

NORTHWEST-SHOALS COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL MINUTES
May 6, 2014

Members Present: Ed Carter, Tom Carter, Roger Garner, Crystal Ingle, Timmy James, Rose Jones, Heather Johnson, Tim Kelley, Ginger Long, Steve McGouyrk, John McIntosh, Teresa Roberson, Mark Simpson, Shelia Smith, Desiree South, Rachel Trap and Kim Tucker

Members Absent: Dr. Glenda Colagross

The Northwest-Shoals Community College Academic Council met on Tuesday, May 6, 2014, in the Bevill Center – Room 141 on the Shoals campus and in the Library – L13 – Phil Campbell Campus. The following is a summary of the items that were discussed at the meeting:

Mr. David Laton, Assistant Director, Career/Technical Education at Postsecondary, made a presentation of the new Alabama Community College System website and the Prior Learning Assessment program.

Ted Davis and David Laton developed this program to offer credit for prior learning to save time and money to obtain a college degree.

- The link for Prior Learning Assessment can be found at the ACCS website under the Academics tab. On the left side of this page, there is a link for Prior Learning Assessment (PLA).
- There are different ways that students can get knowledge and experience such as employment, training, military, etc. Students need to present evidence of prior learning and submit an application. If necessary, the applicant will take a knowledge and skill evaluation.
- Guides for a PLA Specialist, an Evaluator, and Student can be accessed at this website.
- Students need to apply first and complete forms in the area they want credit in.
- Nobody is required to go through this process. It is a way to recruit more students. The program is focused on career and technical programs.