

Credit for Prior Learning Prior learning is defined as academic knowledge gained through work experience, military service, community involvement, or independent study. Fort Lewis College allows demonstration of prior learning for military service and independent study, as well as demonstrated college-level equivalencies gained through work experiences outside of the college classroom including experience that may lead to an industry credential, technical certificate, or industry license. Learning through independent study can be demonstrated through credit by examination. Learning through military service can be demonstrated by submitting a written request for an evaluation of credits for military service to the Registrar's Office. The DD 214 form, military transcript, and the credit recommendation from the American Council on Education must be attached to the request. Learning through work experiences outside of the college classroom can be demonstrated by using multiple methods of assessment that may include standardized/national exams, locally developed challenge exams, portfolio review, skill demonstrations, and other individualized assessments. If the student earns the equivalent of a C- or better on an institutionally-devised challenge exam, the college will transcript the credits as earned institutional credit with the name and number of the course, the number of institutional credits, the GT Pathways category (if applicable), and note that it was a challenge exam.