



ILLINOIS BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Military Prior Learning Assessment (MPLA) Task Force

Meeting Agenda

February 3, 2016

1:30 – 3:00

Springfield, Illinois

1. **Welcome** – James Applegate
2. **Introduction** – Arthur Sutton (*information on task force*)
3. **Presentation** – Amy Sherman (*25 minutes*)
College credit for military training
4. **Presentation** – Dan Cullen and Amanda Winters (*25 minutes*)
Multi-State Collaborative on Military Credit
5. **Discussion and schedule of meetings**
February 3, 2016
March 30, 2016
June 1, 2016
August 3, 2016
October 19, 2016
6. **Concluding comments**

Military Prior Learning Assessment Task Force

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Role and Purpose of the Task Force:

The purpose of the MPLA Task Force is to objectively examine Illinois and national prior military learning assessment activity, models, and practice, so that recommendations for the improvement of college outcomes for Illinois veterans and military personnel will be shared with Illinois institutions of higher education serving them.

Outcomes:

A report containing policy recommendations on Prior Military Learning Assessment will be presented to the General Assembly in December 2016.

Questions to be addressed by the Task Force

- What is meant by prior military learning assessment?
- How is prior military learning assessment being done in other states?
- What are the ways prior military learning assessment is being implemented in Illinois?
- What purposes do prior military learning assessment serve?
- What is our vision of prior military learning assessment in Illinois?
- What State goals can prior military learning assessment serve?
- What are obstacles to prior military learning assessment?
- What else do we need to know?
- Do we have the data to answer essential questions about prior military learning assessment?
- What will best serve our students?
- What can the State do to advance prior military learning assessment?
- How do we accomplish this?
- What are the best ways to use PLA scan results?

Activity

- The Task Force will convene from February 2016 to November 2016;
- Examine related reports and review the landscape of prior military learning assessment;
- Hear various presenters on issues in prior military learning assessment;
- Discuss preliminary recommendations and report format;
- Discuss final recommendations/final report; and
- Submit final report to General Assembly in December 2016

Task Force support

The staff of the Illinois Board of Higher Education will be of assistance to this Task Force in preparation, review, and submission of report.