

**Stephen F. Austin State University**  
**Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) Notes**  
**2005**

Core Requirement #12

Part of the institution's comprehensive, ongoing planning and evaluation process.

What is the QEP?

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

What is Student Learning?

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

**\* QEP is separate from the Institutional Effectiveness Plan and the Strategic Plan**

Selecting the focus for the QEP

- Process should include broad-based campus participation.
- Focus may evolve from topics or issues related to student learning identified in the IE process.
- Decisions should be based on empirical data and their analyses whenever possible.
- Focus should have the support of key constituency groups.
- Focus should be within the resource capability of the institution.
- Clear potential for an observable impact on student learning.
- Example of QEP topic is student retention.

NOTES: No expectation that QEP is implemented before on-site committee visits.

Can be targeted to specific area of student (i.e. doctoral students)

QEP covers one topic (focus), but may be very complex.

20-22 months from initial orientation to submission of QEP.

The institution will choose two experts to review QEP.