

STANLY COMMUNITY COLLEGE – QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

Executive Summary

Engage, Develop, and Grow with eLearning (EDGe)

Stanly Community College (SCC or the College) strives to prepare our students and our community to face an evolving workforce and a rapidly changing technology-influenced society. SCC's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), entitled "Engage, Develop, and Grow with eLearning" (EDGe), is designed to support this endeavor by preparing students for the evolving academic and professional worlds. Students must be competent in their technological and communication skill sets, especially in the digital environment, both for their college years and in preparation for their careers.

No part of the college experience has changed more quickly or more dramatically in recent years than has the ever increasing reliance on course work delivered through the eLearning environment. SCC has embraced this delivery method with roughly 79% of all student seats occurring either fully online, hybrid, or web-assisted classes during the 2011-2012 academic year. However, while SCC offers eLearning classes, students are not always prepared for success in the eLearning environment.

Because of SCC's commitment to providing students with a quality education, coupled with the increased use of the eLearning environment, the faculty and staff, members of the administration, students, the Board of Trustees and the greater community have determined the need for students to possess basic technological and communication skills necessary to ensure their success in college and beyond. To this end, SCC has identified three goals for the QEP:

1. Reduce the barriers that students encounter when their technological knowledge and skill sets are not adequate to successfully navigate the eLearning environment.
2. Prepare students with the capability to follow direction, interact, and communicate effectively in the eLearning environment.
3. Increase students' self-efficacy regarding the characteristics needed to be successful eLearners.

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