

# Credit for Prior Learning



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## About CPL

Utah Valley University offers credit for prior learning (CPL) to enable students to enrich or accelerate their programs of study. CPL is inclusive and validates the prior learning of students, making education more affordable and accessible.

**What is Credit for Prior Learning?**

**How Are Credits for Prior Learning Applied?**

**How is Credit for Prior Learning Awarded?**

**CPL is ideal for:**

- Displaced workers
- Military veterans
- Working professionals
- Stay-at-home parents
- Returning students

**Benefits of Prior Learning:**

- Save time:** Shorten the time for you to graduate.
- Save money:** Take advantage of significant savings on tuition costs.
- Gain understanding:** Recognize the value of your acquired learning through your non-academic knowledge.
- Value knowledge:** Earning credit through CPL helps you find value in lifelong experiential learning.

**You may receive credit based on:**

- Work experience and job skills
- Employer training programs
- Volunteer or community service
- Open-source courses or self-study
- Military education and occupations

**More about Prior Learning**

- Credit earned for prior learning at a Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) institution is transferable to Utah Valley University on the same basis as if the credit has been earned through regular study at the awarding USHE institution.
- Credit for prior learning is recorded on a Utah Valley University transcript as Transfer Credit awarded as Challenge/Experience and will receive a CR or credit grade. This grade does not affect the Grade Point Average (GPA).
- Transfer credit and Proficiency credit will incur a service fee charged through a Challenge Credit Fee. Proficiency credits of prior learning may incur an associated exam or portfolio review fees. Federal financial aid and employee tuition reimbursement may not cover prior learning assessment fees.



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# Start CPL Process

## Am I a Good CPL Candidate?

Credit for Prior Learning is for adult learners who have gained significant knowledge, skills and abilities outside the traditional classroom that may be equivalent to college-level coursework. Credentialed faculty in each discipline will establish the course criteria and assess fulfillment to determine credit awarded. Open the below **self-assessment checklist** to help determine if Credit for Prior Learning is a good option.



**Self-assessment checklist**

- I am a fully admitted student to Utah Valley University. If you're not, start the process by applying today.
- Have I had at least 3 years of experience in the field/subject area?
- Have I managed other people at work or a volunteer organization?
- Can I demonstrate that I possess current knowledge from my past experience?
- Do I have extensive volunteer or community involvement that utilizes my professional skills?
- Have I learned progressively more advanced or complex processes in my job, travel, or volunteer work?
- Can I differentiate what I have learned from the experience and align it with the course learning outcomes?
- Do I understand both the practical and theoretical applications of the course?
- Do I have documentation to support my learning such as: licensure, certification, presentations, software code, work examples, etc.?
- Is there room for the course(s) in my program of study?
- Have I completed non-credit college courses?
- Am I or was I a member of the armed forces?
- Have I lived in a foreign country and/or traveled extensively?

If you answered yes to most of the questions in the self-assessment checklist, CPL may be a good option.

## UVST 1100

UVU offers a 3 credit course, UVST 1100 Prior Learning Assessment Portfolio. Identifies student's individual work related to specific skills, theoretical background, and content to prepare a portfolio for prior learning credit evaluation. Graded Credit/No Credit. The UVST 1100 course will help students accomplish the following:

- Assist students in identifying prior learning activities related to specific skills or experiences.
- Help the student develop their portfolio based on criteria set by the program department.

Please use the "Self-assessment checklist" above to help determine if this course would be beneficial to you.

GLSS COURSES

## How to Start the CPL Process?

Fill out the questionnaire below to begin the CPL Process. The information from the questionnaire will help a team be able to guide you through your CPL experience. Once your responses are reviewed, our team will reach out to you with additional information.

**Start Your Credit for Prior Learning Process**

Taking this questionnaire does not guarantee CPL options will be available.

\* Required

**Credit for Prior Learning**

Description from UVU Policy 525.3.5: "Utah Valley University provides opportunities for students to earn credit for prior learning (CPL) for skills and abilities they have acquired through work, professional training, military training, and other learning domains. Credits are awarded through assessments that meet college level competencies.

1. Can you demonstrate, through an assessment, that you have obtained skills/knowledge acquired through previous work, professional training, military training, or other learning domains that meets college level competencies? \*

Yes  
 No  
 Maybe

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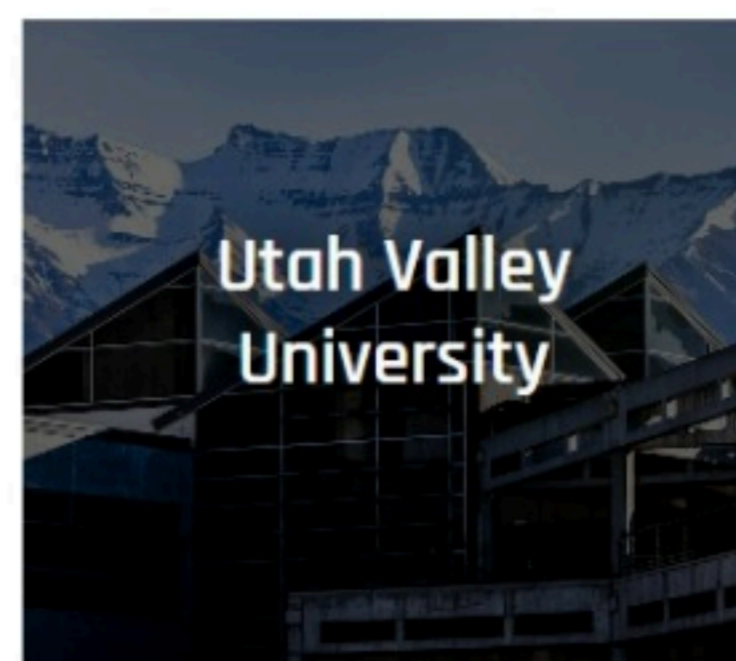


**Utah System of Higher Education**

Utah System of Higher Education Prior Learning Assessment

R472 Policy, Credit for Prior Learning

USHE Prior Learning Assessment Quality Standards and Best Practices Handbook



## Information, Articles, and Forms

### UTAH VALLEY UNIVERSITY CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING EVENTS

FACULTY CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING FORM

UVU TESTING SERVICES CHALLENGE EXAM PROCTORING OPTION

USHE-COMMISSIONED ADULT LEARNER STUDY

CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING AND COMPETENCY BASED EDUCATION

CAEL: A BRIGHTER FUTURE THROUGH CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING

CAEL URGES COLLEGES TO STRENGTHEN CREDIT FOR PRIOR LEARNING PROGRAMS

## Additional Resources

### Forms

AP SCORES OLDER THAN 4 YEARS

CHALLENGE CREDIT FEE AND FORM

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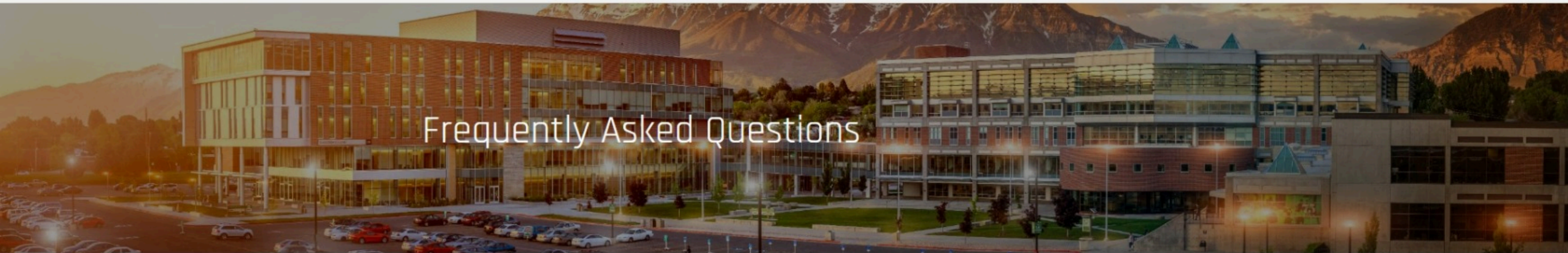
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# Frequently Asked Questions

## General Questions

- What Is Credit for Prior Learning (CPL)?
- How do I get started?
- How do I know if my knowledge is college-level?
- Do I get credit for life and work experience?
- Must I be a Utah Valley University student to participate in CPL?
- How much credit am I allowed to earn through CPL?
- Will I get the academic credit I have requested?
- How long does it take?
- How will I know if I've earned credit?

## Credit Transfer and Transcript Questions

- Can I transfer CPL credit from another institution?
- Will other colleges accept UVU CPL credit?
- Does the experiential credit I earn count towards required general education courses?
- If I am granted credit, what will appear on my transcript?
- Is CPL credit different from academic credit for which I earn a grade?

## Financial Questions

- What does CPL cost?
- If I'm not granted academic credit, do I still have to pay the fees?
- Does CPL credit affect my financial aid award?
- If my employer provides tuition assistance, will it also reimburse assessment fees for CPL?

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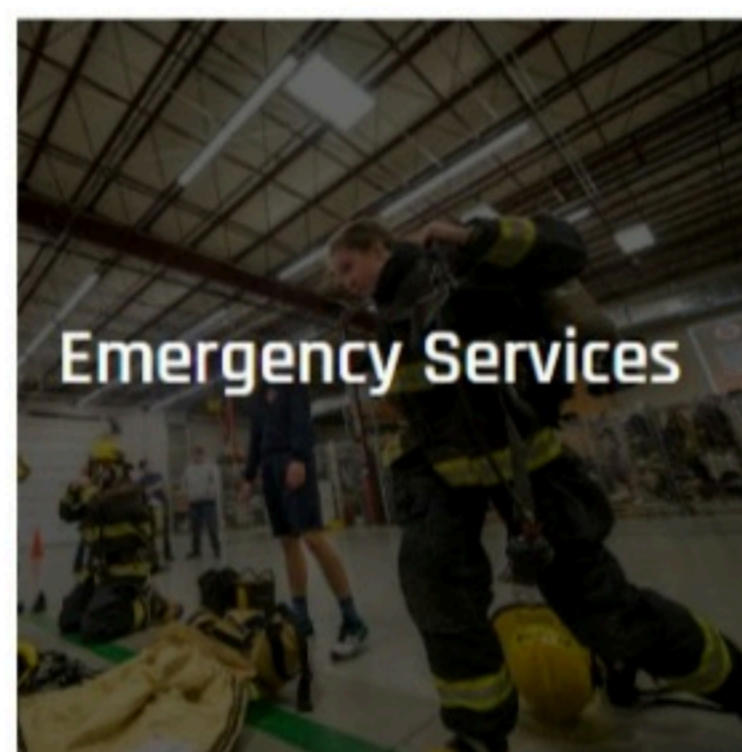
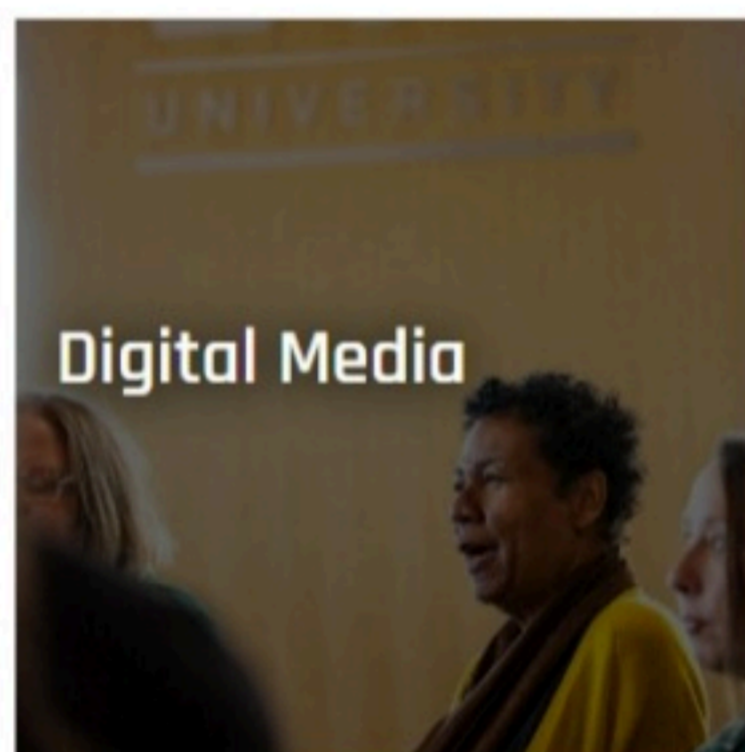
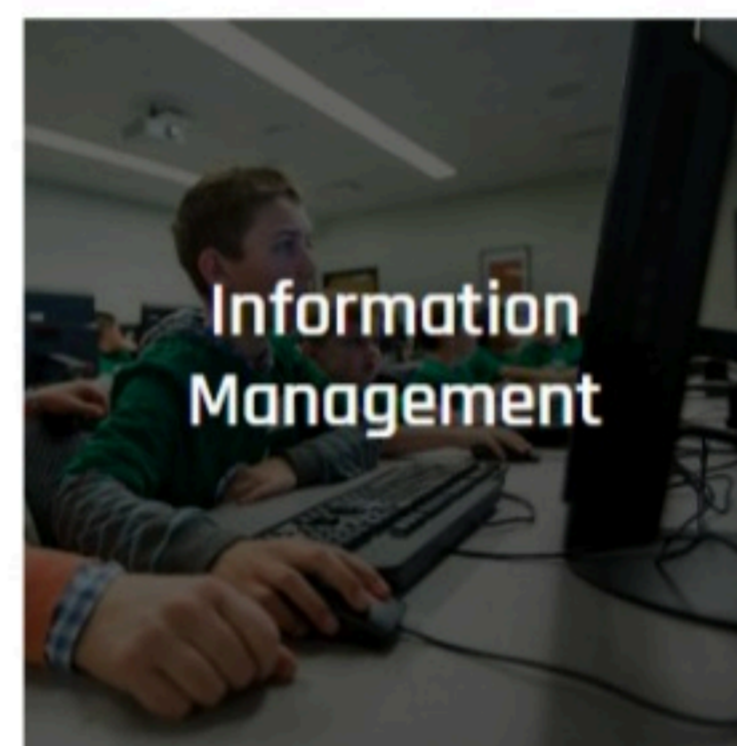
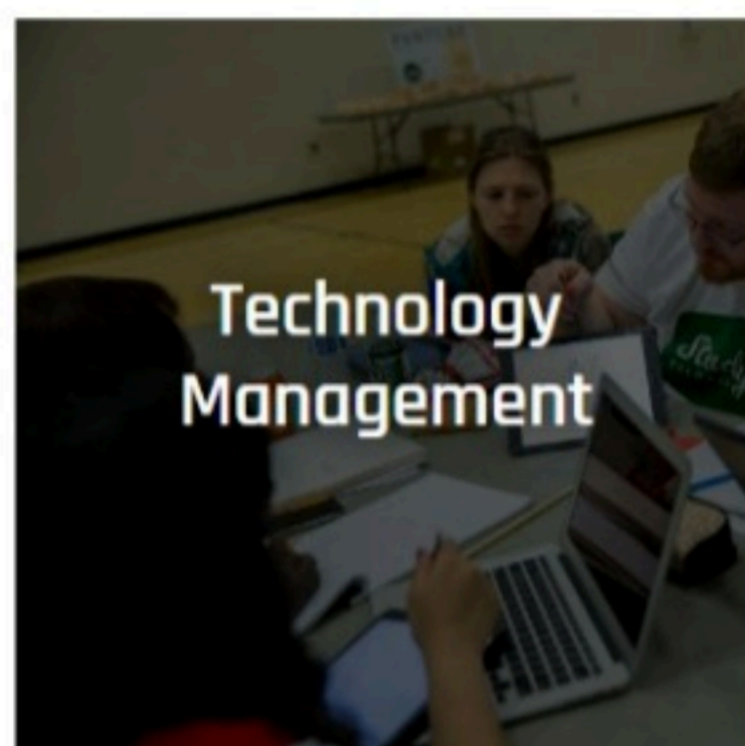




## Credit for Prior Learning Champions

Utah Valley University is continually expanding Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) opportunities. Here are a few departments that are championing CPL.

If you are interested in more information please contact us at [testingservices@uvu.edu](mailto:testingservices@uvu.edu) or check out the Start CPL Process.



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