

College Connection

Earn college credit for what you already know by taking a Prior Learning Assessment

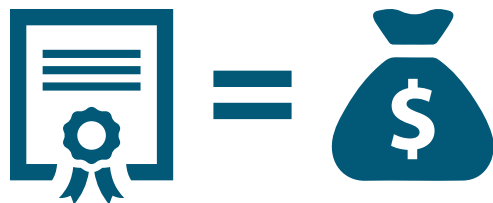
Why is PLA Important?



It **SAVES**
You **TIME**



It **SAVES**
You **MONEY**



It puts you on a
FAST TRACK to
your **CAREER**

What Do I Need to Know?

Some colleges offer credit based on what you already know or are learning at MNTC, if you pass a **"Prior Learning Assessment."** Passing the assessment is based on your demonstration of knowledge and skills that were gained through previous training and experience. Gaining these skills may be done by:

- Attending an MNTC program
- Getting on-the-job training & internships
- Attending seminars & workshops
- Prior military service & training
- Community service and volunteerism
- Independent study

Many colleges provide options to earn prior learning credit; however, you must apply to be a degree-seeking student at a college before you request a Prior Learning Assessment. All college credit, including Prior Learning Assessment credit, is awarded by individual higher education institutions.

Some ways that Prior Learning Assessments are given include: national tests and certifications, institutional challenge exams, and portfolio reviews.

You can only receive prior learning credit for coursework that is applicable to your declared major at your chosen college. At most Oklahoma colleges, you must successfully complete 12 or more semester hours of credit-bearing coursework before any prior learning credit is placed on your transcript (OSU-OKC is an exception).

I'm Interested, Where Do I Start?

1. **CONTACT** MNTC's College Connection for guidance along the way. Email melissa.dyer@mntc.edu or call 405.801.5192.
2. **REVIEW** the PLA opportunities available for the college degree(s) that interest you.
3. **APPLY** to the college of your choice.
4. **IDENTIFY** the courses that align with your knowledge and skill set, and review the course description and learning objectives. We recommend that you meet with a degree advisor to discuss your options.
5. **GATHER** evidence if you are requesting a PLA through industry certifications or a portfolio review. Certifications, your resume, training records, letters from former employers, and samples of your work are great things to include.
6. **STUDY** the course material if you are taking an institutional challenge exam. You only get one chance to pass it, so make sure you are prepared!

College Connection's Steps to Success Workshop Series

COLLEGE APP DAYS

MNTC prepares our students to be College and Career Ready! MNTC joins many others across the state in a successful national initiative, College App Week. Through our partnership with GEAR UP, the Oklahoma College Access Network (OK-CAN) and the Oklahoma College Assistance Program (OCAP), every senior in our school will have the opportunity to receive hands-on, encouraging assistance from knowledgeable volunteers in submitting their online college applications.



In preparing for College App Days, students also learn about college and CareerTech prep timelines and receive tools to research post-secondary options. Furthermore, MNTC juniors explore how to save time and money with AP courses, OCCC and OSU-OKC courses at Moore Norman Technology Center, and area colleges' admission requirements.

HOW TO GET \$\$\$ FOR COLLEGE: FAFSA & SCHOLARSHIPS PRESENTATIONS

Many students graduating high school don't know how they will pay for schooling and have realistic fears about large student loan debt. In FAFSA and scholarship presentations, seniors learn about FAFSA, the MNTC Tuition Waiver, Oklahoma's Promise, student loans and scholarships for which they may be eligible. MNTC staff will define and explain acronyms, terminology, and the FAFSA process that can be so frustrating to students. Seniors will create their FSA IDs and hear about important deadlines.



INDIVIDUAL CAREERTECH/ COLLEGE ADVISEMENT & PREP

Students can meet with MNTC College Connection and/or Counselors for individual appointments to discuss options and concerns that arise along their career and college pathways.

COLLEGE ROAD TRIPS

Where the rubber meets the road for students! College Connection, counselors and instructors accompany students to industry and interest specific areas on college field trips. Health students visit OCCC's, OSU-OKC's and SWOSU's Pre-Med, Allied Health and Nursing programs. Biotech students get to visit UCO's Forensic programs.



MNTC BIT and Technical students have the opportunity to tour Engineering and IT colleges/departments at OSU, OU, SWOSU, OCCC, OSU-OKC, and Rose State.

MNTC Automotive Service and Auto Collision students visit OSU-IT and OCCC Automotive specific programs.

MNTC College Connection will hit the road for various college field trips this school year! (Not all students go on all field trips.)

HOW TO WRITE AN OUTSTANDING ESSAY FOR COLLEGE & SCHOLARSHIP APPS

One endeavor that engenders fear, anxiety, and procrastination is essay writing for college admission scholarships. In this important workshop series, students learn about common college/scholarship essay questions and the process for writing convincing, personally unique essays. Students create their essays incrementally in small classroom groups and finish with a MNTC Literacy Specialist individually as needed.



COLLEGE REPS ON CAMPUS AND CAREER & COLLEGE FAIRS

Students meet and network with potential industry-specific employers and colleges. MNTC Career and College Connection staff prepares students with How to Rock a Job Fair, Ace the Interview, and Mock Interviews.



MOORE NORMAN
TECHNOLOGY CENTER

mntc.edu | 405.801.5000

FRANKLIN ROAD CAMPUS:
4701 12th Ave. NW, Norman, OK 73069

SOUTH PENN CAMPUS:
13301 S. Penn Ave., Oklahoma City, OK 73170