

BELHAVEN COLLEGE

Worldview: A Process of Discovery Quality Enhancement Plan

The mission of Belhaven College is to prepare students spiritually and academically to serve Christ Jesus in their careers, in human relationships, and in the world of ideas. This is accomplished by acknowledging the Bible as the foundational authority for the development of a personal worldview.

Based on this mission, the Quality Enhancement Plan of Belhaven College enhances the current worldview-centered curriculum which emphasizes the understanding and articulation of a person's worldview as the overarching goal of the College's educational program. The College's QEP has four expected outcomes to accomplishing this goal.

Goal 1: The first expected outcome is to clarify and deepen each student's understanding of the general concept of worldview, providing a framework from which the student can construct and articulate his or her own worldview.

Goal 2: The second expected outcome is to enable each student to identify and/or construct his or her own worldview.

Goal 3: The third expected outcome is to clarify the essential aspects of the Christian worldview as it compares/contrasts with other worldviews such as Naturalism, Deism, Existentialism, New Age, Postmodernism, etc.

Goal 4: The final expected outcome is to show an increased emphasis on the student's ability to articulate—in speaking, writing, or performance projects—an aspect of his or her worldview. The process of articulation should also lead the student to a thorough investigation of the merits or deficiencies of his or her own worldview.

Assessments for the above expected outcomes involve an integration of writing and objective testing which assesses both the student's articulation of each component of the Goals listed above as well as the student's writing abilities. Assessments span two or more classes over a two to four year period depending on the student population. Assessment tools include a 5-part rubric designed to assess three of the four Goals both in understanding as well as articulation, and a pretest/posttest designed not only to assess correct answers but also to interpret incorrect answers in a way that identifies areas where students need improvement.

Belhaven College's QEP is designed to roll out over a period of five years which encompasses all student populations (traditional freshmen, transfers, adult, and virtual) as well as a review period.

Support for the College's QEP includes a Worldview Learning Center both at the main campus and branch campuses. The Center is guided by a Dean of Worldview Studies and provides resources as well as tutorial services.

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