

Association of Canadian Community Colleges Recognition of Learning Affinity Group (ROL-AG)

Do you need information on how Canada's Colleges are implementing PLAR? Do you want to network with others involved in PLAR practice? Do you need access to training or resources in PLAR?

If so....join the ACCC Recognition of Learning Affinity Group (ROL-AG)!

What is the ACCC ROL Affinity Group?

The ROL Affinity Group (ROL-AG) is a national network (primarily internet based) through which college PLAR advocates and practitioners can collectively be more effective in advancing recognition of learning and PLAR services at the postsecondary level in Canada.

The ROL-AG believes it can exert more influence on national issues and initiatives and share resources through regional collaboration. The group works collaboratively with the Canadian Association for Prior Learning Assessment (CAPLA) and supports initiatives such as CAPLA'S On-line Community of Practice project (i.e. www.recognitionforlearning.ca).

The objectives of ROL Affinity Group are to:

- 1. Advocate for and mobilize PLAR practitioners in colleges and institutes to influence the development and delivery of resources, tools, training, projects and PLAR information across Canada.
- 2. Review national reports, research and information on PLAR and, where appropriate, make recommendations for action.
- 3. Promote exchange and discussion on experiences, ideas, and best practices in PLAR.
- 4. Promote linkages and the sharing of resources among institutions offering PLAR services.
- 5. In partnership with the CAPLA and other national organizations, identify and share information on models for PLAR practitioner training that may be adapted and/or used in Canadian Colleges and Institutes.
- 6. Identify and support national research efforts on innovative PLAR projects and programs.
- 7. Advocate for, and support, the adoption of national standards of practice for PLAR practice and practitioners within the college system.
- 8. Act as an advisory group to ACCC on issues of ROL-PLAR implementation and advocacy.

Three priorities for action were identified at the ROL Affinity Group meeting in November 2004:

- PLAR funding
- > PLAR training, standards and certification
- PLAR advocacy

Why should you join the ROL Affinity Group?

You can share your knowledge and expertise and learn from others. As volunteer group we welcome your involvement should you wish to take an active role.

Who to contact in your region?

Contact one of the ACCC ROL Coordinating Committee members for further information. We would like to hear from you!

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