



Bevill State Community College

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Bevill State's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), *Transforming Instructional Programs for Success*, focuses on student success by improving instructional practices used in the institution's orientation course and five of the top ten enrollment courses at the College. Instructional improvement will occur through a redesign and standardization of new student orientation and through common course objectives in the top five enrollment courses, which include ENG 101, PSY 200, BIO 103, MTH 100, and MUS 101.

Through multiple meetings, discussions, and surveys, the College garnered broad-based input from faculty, staff, students, and community representatives regarding strategies to improve student learning and success. From these activities and the College's strategic planning process, which emphasizes improving student success, the primary instructional strategies included in the QEP emerged.

By standardizing the for-credit freshman orientation course, students will be able to apply relevant study strategies (test-taking skills, note-taking, time management, etc.) that can be replicated in courses taken throughout their intended program of study. Well-defined, common unit objectives will assist students with attaining specific behaviors, skills, or actions that will be acquired in the course.

Ultimately, with these interventions, the College is expecting to:

- Increase successful course completion rates in the redesigned courses.
- Increase retention rates of both full-time and part-time students across all campuses.
- Observe more positive student self-assessments of learning using the Learning and Study Strategies Inventory (LASSI).
- Observe increased student satisfaction in course evaluations for courses using the common unit objectives.

The development and inclusion of common unit objectives will be implemented incrementally using the top five enrollment courses beginning in the fall 2020 semester. The plan will be expanded to Career Technical and Health Science disciplines as well as additional general education courses during the 2023-2024 academic year.

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