Doctoral Program Prior Learning Assessment (PLA)

Steps to Request Doctoral PLA

1. Confirm that the course is included on the approved list for PLA (Appendix A)
2. Review course descriptions in the [Academic Catalog](#) and access the course learning outcomes
   a. Request learning outcomes from the appropriate Doctoral Studies Director
      i. Requests may be sent via your Admissions Specialist or Student Success Advisor
3. Complete Section A of the Doctoral Program PLA Request Form (see below)
4. Complete a Doctoral PLA Portfolio (*recommended format is a PDF with a Table of Contents*)
   a. Component 1: Documentation that demonstrates proficiency of learning outcomes. Sample documents may include:
      i. Resume or CV
      ii. Job description
      iii. Publications or work reports
      iv. Supervisor letter of recommendation
   b. Component 2: Essay describing achievement of each learning outcome
      i. Address all learning outcomes individually
5. Submit the PLA Portfolio to the appropriate Doctoral Studies Director for assessment.
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Assessment of Your PLA Portfolio

1. The Doctoral Studies Director will complete Section B of the PLA Request Form and return the form to the student and the assigned Student Success Advisor and Registrar's Office.
2. Assessment can take up to 10 business days
3. Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) credits are included in the calculation of maximum transfer credit eligibility. Refer to the [Policy Catalog](#) for more details on transfer credit limits.

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Doctoral Program Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) Request Form

Section A. Request for Review (Completed by Student)

Student Name:	
Program:	
Course(s)*:	
Academic Honesty Statement	Prospective and current students are expected to adhere to the Trident Academic Integrity Policy. The Academic Integrity Policy is available in the Trident University International Policy Handbook.

☐ I have read the Trident University International Academic Integrity Policy and understand the policy. My signature below, indicates that I understand the policy.

Click or tap to enter a date.

Student Signature:	
Date:	

*requests to review courses not included on Appendix A will be denied

Section B. Result of Review (Completed by Director)

Date of Review:	
Director Name:	
Assessment Outcome:	☐ Approved
	☐ Denied
Director Signature:	
Date:	
Notes:	

Appendix A: Doctoral Courses Eligible for PLA Review

Doctor of Business Administration (DBA)

MGT 610 Organizations, Management and Leadership
MKT 610 Advanced Strategic Marketing
FIN 610 Advanced Strategic Corporate Finance

Doctor of Education (EdD)

EDD 602 Leadership Theory and Practice
EDD 611 Strategic Planning and Finance for Educational Leaders
EDD 613 Evidence Based Decisions & Accountability
EDD 633 Law and Policy in Education
EDD 606 Management of Change in Education
EDD 630 Principles of Instructional Leadership
EDD 631 School Reform
EDD 634 Current Issues in PK-12 Education
EDD 636 Dimensions of Teacher Leadership
EDD 640 Current Issues in Higher Education
EDD 641 Higher Education Administration
EDD 642 Student Development Theory
EDD 643 Management of Change in Higher Education
EDD 644 Curriculum in Higher Education
EDD 650 Advanced Learning Theory
EDD 651 Advanced Instructional Design
EDD 652 Instructional Technology in Education
EDD 653 Instructional Design Practicum

Doctor of Health Administration (DHA)

DHA 605 Quality Assurance
DHA 607 Healthcare Delivery Systems
DHA 650 Health Care Finance
DHA 621 Healthcare Law, Regulation, Ethics

Ph.D. Business Administration

RES 600 Introductory Data Analysis
MKT601 Marketing Management Strategy
ORG 605 Organizational Change
ACC 601 Financial/Managerial/Behavioral Accounting
LEAD 600 Introduction to Research in Leadership
ITM 603 Foundations of Information Systems Research

Ph.D. Educational Leadership

DEL 601 Health Promotion, Program Planning, Design and Evaluation
DEL 602 Leadership and Leader Roles in Education
DEL 603 Health Behavior and Change
DEL 606 Management of Change in Edu.
DEL 612 Program Evaluation in Education
DEL 614 Research in Educational Leadership
DEL 624 Teaching/Administration in Higher Education.
DEL 631 School Reform
DEL 632 Legal Aspects of Edu. Leadership
DEL 635 Current Issues in E-Learning

Ph.D. Health Sciences

DHA 619 Health Admin. Research
DHA 621 Healthcare Law, Regulation, Ethics
DHA 698 Strategic Planning Health Sciences
DHS 612 Program Evaluation
DHS 640 Qualitative Research
DHS 652 Research Epidemiology
DIH 620 Global Health Research
DIH 633 Global Epidemiology
DIH 697 Health Equity