



UTAH SYSTEM OF  
HIGHER EDUCATION

# MEMORANDUM

March 24, 2023

## Annual Report on Credit for Prior Learning

Annual reporting from the institutions is required in Utah Code 53B-16-107, which also requires standardization in awarding credit for prior learning across USHE institutions.

- Major accomplishments by the Board and the system since the code went into effect in 2020:
  - Creation of USHE Policy R472, individual institutional PLA policies, a best practices guidebook, and a systemwide Prior Learning Committee.
  - Determination of standardized minimum scores required to earn a determined number of credits and particularly commonly numbered courses for national exams (AP, CLEP, IB, DSST, etc.).
  - Implementation of annual institutional reporting of PLA credits and the number of students served, as required per state code.
  - Systemwide training for institutional prior learning committees, faculty, and staff, co-hosted by USHE and UVU.
  - Students **saved \$93,934,841.63 in tuition** through prior learning assessments in Academic Year 2022.

### Commissioner's Recommendation

The Academic Education Committee recommends that the Committee of the Whole approve the attached Annual Report on "Credit for Prior Learning at USHE Degree-Granting Institutions during Academic Year 2021-2022".

### Attachment