

The NLC's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) program honors your lifelong learning experiences by offering you the opportunity to earn up to one year (30 credits) of college credits through a writing intensive portfolio development process. PLA helps you to compare your learning experiences to the learning objectives in accredited college courses and build clear arguments that you have achieved this learning from learning experiences outside the classroom.

When you apply to the NLC, your transfer credits will be reviewed—if you have fewer than 90 transfer credits, you are eligible to participate in PLA portfolio development. Applicants with fewer than 56 credits may take part in the program to earn credits necessary for admission.

## **RESTRICTIONS FOR PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT**

PLA essays are limited to subject matter represented by the NLC degree programs and faculty expertise, so you should begin your learning analysis with NLC courses or courses with similar content. Additional reviews may, on a case-by-case basis, be conducted in content areas that are represented by NLC faculty with documented expertise in specific areas. All other reviews are considered external reviews and are subject to additional fees and conditions as outlined in the catalogue.

## **COSTS FOR PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT**

The PLA Workshop: \$250

PLA Review:

\$250 for 1 to 15 credits

\$250 for 16 to 30 credits

## **TRANSFER CREDIT FROM ACCREDITED COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

The National Labor College may accept up to 90 transfer credits towards a Bachelor of Arts degree.

New applicants should request official sealed transcripts from each college or university they have attended in the past and have their transcripts sent directly to the NLC Admissions Office. Transfer credits must be from an accredited college or university and have a grade of "C" or better. We cannot accept credit for developmental or remedial coursework even if it was taken at an accredited college. All transfer credit and portfolio credit is awarded at the discretion of the NLC.

Transfer credit may include:

Partnership Credits

Apprenticeship (certified or ACE)

C.L.E.P.

ACE accredited courses or ACE licenses

ACE Assessed Training

Prior College

Portfolio Credit (experiential learning credit)

NLC Union Skills Courses