



PLS 3rd Learning Identity Authentication Policy

Identity Authentication: The college/university, PLS 3rd Learning (PLS), and students share a joint responsibility to ensure that each student's contribution in an online course activity comes from that student alone. For the student, this responsibility has two parts:

1. Students are responsible for positively ensuring that every contribution to an online course created with the students' computer account is made by the student alone. Contributions covered under this policy include: written assignments; quiz and exam submissions; discussion forum postings; live participation in text-based chat sessions, phone conferences, and videoconferences. If a student allows another person to write or make any kind of submission to an online activity in the student's name, then this constitutes cheating and will be treated as a violation of academic honesty.
2. Students are responsible for ensuring the integrity of their computer account security by following the actions required of them by the PLS 3rd Learning Acceptable Use Policy. These actions include keeping passcodes private, updating passcodes when required by PLS 3rd Learning, and reporting breaches of the security policy to the IT Helpdesk.

User authorization credentials for the PLS online learning systems are managed via the following process:

1. When a student registers for a course, the registration system assigns a unique ID and password to the student. These credentials are applicable only to the Learning Management System (LMS) for the purpose of taking the online course and are not used for any other purpose in any other systems.
2. Prior to the start of class, these login credentials are emailed to the student along with the URL required for access to the LMS.
3. The student account is kept active even after the class ends, because many students wish to continue to reference their course materials. Since the login information is confined only to the LMS, there is very little in the way of security risk associated with this.
4. All online activity is governed by the PLS 3rd Learning Acceptable Use Policy which is provided to all online users of PLS online learning systems.