

Do I Qualify?

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A High School Diploma Can Offer You New Opportunities

Are you over 18?

**Are you enrolled in
Adult Literacy and Basic
Education (ALBE) courses
at Aurora College?**

If the answer is yes, the Adult
Recognition Model (ARM) may help
you earn your NWT Senior Secondary
School Diploma.



What is ARM?

The Department of Education, Culture and Employment is implementing a new initiative to help adult learners earn their NWT Senior Secondary diploma. Through the ARM, adult learners may receive high school credits when they have provided proof that they have completed different senior secondary courses through learning that occurred inside or outside the classroom. This is known as prior learning assessment and recognition (PLAR).

Prior learning is any learning that an individual has gained throughout their life, including formal learning in school and informal learning outside of school through volunteering, work and life experiences. The Adult Recognition Model recognizes learning that happens through a variety of life and work experiences.

For example:

- If you have learned how to speak Gwich'in from your family and have spoken it fluently for many years, you may earn credits under the high school First Nations, Métis and Inuit Languages Program.
- If you were employed as a camp cook at a mine, you may be eligible to earn credit in the Career and Technology Studies cooking credit courses.

How Can I Apply?

To receive credit through the ARM process, you must be enrolled in ALBE and complete the PLAR Portfolio Development Course. The PLAR Portfolio Development Course is designed to support NWT adult learners who want to receive their NWT Senior Secondary Diploma through the ARM. Adults enrolled in Adult Literacy and Basic Education courses will develop their own portfolios through the PLAR Portfolio Development Course. Adults that meet the conditions of the ARM with their developed portfolios will receive the NWT Senior Secondary School Diploma.

After taking the PLAR portfolio development course, learners will be able to:

- Identify skills acquired from life experience;
- Document these skills and experiences in a portfolio;
- Prepare applications for their NWT Senior Secondary Diploma.



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