

PLAR Frequently Asked Questions

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Is there a fee?

Yes, but it's less than paying for a course. As of Spring 2021 the fee is \$288 per assessment. This is instead of, not in addition to, regular tuition. This is a fee for service and is non-refundable if your application is not successful.

The fee is charged to your account like tuition. It is charged to you at the time you are ready to submit your completed portfolio for assessment, not before.

How long does it take to get results?

We try to ensure that students have results by the end of the term in which they apply, as long as the portfolio is submitted by the end of the first month of the term.

This means that you need to be mindful about timing and sequencing. If you need results for a prerequisite for another course, you need to ensure you are following appropriate time lines. You can consult with the PLAR Mentor and/or your academic advisor or practicum placement coordinator about this.

What if I'm not approved for credit?

Each faculty handles this differently. Some faculties will have a further appeal process and some do not. Social Work does not allow appeals – the decisions are made by a committee and are final. This is why it's very important to speak to someone in your faculty and get the "go-ahead" before applying.

How will the credit appear on my transcript?

PLAR credit appears like transfer credit on your transcript. It will note that you have PLAR credit for the course you've challenged. It will not show up like a regular course with a grade on your transcript.