



## **Engage with E-Learning**

The Quality Enhancement Plan of Ranger College focuses on increasing student success and student learning by engaging students through the use of technology. Student success is the highest priority of Ranger College -- it is part of our strategic plan, and it is also addressed in our mission.

The QEP addresses the goal of student success through engaged learning in the following ways: 1) Ranger College will improve the technology infrastructure on campus; 2) improve faculty expertise in the use of instructional technology; 3) enhance instructional course design for increased student engagement.

Several possible choices existed for the focus of the QEP, but it was determined, through data collection, and committee and departmental meetings, that improving our use of technology would be the most beneficial choice. Ranger College is located in a rural geographic area of Texas, and therefore, the combination of online classes and interactive television (ITV), together with traditional face-to-face instruction are good ways to ensure that quality educational services are delivered to our students. The QEP’s title, “Engage with E-Learning,” illustrates that improved technology helps make this possible, and strengthens student engagement.

## **Strategies for Objectives**

- 1) Ranger College will improve the technology infrastructure on each campus and off-site location by:
  - a) Increasing internet access (improved bandwidth and access points);
  - b) Increasing hardware (Blackboard Server, Tandberg systems (ITV), additional computers in libraries and labs, and for faculty, and Smart Boards);
  - c) Increase software (Microsoft Licenses, Blackboard Integration Software, IncludED, Absence/Early Alert Software);
  - d) Expand staffing to include IT Director (technology support) and Retention Coordinator (student support)
- 2) Ranger College will improve faculty expertise in the use of instructional technology by:
  - a) Professional Development- training for Blackboard software;
  - b) Professional Development- training for Smart Boards, ITV equipment, and integration of technology methods;
  - c) Professional Development - training for MyMathLab®
- 3) Ranger College will enhance instructional course design for increased student engagement by:
  - a) 100% of courses offered will be student accessible on Blackboard LMS in standardized format;
  - b) Implement student attendance reporting/Early Alert System;
  - c) Curriculum re-design; technology integration in targeted courses (DMAT 0313 and MATH 1314 were selected as the focus of the re-design)