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Pathways to College Credit

Wednesday, March 25, 7:30 to 9:30 am

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center, LePage Conference Center

Learn more about the many ways your employees can earn college credits.

Representatives from Maine colleges and universities talk about “harvesting” credits through pathways and partnerships.

Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) is the evaluation of an individual’s life learning for college credit, certification, or advanced standing toward further education or training. PLA is not just one method or tool, but a variety of pathways.

By earning credit for learning gained outside the classroom, employees can often reduce both their time and the cost involved in earning a degree or credential. This process can make going back to school much less inconvenient and help employees and their employers capitalize on time and energy already spent through other endeavors at work and in the community.

Agenda

- 7:30 am **Networking & Light Breakfast**
- 8:00 **Welcome** – Jan Phillips, Executive Director, College for ME Androscoggin (C4ME)
- Introductions** – Amertah Perman, Program Director, Next Step Maine Employers’ Initiative (NSMEI)
- 8:15 – 9:00 **Panel Presentations**
- Challenge Exams**
 – Anne St. Pierre, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs, Central Maine Community College
- Assigning Credit to Internal Training Programs**
 – Marie Hansen, Dean, College of Business, Husson University
- PLA within the Pre-Enrollment Process**
 – Thomas Deschenes, Business Development Manager, Kaplan University
- PLA within Undergraduate Degree Programs**
 – Sharon Timberlake, Faculty Member, Leadership & Organizational Studies,
 University of Southern Maine’s Lewiston-Auburn College
- Transferability Updates Across the UMS**
 – Joyce Lapping, Chair of the University of Maine System, Prior Learning Assessment Subcommittee
 to the Transfer Committee & Director of Prior Learning Assessment at University of Southern Maine
- 9:00 – 9:25 **Discussion** – Facilitated by Jan Phillips
- 9:25 – 9:30 **Resource Reminders** – Jan Phillips

