ACCELERATED CREDIT OPTIONS
at Polk State College for Adult Learners:

Credit by Transfer: College-level course work may be transferrable to Polk State. Application of these credits depends on your program of study and transfer policies at Polk. Ask all institutions where you earned credits to send an official transcript directly to the Polk State Admission Office.

National Standardized Exams: Advanced Placement (AP) exams, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) tests, Excelsior College exams, DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), International Baccalaureate program (IB).

Institutional Credit-By-Examination: Polk State College offers students the opportunity to earn credit by a comprehensive examination for certain courses that have been approved by the program. For courses that qualify, contact the program director of the degree you are seeking.

Credit through Licensure or Certification: Credits can be earned for certain licenses or certifications. This information is available from the program director of the degree you are seeking.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Portfolio Program: can help you attain college credit for learning you have achieved outside the traditional college classroom. PLA can save you time and money because you may not be required to take courses for material you have already mastered by developing a portfolio highlighting your achievements.

Military & Training Programs: Credit for the many training programs, including military programs which have undergone a rigorous evaluation process to equate learning to college credit through the American Council on Education (ACE).

The traditional path to a college degree can seem like a long and challenging one for many adult learners. However, at Polk State, it may not take as long as you think. Contact Polk State program directors listed in this brochure to help you identify how your experience can be applied to meeting your degree goals.

tired of not getting ahead due to your level of education?

COMPLETE YOUR DEGREE AT POLK STATE COLLEGE!

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For more information, visit polk.edu/pla
**Industry Certification or License**
You may have already earned FREE college credit!

**Aerospace/Pilot Science:**
- FAA Pilot Certifications = 4 to 20 college credits

**Accounting:**
- Certified Professional Bookkeeper = 6 college credits

**Business Operational Management:**
- Ridge & Traviss Programs over 900 hours = 15 college credits

**Computer Network Engineering Technology:**
- Current Industry Certifications = 6 to 24 college credits (A+, CCNA, MCITP, Security Plus)

**Computer Systems and Business Analysis**
- Current Industry Certifications may earn 3 to 9 college credits (various Microsoft and programming certifications).

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**PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT (PLA) BY PORTFOLIO**

Adult students never stop learning, and a great deal of learning occurs outside the traditional classroom. Learning can be gained from business ownership, career experiences, employer training programs, and leadership roles in community activities and professional organizations or the military. These sources of learning are called "experiential learning."

The portfolio is a process to explore what you know, how you learned it, and how that learning is applicable in the traditional academic outcomes of a course. You are not alone in the process; your PLA instructor (SLS 2371) and program director, will assist you in the process of creating your portfolio. Note that equivalent credit is not awarded for experience, but for learning that matches a particular course in your Polk State program of study.

All students pursuing the Portfolio option will have access to and are encouraged to take a 2-credit portfolio development course, where all the tools you need to begin the process will be provided. Your first step is to go to polk.edu/pla to determine if you are a potential candidate. After you review this site, contact the program director of the program for which you want to earn college credits.

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**Criminal Justice:**
- Florida Criminal Justice Law Enforcement or Correctional Standards Certification = 12 to 25 college credits

**Digital Media:**
- Current Industry Certifications may earn 3 to 9 college credits (various Adobe certifications)

**Early Childhood:**
- Early Childhood Professional Credential (ECPC) = 9 college credits.
- National Child Development Associate (CDA) = 3 college credits

**Electrical Distribution Technology:**
- Lakeland Electric Lineman Apprenticeship Program = 36 college credits

**Engineering Technology:**
- Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Certified Production Technician (CPT) = 15 college credits
- Autodesk Certified Inventor Associate = 3 college credits

**Fire Science:**
- Fire Officer I & II = 36 college credits

**Nursing:**
- LPN License = 10 college credits
- Paramedic, OTA, PTA, RT, Radiography, or CVT license = 7 college credits

**Supply Chain:**
- Global Logistics Associate (GLA) = 12 college credits

Many of these certifications are offered at Polk State. For more information contact the program director of the degree program in which you are interested.