# THE BENEFITS OF PRIOR LEARNING ASSESSMENT

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Awarding academic credit based on prior learning has become increasingly important as adult learners make up a larger share of our student population. Learn about the real, tangible impacts of awarding prior learning assessment (PLA) credit—and then navigate to the modernized ACE Military Guide to explore how your institution can use the new features as an off-the-shelf solution to begin awarding credit for military PLA within a single afternoon!

#### **THE PLA BOOST**



Awarding PLA credit comes with a built-in boost: students are 17 percent more likely to complete a credential after receiving PLA credit, and those students go on to earn 17.6 more credits on average at the awarding academic institution.

### **STUDENT EQUITY**



The credential completion bonus is even larger for students from traditionally disadvantaged backgrounds, including a 25 percent increase for adult community college students who receive PLA credit.

#### **STUDENT RETENTION**



Earning credit from prior learning can save students \$1,500 to \$10,000 in tuition as well as nine to 14 months on their degree. Students are aware of these benefits and will actively seek out their best options when making decisions about education.

## START FRESH WITH MILITARY PLA TODAY

Visit www.acenet.edu/militaryguide to set up an Institution Account and jump-start your process of awarding credit for military learning.

Note: Statistics in this document are sourced from the joint CAEL/WICHE report The PLA Boost.