

How can PLAR help me to graduate?

Speak to a guidance counsellor to plan the best way for you to earn the credits you need to graduate. PLAR and equivalency credits can help you to meet diploma requirements.

All mature students must earn their final 4 credits in Adult & Continuing Education, have 40 hours of community service and meet the Ontario Literacy Requirement in order to graduate. A grade 12 English credit must be earned and cannot be granted through PLAR.

You may earn credits at Archbishop Anthony Meagher CCEC through:

- Day School
- Correspondence
- e Learning (Online)
- Work-4-Credits
- Employment Training Programs



There is no cost for a PLAR Assessment.



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PLAR
**Prior Learning Assessment
and Recognition**



PLAR can help students 18 years and over who are interested in earning credits for work and life experiences.

What is PLAR?

PLAR is a formal evaluation and credit-granting process that allows mature students to obtain credits for knowledge and skills learned outside of school.

Who is eligible for PLAR?

- Student must be at least 18 years old on or before December 31st of the school year
- Enrolled in a secondary school credit program at Archbishop Anthony Meagher CCEC for the purpose of obtaining an OSSD
- Not enrolled as a regular day school student for a period of at least one school year to be eligible for PLAR
- Student may have started high school in Ontario in 1999 or later and is returning as an adult
- Student who started or completed high school outside of Ontario but want to obtain an OSSD

Note: Students who started high school in Ontario prior to 1999 may have Maturity credits granted through a Mature Student Evaluation.

Contact the Oshawa or Ajax Campus for more information.

What does the PLAR process involve?

When you register at Archbishop Anthony Meagher CCEC for an adult credit program, a guidance counsellor will help to determine your eligibility for PLAR and provide you with the necessary application forms and information.

There are 2 different applications and procedures for PLAR depending on what you need:

1. Grade 9/10 Individual Assessments & Equivalency
2. Grade 11/12 Equivalency

Grade 9/10 Assessment & Equivalency Process

A maximum of 16 Grade 9 and 10 equivalent credits can be granted through either: course completion or an assessment in a subject area.

- Assessments are written between terms, and/or through a PLAR preparation class.
- Arrangements are made through a guidance counsellor.

Grade 11 and 12 Credits

A guidance counsellor will review how your life and work experience match current high school courses.

For example, your experience as a parent or construction worker may give evidence of learning that relates directly to the Ontario curriculum expectations for parenting and construction technology credits.

In order to be granted credits, you will need to provide evidence for your learning. Here are some examples:

- Training Certificates for short courses or apprenticeship training
- Letters of appraisal or recommendation from your employers
- Letters indicating volunteer experiences, including number of hours completed
- Copies of birth certificates of your children
- A document indicating languages spoken and written at the grade 11 or 12 level
- A detailed resume and ROEs, T4s, or paystubs