

# PLA AND PSU

---

What's in it for us?

Jane Owens and Patricia Shope

# PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

---

The evaluation of college-level learning acquired outside  
of the university classroom.

A successful evaluation results in credit towards a degree.

# WHAT ARE A STUDENT'S OPTIONS?

- Advanced Placement
  - Transfer of Credits
  - ACE
  - CLEP
  - DANTES
  - Credit by Exam
  - Credit by Portfolio
-

# HOW PLA WORKS

- Advising
    - What courses do you need?
    - What learning have you already acquired?
  - Review
    - Reflect on your past
    - What did you learn?
    - What course(s) does that equate to?
  - Evaluation
    - Acceptance
    - Method
    - Application and Fee
  - Credit
    - Transcription
-

# WHY IS PLA A GOOD THING?

- The number one question that adults are asking – Do you offer credit for prior learning?
- Faster completion time and higher persistence rates
- PA will need to fill 1.8 million job vacancies by 2018 and 1 million of those will require a college degree
- The number of adults looking for college degrees will increase and they will be looking for the most efficient route

# THE TWO ISSUES THAT CAUSE CONCERN

- Quality
    - Do we cheapen the degree?
    - Is this an easier route?
    - Are we giving credit for work experience?
  - Revenue
    - Don't we lose money?
-

# NEXT STEPS

- Marketing
  - Faculty
  - Training
  - Acceptance
  - Growth
-