

West Kentucky Community & Technical College

Quality Enhancement Plan Executive Summary

Focus on Reading

The West Kentucky Community and Technical College (WKCTC) Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), Focus on Reading, is designed to establish and enhance a culture of reading at WKCTC. The college believes, and the research literature supports, that through the establishment of a strong culture of reading among students, faculty, and staff, students will become more productive and informed members of society. By focusing on reading, students will be able to better comprehend the written word and use their knowledge to make decisions and perform specific academic and professional skills.

The QEP has three main objectives to obtain the goal of an enhanced culture of reading:

1. to provide professional development training for faculty to better assist students in enhancing their reading comprehension abilities;
2. to allow faculty, staff, and students to be surrounded by enhanced reading opportunities and activities to promote reading and increase reading involvement, both in the classroom and their everyday lives; and
3. to enhance the reading environment and literary assets at WKCTC, causing the joy of reading to become pervasive among all students, faculty, and staff.

By accomplishing these objectives, WKCTC will establish and enhance a culture of reading, as evidenced by improved reading comprehension scores of students; increased engagement of students, faculty, and staff in the learning process; and indications of higher academic achievement among students. This QEP will introduce mechanisms, both pedagogical and affective, to enhance reading comprehension and student learning in the classroom as well as move toward the development of a permanent culture of reading at WKCTC.

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