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ITEM 168-106-R0915
Prior Learning Assessment Policy 301.19

THAT

The Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education authorizes new Policy 301.19 to implement and administer Prior Learning Assessment (PLA).

EXPLANATION

The Montana University System colleges and universities recognize the value of prior learning in the achievement of academic goals. It is the policy of the MUS Board of Regents that a student's previous college-level learning, including that acquired outside of the traditional college setting, may be evaluated for college credit upon the student's request. The credit evaluation should be done in compliance with institutional PLA policy and faculty requirements. MUS students need timely, clear and concise information concerning how prior learning assessment may help them.

Regent Policy 301.19 establishes the criteria for institutional oversight and implementation of PLA, outlines principles and assessment standards, and summarizes procedures. Additionally, the policy establishes procedures to evaluate PLA in the Montana University System. The Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education is charged with administration of the policy and development of procedures to administer PLA in accordance with Board policy.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment #1- Policy 301.19
- Attachment #2- MUS PLA Expanded Policy Recommendations