



Today's Readers are Tomorrow's Leaders
Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College

The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) for Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College (SKYCTC) focuses on reading. The QEP vision is to create a literacy-rich campus environment that fosters the development of critical readers with a positive attitude toward reading and lifelong learning. *Today's Readers Are Tomorrow's Leaders* will support the College's mission to provide college and workforce readiness, increase student success, and provide excellence and innovation in teaching and learning.

The identification of reading as the QEP topic began with an analysis of research that indicated a high frequency of low pass rates among transitional (developmental) reading students who were concurrently enrolled in gateway college-level courses. Using qualitative and quantitative data and conversations across the college, the faculty and staff decided to foster a literacy-rich environment that would help all students embrace an appreciation for lifelong learning through reading.

Today's Readers Are Tomorrow's Leaders focuses on the following Student Learning Outcomes:

- Transitional reading students will show increased competence by successfully utilizing reading strategies for college level texts.
- Transitional reading students will demonstrate a heightened sense of community through participation in collaborative activities.
- Transitional reading students will show increased confidence in a pre/post survey about their attitudes toward reading.

The College has established key strategies to meet the QEP goals. Students who place into Reading 30 (RDG 30) are enrolled in contextualized Learning Communities pairing RDG 30 and First Year Experience 105 (FYE 105). This teaching and learning approach increases student competencies in reading and college success skills. Participation in the Learning Community and involvement with the SKYCTC Book Club help students establish a sense of community and increased confidence.

Assessments for *Today's Readers are Tomorrow's Leaders* include the following methods:

- Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE) pre- and post-diagnostics measure reading skill levels for all RDG 30 students.
- Student surveys and rubrics measure students' confidence levels, sense of belonging and attitudes toward reading as a result of their participation in the Learning Communities and SKYCTC Book Club.

Through an analysis of data, Southcentral Kentucky Community and Technical College identified an opportunity to increase the success of some of our most challenged students. We believe that the implementation and college-wide support of *Today's Readers Are Tomorrow's Leaders* will build that literacy-rich campus environment that will foster the competence, community, and confidence necessary for our students' success.

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