

Johnston Community College

Quality Enhancement Plan: *On the Write Path*

Executive Summary

The objective of Johnston Community College's (JCC's) Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), *On the Write Path*, is to improve student writing. The Institution's selection of writing as the QEP topic reflects input from faculty, staff, alumni, students, representatives from the Board of Trustees, members of the Johnston Community College community, student performance results, current literature/best practices, and research on student attitudes and aptitudes.

Student Learning Outcomes

As a result of the College's implementation of the QEP, students will:

1. produce texts that demonstrate an awareness of situation, audience, and tone;
2. produce texts that are unified, coherent, and fully developed;
3. utilize supplemental resources beyond the classroom to enhance their writing;
4. view writing as a process and understand its importance in the pursuit of academic and professional goals, and recognize their improved writing as a result of the Johnston Community College experience.

Implementation

On the Write Path is a plan designed to prepare students for the challenges of writing in both professional and academic environments. The overarching goal of the plan is to improve student writing proficiency. Actions to be implemented within the QEP will provide curriculum enhancements and numerous supplemental resources to assist students in discovering and developing a writing voice.

Fifteen specific actions comprise JCC's QEP. These actions are designed to establish campus-wide principles for writing instruction, expand and enhance writing resources beyond the classroom, train and develop faculty, and enhance curriculum and instructional methodologies related to writing. Implementation is broad-based and engages several programs of study.

Resources

Instrumental to achievement of this goal is the strengthening of resources for student writing beyond the classroom. Johnston Community College is committed to providing the fiscal and personnel resources to ensure the successful implementation of the QEP. These measures will help build a campus community that values writing as integral to learning.

On the Write Path is supported by each division of Johnston Community College, and the College has allocated resources to ensure successful realization of the QEP. The College has budgeted \$1,055,177 over a five year period for implementation of QEP initiatives.

Assessment

On the Write Path will be phased in over a five year period. Both formative and summative assessments will be used to measure the implementation and outcomes of the QEP. To ensure the effectiveness of the plan, dedicated personnel is in place to monitor results and to provide feedback to the campus community on the progress being made so that adjustments can be made to the plan on an ongoing basis.