**Academic Credit for Demonstrated Competency**

Wilkes University encourages students to work to their full capacity and to advance in their academic work as rapidly as is appropriate. A number of opportunities to demonstrate competencies beyond those normally associated with graduation from high school are open to qualified high school juniors and seniors, as well as to adults returning to school after an interval of work or military experience. Academic credit may be granted for such demonstrated competencies through a variety of channels including Advanced Placement (AP) tests, military educational and training programs, challenge examinations, the College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), Excelsior Exams, DANTES Subject Standardized Tests (DSST), and experiential learning portfolios. Each of these opportunities to earn academic credit for demonstrated competencies is described in detail in the sections that follow. (Nursing students are referred to the Nursing section of this bulletin for detailed information on accelerated programs for LPN and RN students.)

The Office of Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) has been established to advise students and faculty about the policies pertaining to the award of academic credit for demonstrated competency and works with a team of departmental faculty transfer liaisons to guide students through the various associated processes. The Office of Prior Learning Assessment is housed in University College.