



Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Focus

Core Requirement 2.12

The institution has developed an acceptable Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) that (1) includes a broad-based institutional process identifying key issues emerging from institutional assessment, (2) focuses on learning outcomes and/or the environment supporting student learning and accomplishing the mission of the institution, (3) demonstrates institutional capability for the initiation, implementation, and completion of the QEP, (4) includes broad-based involvement of institutional constituencies in the development and proposed implementation of the QEP, and (5) identifies goals and a plan to assess their achievement.

What is the QEP?

Carefully designed, focused course of action to improve the quality of student learning.

What is Student Learning?

Changes in knowledge, skills, attitudes, and/or values that are attributable to the collegiate experience.

Note: QEP does not replace the IE Plan nor Strategic Plan.

Selecting the Focus for the QEP

The development of a QEP that successfully addresses the quality of student learning will require a significant commitment from the entire institutional community. An institution's support of the Quality Enhancement Plan should be evident through:

- A consensus among key constituency groups that the QEP, rather than being merely a requirement for reaffirmation of accreditation, can result in significant, even transforming, improvements in the quality of student learning.
- Broad-based institutional participation in the identification of the topic or issue to be addressed by the QEP.
- Careful review of best practices related to the topic or issue.
- Allocation of adequate human and financial resources to develop, implement & sustain the QEP.
- Implementation strategies that include a clear timeline and assignment of responsibilities.
- A structure established for evaluating the extent to which the goals set for the plan are attained.
- Decisions based on empirical data and their analyses whenever possible.
- A topic within the resource capability of the institution.
- A clear potential for an observable impact on student learning.

Suggested Topics:
