



Brazosport College's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), ACE it, which stands for Advise, Connect and Empower, weaves together a network of inescapable student support services and learning experiences in the areas of metacognition, goal setting, institutional literacy, and relational skills. The resulting QEP, ACE it, is a comprehensive initiative that includes both intrusive academic support and holistic advising by faculty and staff ACE it coaches. Over a four semester progression, ACE it will support the development of defined academic pathways, guided by subject-matter experts that better facilitate student learning and achievement and, ultimately, their academic and career outcomes.

Following a broad-based campus wide review of data and discussion of student experiences, QEP Committee members reviewed literature, professional advising associations and peer college's best practices to determine a set of changes to current Brazosport College practices and support services for students.

Supported by the research literature, the College believes students who are provided with purposeful and holistic advising will be able to develop a meaningful educational plan, set academic and career goals, and achieve them with increased persistence and success rates.

The ACE it program encompasses three specific goals:

1. Improve and create new advising training, processes, and procedures that foster academic success
2. Develop meaningful relationships at the College that support students in setting and attaining short- and long-term goals and connects them with the necessary campus resources to succeed
3. Empower students with informed individual responsibility

The ACE it program is designed to improve the culture of advising and requires the development of several interconnected elements. These elements include advisor training modules, an advising syllabus, an academic plan for every student by the end of their first semester in college, and campus-wide technology that engages students. This technology provides a 360-degree view of key leading student indicators to all stakeholders including an early connect and support system. Though technology will create a platform for accessible and understandable information, the heart of ACE it is in the relationships built between students, ACE it coaches and support personnel.

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