

Prior Learning Assessments

Highline College

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) in conjunction with **Highline College** has formed an alliance to give those that have finished the Basic Law Enforcement Academy (BLEA) 20 college credits under the Prior Learning Assessment Program (PLA).

What is PLA?

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is the process for awarding credit for learning that has taken place away from the college classroom.

- Credit may be awarded for work training, non-accredited classes, self-study, experience, and more.
- Credit can only be awarded for classes offered by Highline Community College.
- With faculty approval and guidance, students will demonstrate their competence in class content.
- The maximum credits that can be earned from PLA is 20 credits total.

How

Scan and email a copy of your BLEA certificate to Jennifer Johnston at jjohnston@highline.edu. The completed request will appear on a transcript at the end of the quarter received. Payment is required prior to registration.

Cost

Under the PLA program the cost for the 20 credits towards an Associates of Arts degree is \$140.00 Subject to change.

Link to the PLA website at Highline <http://pla.highline.edu/index.php>

Grays Harbor College

The WSCJTC and Grays Harbor College has also entered into an articulation agreement that allows for college level credits for certain courses towards its Associates of Science Degree (AS), Associates of Applied Science-Transfer (AAS-T), Associates of Applied Science (AAS) and certificate of completion programs. Contact Brenda Dell at GHC Admissions, 360.538.4026, bdell@ghc.edu

Please contact the institutions listed for more information on these or other programs. Other colleges or Universities may have similar programs. Please contact each for their specific information and requirements.

Centralia College

Centralia College is currently in the process of completing a Prior Learning Assessment whereby the College will award 40-45 credits of college level in their Associate of Technical Arts degree in Criminal Justice to police officers, deputy sheriff's, and Washington State Troopers that have successfully completed their 720 hour Basic Law Enforcement Academy through the Criminal Justice Training Commission or Washington State Patrol Academy.

As only 95 credits are required for the degree, it is a substantial step towards not only recognizing the academic value of academy training, but to also assisting police officers throughout the state in acquiring their college degrees. Centralia College offers both classroom and online degree options in Criminal Justice.

Centralia College will begin offering these college credits as soon as this coming Summer Quarter 2016 - which begins July 5, 2016. In addition, these college credits never expire. This means Peace Officers that have earned college credits from other institutions may only need to complete as few as 15 credits (3 classes) through this Criminal Justice program to earn an Associate's degree from Centralia College. This task could easily be accomplished in 1-2 academic quarters.

Interested parties can directly contact Professor Gregory G. Gilbertson at (360) 736-9391, x-663 or email: ggilbertson@centralia.edu.