

OGEECHEE TECHNICAL COLLEGE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Ogeechee Technical College's QEP, A Clear Path: From Dreams to Careers, is designed as a broad-based College initiative to improve student success by providing students with a clear path to their educational goals. The QEP is grounded in Ogeechee Tech's philosophy of providing quality educational and service opportunities to promote student success.

Derived from assessment and integrated into Ogeechee Tech's planning and evaluation process, the QEP reflects the views of the College's stakeholders and supports its mission. The review of college-wide survey results and data reports indicated that beginning students were not persisting from Fall to Fall. Additionally, students enrolled in the Health Care Assistant and Health Care Science certificate programs represented the largest group not persisting. These combined factors led to the decision to focus the QEP on providing students with a plan for completion. This QEP topic was selected and developed through broad-based communication with all representative constituencies of the College.

Research indicates creating a plan which shows a structured route to completion can have a significant impact on the student's ability to persist toward that goal. Once enrolled, helping students set clear goals and teaching about the resources available on their pathway will keep students headed in the direction of completion. Therefore, this comprehensive plan was designed to explain and communicate to students their program requirements from start to finish and provide them with an advisor who will support them throughout their program of study. The intended outcomes are for beginning students to persist by enabling each student to define distinct academic goals and to create a clear pathway resulting in timely completion of those goals. Specifically, the outcomes include:

Outcome 1: Beginning students will persist from Fall to Fall.

- **Strategy 1:** Beginning students will develop a Master Academic Plan (MAP) by the end of their first semester.
- **Strategy 2:** Beginning students will meet advising checkpoints.
- **Strategy 3:** Beginning students will utilize tutoring services.

Outcome 2: Beginning Health Care Assistant (HCA) and Health Care Science (HCS) students will persist to a program of study.

- **Strategy 1:** Beginning HCA and HCS students will develop a Master Academic Plan (MAP) once they transition to a program advisor.
- **Strategy 2:** Beginning HCA and HCS students will meet advising checkpoints.

Thorough consideration has been given to the development of the implementation timeline and assessment measures to ensure maximum success. OTC's capability to implement A Clear Path: From Dreams to Careers is evidenced through the financial commitment outlined in the QEP budget and the established organizational and management plan.

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