



**BBF PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION AND  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**  
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# AGENDA

- **Prior Learning Assessment Overview**
  - Assessment of Prior Learning
  - Focused Portfolio Development
  - Course Challenge
  - Credit by Examination
- **Getting Started**
- **Takeaway Points**



# BACKGROUND

- Program started in 1975
- Adult students started to enroll in colleges
- One assessment program: portfolio preparation
- Nearly 8,000 students



# PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

## HOW DOES IT WORK ?

### Options for more extensive requests

#### Portfolio Courses

- Assessment of Prior Learning
- Focused Portfolio Development

### Two fast options

- CCV Course Challenge
- Credit by Examination



# PORTFOLIO COURSES

## Assessment of Prior Learning (APL)

- EDU-1240, 3-credit course
- Meets 15 weeks, once per week
  - Evening/Saturday/Fully online options
- No credit request limit
- No curricular area limitations
- \$1240 with fees for in-state residents
- Students can only take the course once

**TRANSFER CREDIT**



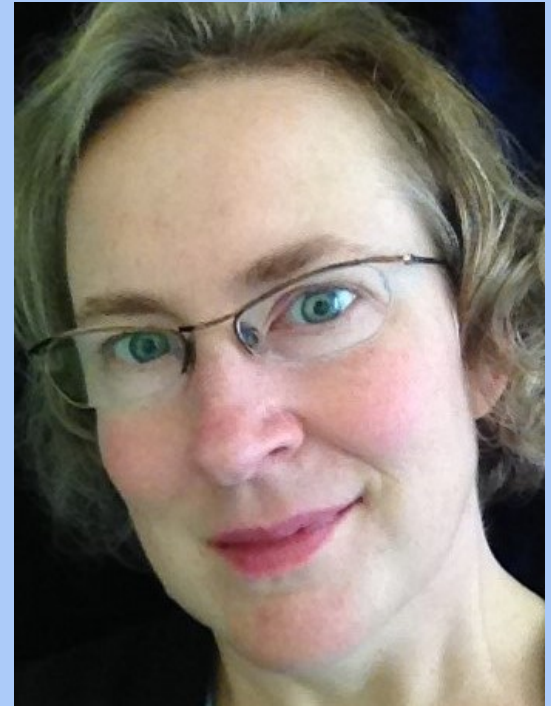
# APL TESTIMONIAL

## Beth Traver-Adolphus

Executive Director

Oak Hill Children's Center, Pownal

- Bachelors degree in wrong field
- 3 years part-time vs. 1 course
- Used toward level IV Teacher & Director's Credential
- More commitment, knowledgeable documenters
- Recommends for those working in ECE field
- Helped get credential and show how much she'd learned



# APL TESTIMONIAL

## Yee-Wah Brabant

Behavioral Interventionist  
HCRS, Hartford

- APL helped me to achieve the non core course credits I needed to obtain my associates degree in early childhood education.
- If you have the experience and qualified staff that can write you supporting evidence letters, definitely do it. The work you have done and learned hands on can be traded to college level courses.
- Would you recommend the Prior Learning Assessment option you used to a peer?
- Absolutely, and I already have to many peers in the field.



# PORTFOLIO COURSES

## Focused Portfolio Development

- EDU-1225, 1-credit course
- Meets six times in eight weeks
  - Evening/Saturday/Fully online options
- 16-credit request limit
- Requests must be in same curricular area
- Cost: \$580 with fees for in-state residents
- Students can submit supplemental portfolio without re-taking the course evaluation fee (\$200)

**TRANSFER CREDIT**





# FPD TESTIMONIAL

## Allie McFalls

Director

Family Garden Childcare Center  
Brattleboro

- Awarded 16 ECE credits in 1 semester
- Helps reach 21 credit goal in short period
- Recommends because it's realistic to get this done
- Get the college credit you deserve for years of hard work



# FPD TESTIMONIAL

**Jungwoo Kim**

**Lead Teacher**

**Sweet Clover Nursery/  
Orchard Valley Waldorf  
School, Plainfield**



- As an immigrant, a mother, wife, it was not easy to start a new life over in the U.S. I wanted to be close to my kids, and I wanted to work... I started as an assistant early childhood teacher and this job fit me so well. I set up my goal to be a lead teacher [for] more stability and benefits. This course helped me to earn 13 credits in education and my supervisor and my coworkers acknowledged my passion for teaching. They helped me as I went through this course and... became a lead teacher.

# CCV COURSE CHALLENGE

- Open to anyone
- Any CCV course can be challenged
- CCV faculty evaluate the student
- 60 days for students to demonstrate learning
- Awarded credit is ungraded CCV credit
- Cost: 1 CCV credit of tuition

On CCV Transcript

\* Credit may not transfer



# COURSE CHALLENGE TESTIMONIAL

**Bethany Hallock**

**Registered Family Child  
Care Home**

**Dirty Works Childcare, Ferrisburgh**



- I completed my first Associates Degree from CCV in Business Management. Twenty years later... I am trying for my second Associates Degree in ECE. I have been running my own in home child care for over 14 years now. There were several classes that I would need to take to get this second degree, but a few of them seemed redundant to me. No one likes to sit through a class... which they could probably teach! It saved me a lot of time and energy that I could put to use in other classes that I needed. I would highly recommend this as an option for anyone in my field of study and/or business, especially if you have all of that knowledge already!

# COURSE CHALLENGE TESTIMONIAL

**Anne Simonds**

**Director**

**Sunrise Family Resource Center**

**Sunderland**



- I used the Course Challenge to receive credits for the Early Childhood and Afterschool Program Management Class. I was able to gain the credits that I needed for the class by demonstrating that I had the experience and knowledge that the objectives of the class set forth.
- By challenging a course, I was able to obtain the credits I need for a Credential without having to attend the class for the semester. Time is valuable in our field and our education and experience should be valued as well.
- The process for me was seamless. I was able to meet with the Professor evaluating me prior to my deadline and then walk through the portfolio that I had compile in a very relaxing way. The process from start to finish took about 6 weeks and I had the three credits that I needed! I would do it again.

# COMPETENCY BASED PATHWAY

- A standardized Course Challenge
- Open to anyone
- Online-based
- 60 days for students to complete assignments
- Awarded credit is ungraded CCV credit
- Cost: \$150

EXISTING PATHWAYS	NEW DECEMBER 2020
ACC-1010 Computerized Accounting	COM-1015 Communication in the Early Childhood Education & Afterschool Workplace
BUS-1010 Introduction to Business	EDU-1030 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
BUS-2020 Principles of Management	EDU-2045 Curriculum Development for Early Childhood Education
BUS-2230 Principles of Marketing	EDU-2042 Early Childhood Education & Afterschool Program Management
CIS-1430 Spreadsheets	EDU-2041 Leadership, Mentoring & Supervision for Early Childhood & Afterschool Practitioners
INT-2860 Professional Field Experience	PSY-2010 Child Development

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# CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

Open to anyone

- CLEP Exams (33 subjects)
- DSST/Dantes Exams (30+ exam titles)
- Administered at CCV Winooski
- Immediate Results
- Call 802-654-0670 to get started
- Cost: \$144-\$155

## TRANSFER CREDIT

**Testing Center Temporarily Closed**

**CLEP – Available Online**

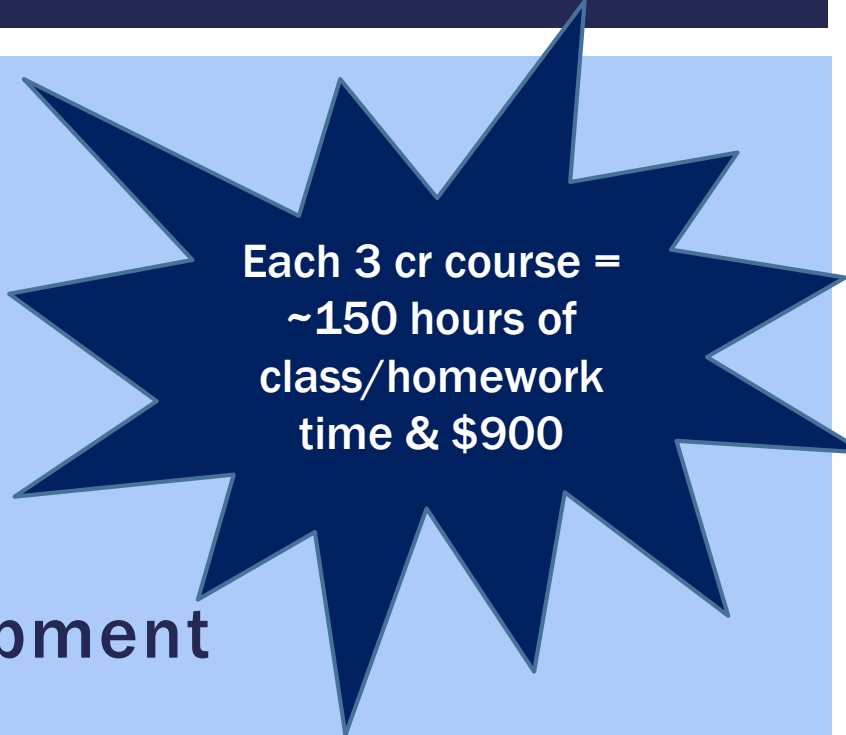
**DSST – Available Online for Service Members**





# TIME/COST SAVINGS

- **Credit by Examination**
  - 150-600 hours/\$700-\$3,000
  - 3-12 credits
- **Course Challenge**
  - 100 hours/\$500-\$700
  - 1-4 credits
- **Focused Portfolio Development**
  - 500 hours/\$3,000
  - Average 12 credits/90%
- **Assessment of Prior Learning**
  - 1,000 hours/\$8,000
  - Average 30 credits/75%



Each 3 cr course =  
~150 hours of  
class/homework  
time & \$900



# GETTING STUDENTS STARTED

- **PLA Informational Webinar**

[https://admissions.ccv.edu/portal/pla\\_webinar](https://admissions.ccv.edu/portal/pla_webinar)

- Twice monthly
- Overview and Q & A

- **PLA Recommender**

[www.ccv.edu/eval](http://www.ccv.edu/eval)

- Customized immediate response

# PLA RECOMMENDER

[www.ccv.edu/priorlearning](https://www.ccv.edu/priorlearning)

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#### PORTFOLIO COURSES

You've worked, served in the military or volunteered. Now get college credit for these activities through our portfolio courses

#### COURSE CHALLENGE

You can challenge a CCV course by demonstrating your mastery of the course objectives of that course. You will be evaluated by a

#### CREDIT BY EXAMINATION

If you're attending one of the five Vermont State Colleges, or you're a member of the military, sign up for one of two

[Chat with CCV](#)

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# TAKEAWAY POINTS

1. Prior Learning Assessment exists
2. ECE professionals are great candidates
3. Reach out to Prior Learning Assessment to learn more
4. Northern Lights Resource Advisors can help identify professional goals
5. Connect with a CCV Academic Advisor for Enrollment or Course Challenge

# QUESTIONS?

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