

QEP EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Truett-McConnell College

“Fostering a Christian Worldview at Truett-McConnell College”

Truett-McConnell College (TMC) is a Christian college, affiliated with and supported by the Georgia Baptist Convention, which in turn is a part of the Southern Baptist Convention, a Christian denomination. The mission of the college is “to equip students to make a positive impact for Christ through disciplined scholarship and Christian discipleship.” It is, therefore, fitting that we should pursue this Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), which we have entitled “Fostering a Christian Worldview at Truett-McConnell College.”

A Christian worldview is one in which truth and life are viewed from a biblical perspective, the center of which is occupied by Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The purpose of our QEP is to provide a means by which students are instructed in the vital, basic truths of the Christian worldview and to give them opportunities to integrate those truths into their learning and their lives. Although TMC students attend weekly chapel services and take required Bible survey and Bible interpretation courses, there are currently no activities that relate directly to an understanding of a Christian worldview. This QEP will enhance the quality of our students’ education by providing these additional activities.

Our Quality Enhancement Plan consists of four components. Freshmen will watch a series of 30-minute, faculty-produced videos which will relate various academic disciplines (e.g., Psychology, Science, History, Fine Arts) to a Christian worldview. Quizzes will assess students’ grasp of the material. Sophomores, then, will take a one-hour class on Christian worldview, taught by the Christian Studies faculty. In the third component, each junior will complete a service project through a Christian ministry and write a short paper describing the experience and how it reflects the Christian worldview. The fourth component seeks to help students incorporate the Christian worldview into their major field. A capstone paper reflecting on integration of Christian worldview and career will serve as assessment instrument for this senior experience. The progress of individual students and overall effectiveness of the QEP will be assessed by evaluation of portfolios containing worldview survey results, quiz scores, course grades, and papers. Components will be phased in over a four year period, and all students, including transfers, will complete the assignments of the QEP component(s) appropriate to their status and to the current phase of the QEP timeline.

Surveys of the TMC student body, faculty, alumni, administration, and trustees indicate a broad-based support of this Christian worldview QEP. The college is committed to providing the human and financial resources necessary to fully staff and support this QEP. For further information, contact the QEP Director, Dr. T. Michael Davis, at mdavis@truett.edu or 706.865.2134, extension 133.