

Previous Learning Assessment & Recognition (PLAR)

Learning Portfolio Assessment Methods

Learning statement

A learning statement is a personal reflection on experiences and skills development. It is the learner providing their personal rationale as to how they meet the course learning outcomes.

Current resume

A current resume should include relevant work experience that would require the candidate to have performed tasks that demonstrate achievement of the course learning outcomes.

LinkedIn profile

A LinkedIn should include relevant work experience that would require the candidate to have performed tasks that demonstrate achievement of the course learning outcomes.

Collection of work

A collection of work is a traditional portfolio that requires the candidate to present products they have created (such as writing samples or sample graphics) that demonstrate achievement of the course learning outcomes.

Skills test

A skills test requires the candidate to demonstrate achievement of the course learning outcomes by completing a predetermined task within certain parameters, such as producing a product using software relevant to the course.

Interview

An interview would be structured similarly to a job interview, in which the candidates are asked questions that allow them to demonstrate achievement of course learning outcomes drawn from past experiences.

Oral exam

An oral exam requires the candidate to demonstrate achievement of the course learning outcomes by answering questions or engaging in an activity orally, such as a debate.

Case study

A case study requires the candidate to read, analyze and answer questions about a discipline-related case to demonstrate achievement of the course learning outcomes.

Simulation

A simulation is a constructed scenario that requires the candidate to perform a task as performed by a professional in the candidate's field that allows them to demonstrate achievement of course learning outcomes, such as a firefighting or nursing scenario.

Observation

An observation is an organic scenario that requires the candidate to perform a task or scenario against an observation checklist that allows them to demonstrate achievement of course learning outcomes, such as a horticultural technician caring for a garden.