



## **Navigate Your Future**

CHARTING SUCCESS THROUGH ENHANCED ADVISING AND CAREER READINESS

### **Executive Summary**

McNeese State University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), is entitled *Navigate Your Future: Charting Success through Enhanced Advising and Career Readiness*. This QEP was developed with cooperation and input from students, faculty, staff, and community business leaders. *Navigate Your Future* seeks to positively impact student learning at McNeese State University in a way that supports economic development for Southwest Louisiana.

*Navigate Your Future's* goal is for undergraduates to attain professional and career preparation skills with support from University resources as part of their course of study at McNeese. *Navigate Your Future* has the following three outcomes:

1. Students will demonstrate competency in professional writing, which will prepare them for a work environment.
2. Students will present themselves professionally as appropriate to their fields of study.
3. The University community will implement tools and processes that increase the effectiveness of academic advising.

Students at McNeese State University will encounter at least three courses during their undergraduate academic programs that teach *Navigate Your Future* student learning outcomes related to professional writing and presentation. Instructors for these introductory, midpoint, and capstone courses will attend faculty development events and collect assessment data to submit to the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (IRE).

*Navigate Your Future* seeks to improve academic advising by implementing new tools and training opportunities for advisors and students. Tools such as Degree Works allow students quick access to information about academic programs, such as how many credits remain until graduation and which courses would apply to a changed major. Additional training opportunities allow advisors to keep their knowledge current about undulating issues such as financial aid, athletic eligibility, and curricula development.

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