Prior Learning Assessment Solution

Wisdom

Experience

Knowledge

Skill

According to Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce, it is estimated that 65 percent of postsecondary learning occurs outside of the traditional academic environment - through on-the job training, military training, apprenticeships and a variety of other programs. Providing individuals with the chance to have their lifelong learning assessed for college credit allows them to capitalize on the investment they have made in their education outside of the classroom, saving time and money.

AcademyOne

Prior Learning Assessment - Awarding Credit for Life Experience

AcademyOne's Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) solution provides higher education institutions and states with technology and defined workflow processes that expand the opportunities for students to earn college credit for learning gained through life and work experiences in order to accelerate their time to degree completion.

Nontraditional learners who may have lost their job, are looking to switch careers, or maybe are transitioning from military to civilian life, can easily access the information they need to apply for course credit based on knowledge and skills they have acquired outside the classroom.

AcademyOne's fully automated PLA solution increases prior learning recognition and access for an institution and establishes a common framework for recognizing and awarding credit, creating consistency and credibility throughout an institution or across multiple institutions.

Features

AcademyOne's PLA solution includes a dedicated portal that serves as a central information center for educating students on all prior learning assessment policies, practices and methods available to them.

Within the portal is an interactive, E-Portfolio evaluation system that includes communication tools and the following workflows:

- An **Application** workflow that connects a student with an advisor and allows them to match their prior learning to a college course and apply for PLA credit.

- An **E-Portfolio** workflow that guides a student through building a portfolio that supports and demonstrates his or her knowledge and expertise.

- An **Assessment** workflow that assigns a college/university assessor to conduct an evaluation of a student's E-Portfolio and make a recommendation on the student's eligibility for PLA credit.

Benefits

Implementing AcademyOne's PLA solution benefits everyone involved:

- Students of all types are encouraged to pursue or further their education by avoiding duplication of previous learning, as well as by having their achievement from work and life accomplishments validated. Receiving credit for already achieved knowledge and competencies can shorten time to degree completion, reduce the cost of education and support career development.

- Colleges and Universities see an increase in student recruitment, retention and degree completion by providing avenues of student access to a broader range of learners.

- States are able to meet the demands of today's knowledge driven economy and contribute to the nationwide efforts to raise the education levels of the workforce.

We develop prior learning assessment solutions that award students credit for knowledge and skills gained outside the classroom, improving access and success. For more information, contact an AcademyOne representative at 888-434-2150 or email us at info@academyone.com.

About AcademyOne

AcademyOne is a consulting and software development firm working in the higher education sphere. We deliver industry-leading solutions to states and institutions who wish to improve student retention and degree completion rates, especially among the growing population of nontraditional learners.

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