



Lee College Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP):

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Navigate Your Future, Create Your Own Adventure

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Lee College's Quality Enhancement Plan, *Navigate Your Future, Create Your Own Adventure*, is designed to improve the academic success of first time in college students declaring General Studies or Undecided as a major. Target students are those most likely to go adrift at the beginning of their college careers; therefore, these students are the most likely to encounter issues during this time. Lee College serves a significant population of developmental students in which academic advising is vital in keeping the student in college. An intensive academic advising program on campus emerged and developed into a practical topic for Lee College's QEP as a result of data collection in 2014 indicating a need for improving advising/counseling and career counseling.

Lee College's Mission: a "focal point for the development of educated, gainfully employed, and socially aware residents (Lee College, 2012, p. 5)" combined with the vision of "providing knowledge and skills to successfully navigate in a modern world (Lee College, 2012, p. 5)" aided in selecting the QEP Topic, *Navigate Your Future: Create Your Own Adventure*. Our QEP is grounded in the belief that successful higher education is a partnership between students and educators in which students play an active role in charting their future.

Through the Lee College QEP, first time in college general studies and undecided students develop the skills they need to navigate the educational process, as well as set and achieve their educational and career goals in the modern world. Currently, students enrolled in the success courses receive advising/counseling from the Advising/Counseling center while instructors focus on career interests. There is not a unified process that guides students through academic and career exploration, planning, and use of student services. The QEP will convert these college systems into a unified process meeting college goals:

- Help general studies and undecided students clarify their career and transfer goals
- Assist general studies and undecided students in developing and implementing an educational plan

To achieve this, Lee College will implement changes that meet the following student learning goals:

- General studies and undecided students explore academic fields, careers, and student support services
- General studies and undecided students select an academic plan

The use of a more intertwined environment educes a fresh, welcoming experience for students. The intent of Lee College's QEP, *Navigate Your Future: Create Your Own Adventure*, is to foster an environment that helps students focus on a path that leads to success in the classroom followed by success in life.