

Pressing Toward the Call: Seeking and Pursuing God's Call for Your Life
Truett McConnell University's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)

Executive Summary

Truett McConnell University (TMU) endeavors to encourage and equip students in seeking and pursuing God's call for their lives through three key elements: (1) exploration of potential majors available at the University; (2) centralized accessible academic advisement; and (3) learning communities enhancing mentorship and professional development. The topic flows naturally from the University's mission, "to fulfill the Great Commission by fostering a Christian worldview through a Biblically-centered education" as well as from the first Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), "*Fostering a Christian Worldview*." The topic stems also from the heart of the University community in that it reflects the desire that each student purposefully seek God's will for his or her life as the key element of "student success." To assist in this process, the University's QEP will provide students with three new elements designed to provide support from the time they are admitted to TMU to their graduation.

➤ **TM 100 Pathfinders**

This course is a one-hour online class in which the incoming student learns about each of the University's nine schools and the majors within each one. They will watch video presentations by TMU faculty who will discuss candidly the requirements of these fields of study as well as their professional potential. Within the course, students will have access to the degree program checklists and the time tables for the curriculum outlines for each of the degree programs, along with information about how to plan and complete registration. Moreover, the class will include aptitude and interest inventories. YouScience.com and a version of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator will be used to help students identify their strengths and interests. Students will establish an e-portfolio as a repository for their reflections, decisions and course scheduling.

➤ **Office of Academic Advisement**

The creation of the Office of Academic Advisement provides an important resource for the students who remain undeclared in their choices of majors. Students who *have* declared their majors will benefit from professional advisors within their own degree program as well as having access to advisement from the director of advisement and staff in the Office of Academic Advisement.

➤ **Learning Communities**

Perhaps the most exciting element of the QEP is the establishment of the learning communities within the different schools. Each school will be required to create learning communities designed to strengthen the student's sense of purpose, calling, and professionalism. These communities offer rich potential for the student by creating opportunities for ongoing mentoring and experiential learning.

The three elements will work in tandem to help students identify, pursue, and complete a program of study. The SACSCOC QEP requirement provides the opportunity for the University to fulfill its mission and calling by helping our students to find theirs.

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