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Roger Williams University's Prior Learning Assessment Program for VISTAs

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Welcome to Roger Williams University's Prior Learning Assessment Program for VISTAs

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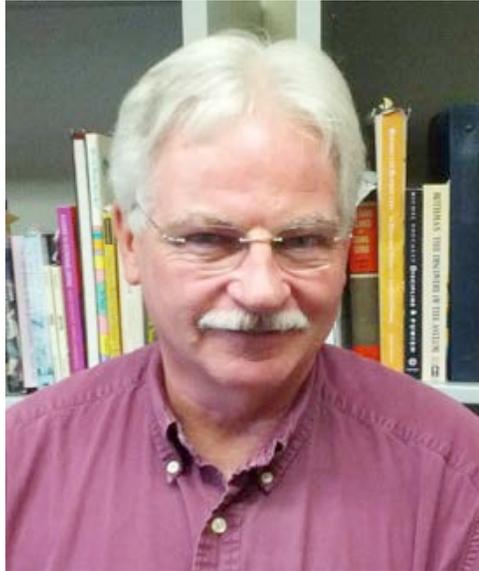


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Today's Agenda

- About Us
- The VISTA Pilot Program
- Receiving Credit for VISTA
- The Learning Portfolio
- Eligibility and How to Apply
- Important Dates
- Q&A

About Us

- Roger Williams University is a leading independent, coeducational university located in Bristol, RI.
- We offering a number of liberal arts and professional programs.
- Our School of Continuing Studies offers a variety of programs.



About Us

- Academic Offerings with the RWU School of Continuing Studies include:
 - Community Development
 - Criminal Justice
 - Healthcare Administration
 - Public Administration
 - Leadership
 - Social and Health Services
 - and more



About Us

- RWU has long recognized learning is a lifelong process occurring both in and out of the classroom. We have been a pioneer in assessing prior learning for over 40 years.
- Continuing this tradition today with offering up to 90 credits towards a degree, through assessment of prior learning, existing college credits, military and law enforcement training, CLEP and other proficiency testing.



VISTA Pilot Program

- During your VISTA service you undoubtedly built significant skills, gained useful knowledge, and accumulated meaningful experiences.
- Today, Roger Williams University is proud to offer a specialized program designed for VISTAs who wish to build upon their existing experience, and are seeking an affordable, high quality education.

VISTA Pilot Program

- RWU has partnered with AmeriCorps VISTA to develop a prior learning assessment to those who have completed service with VISTA, and are seeking a college degree.
- This program will provide VISTAs with the opportunity to demonstrate their learning experiences in VISTA to gain college credits.

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Receiving Credits for VISTA

- Before beginning your VISTA service you attended pre-service trainings.
- RWU has assessed the VISTA pre-service education, and VISTA service members who enroll at RWU will automatically receive a standard award of 3 credits for their attendance at these trainings.
- Already, you will be gaining these credits equivalent to a full semester in a business management principles course for your pre-service training.
- And it doesn't stop there!

Learning Portfolio

- We are very pleased to offer a new assessment of prior learning pilot program designed specifically for VISTAs.
- Participating VISTA students will be enrolled into a seven week learning portfolio seminar course.
- This course exists online in a virtual classroom, with guided video instructions and assignments, to be completed at your own pace each week.



Learning Portfolio

- Our focus on this portfolio process is not specifically what you “did” while with VISTA, but rather what you learned.
- Students will be guided through a process of reflection, detailing the steps of their learning.
- At the end of this 7-week course, students will have created a substantive, digital portfolio as evidence of their learning.
- This portfolio will be evaluated by a team of RWU faculty educators who will assess the portfolio for credits.

Learning Portfolio

- The learning portfolio credits and standard pre-service training credits are in addition to existing college credits, trainings, proficiency testing.
- These options combined, RWU is making it more efficient for VISTAs to pursue a degree at RWU with the opportunity to begin with up to 90 earned credits.



Applying and Eligibility

- We are very excited to offer this program.
- Initially, this pilot program is limited to 20 people.
- Credits will only be awarded to students who have enrolled in a Roger Williams University program of study.
- Additionally, you must have already completed your VISTA assignment term.

Important Dates

Please make note of the following dates and deadlines:

- Today is September 4th
- Application Deadline – September 18th
(Deadline is two weeks from today. Keep in mind slots are limited to 20 people. Please don't delay!)
- Online Portfolio Seminar Begins – September 29th

Thank you for your time. We will now break for a Q&A Session, all questions are welcome!

Contact Information

For more information on how to apply, please contact us!

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Thank You for Your Participation!

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