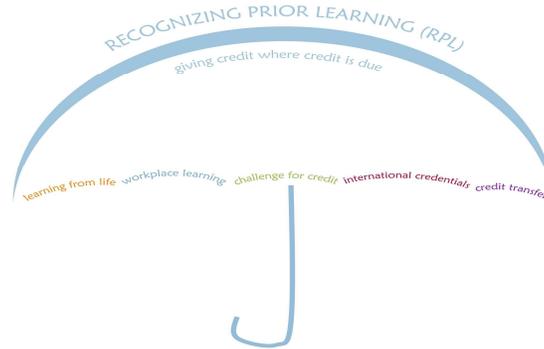


RPL: Recognizing Prior Learning

“Giving Credit where Credit is due”



What is RPL?

Simply put, RPL recognizes that you may have already acquired the skills and knowledge that our courses set out to teach you through employment, volunteering, or training. If you can demonstrate that you already have this learning, you may be able to save yourself time and class work.

RPL is the process of: identifying, documenting, assessing and recognizing what a person knows and can do. We consider it "giving credit where credit is due."

Who should consider RPL?

If you have *significant* learning from work and life, which is current and equivalent to NSCC programs and/or course outcomes, then you are encouraged to apply.

How is RPL assessed?

A number of ways, including: written/oral examinations, portfolio review, skill demonstrations, simulation (role play, case study), interviews, projects & assignments, product assessments or a combination of these. The two main methods are credit transfer and challenge for credit.

What is a credit transfer?

A credit transfer is a process by which courses completed at other recognized educational institutions are accepted as equivalent credit for NSCC courses as long as the learning is current and equivalent.

What is a challenge for credit?

A challenge is a process in which learners match their individual learning to the learning acquired in NSCC programs and/or courses. The challenge process allows them to demonstrate how they've met the program/course learning outcomes from workplace learning, learning from life, international credentials or a combination of these.

Who assesses RPL?

A subject matter expert, usually an NSCC faculty member, assesses your prior learning.

What will this cost?

Full-time learners have RPL fees covered by your tuition; the fee for RPL for part time learners is under discussion.

When should I start the RPL process?

As soon as you have confirmed your acceptance into NSCC, and have paid the confirmation fee, you can begin. Contact the Centre for Student Success to begin the process. If you decide to wait until courses are underway, you are advised to continue attending classes until decision has been made and credit granted.