

## Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) Specifics for Surveying and Mapping

Do you have at least 3-5 years' work experience as a surveyor, engineer, surveying or engineering technician, drafter, or mapper? Then you may be eligible to earn college Credit for Prior Learning (CPL).

### Getting Started with CPL

1. Review the required courses for the AAS – Surveying Technology found in the [UVU Course Catalog](#). Read the course descriptions and compare them with your work experience. If some courses appear to align well then make note of the course name and proceed to step 2.
2. Visit the Credit for Prior Learning (CPL) website at <https://www.uvu.edu/cpl/> and follow the instructions to get the process started.
3. Determine if you want to Challenge the course or seek credit through your Experience.
  - a. Challenge credit- contact the Surveying Program Coordinator to learn the requirements for a particular course. These may include such things as mid-term and final exam or final project assignment (drawings, maps, etc.)
  - b. Experience credit- contact the Surveying Program Coordinator to obtain the official Course Learning Outcomes (CLO's) for the desired course(s). Provide evidence of your work experience (work drawings, maps, field notes, description of projects with your involvement, etc.) that relates specifically to the Course Description and CLO's. All experience must be certified by a PLS who has first-hand knowledge of your work experience.

**Note:** *UVU's experience with credit for experience is that most individuals do not qualify because very often work experience is limited to certain repetitive projects that do not cover either the depth or the breadth of a particular course. However, this is not always the case.*
4. Go through the CPL Office procedures which will include step 3.
5. The CPL office at UVU will facilitate most of the coordination with the appropriate faculty, program coordinators and departments to make the process as simple and straight forward as possible for you.