

## Nadine Edwards Bio

Nadine Edwards works as a Learning Design Consultant with New Brunswick Community College (NBCC) and oversees the assessment of all prior learning and credit transfer requests for the College. She has been the College's representative on CATNB's PLAR committee since 2012.

With over 27 years of experience in post- secondary education and training, she's held a variety of positions: College Instructor, Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology and NBCC; Math and English Assessment Coordinator, Seneca College; Instructional Designer, American Express Canada; Learning Design Consultant, NBCC; Assessment Coordinator (for all prior learning), NBCC.

Her journey in PLAR began in 2001 upon accepting the Coordinator of Curriculum and Prior Learning Assessment position for the Saint John campus of NBCC - a role she held until 2005. During this time, Nadine actively campaigned for additional resources and training to advance prior learning within the college system. As a member of provincial government's Prior Learning Committee, she helped draft several reports and proposals for the government related to the growth of PLAR in New Brunswick.

When NBCC centralized its PLAR services in 2011, Nadine was tasked with coordinating the assessment of all prior learning requests at NBCC. In 2014, she completed her Certificate of Mastery in Prior Learning Assessment through the Council for Adult and Experiential Learning (CAEL) and DePaul University. She has used this additional learning to improve the quality of the Recognition of Prior Learning service at the College by establishing common standards and criteria for assessing prior learning as well as drafting guidelines to assist applicants with the process.

Both of Nadine's current roles with NBCC have provided her with insight into the key role PLAR can play in meeting the province's education, labour and economic needs. She continues to advocate for the development and expansion of this service in response to the province's changing demographics.