demonstrating completion of the learning outcomes and objectives of the specific course(s) in a single prefix will usually be required to apply for this credit. The academic department chair or graduate program director of the relevant graduate program will identify a faculty member to review the portfolio of up to six credit hours and determine whether credit(s) should be awarded. A separate portfolio must be submitted for each prefix to be evaluated and a fee of \$250 will be assessed per portfolio submitted. This fee is non-refundable even if credit is not awarded. Portfolios approved by the program director or designee must be turned into the Registrar's Office by the last day of classes for the appropriate term to have the prior learning credit posted. Credits earned through CPL will be posted at the end of the term. Please see the academic calendar for dates.

The maximum number of graduate credit hours allowed for prior learning is six. Credit for Prior Learning is granted only for experiences gained within 12 years from the date the degree is expected to be awarded.

Colorado State University Pueblo has industry agreements for specific certifications which may incur a different fee structure.

Graduate Work Taken by Undergraduate Seniors

CSU Pueblo students who are in their senior year of undergraduate work may take graduate courses for graduate credit (see information for specific programs) with the approval of the appropriate program director/coordinator.

Graduate-level courses (500 level) cannot be used simultaneously to satisfy baccalaureate and graduate degree requirements with the exception of approved joint-degree (3+2) programs.

Dual Degree Credit

Up to six semester hours of elective credit may be applied to more than one graduate degree program if the degrees are pursued concurrently pending approval of the graduate committees of the programs involved and the Graduate Studies Board.