



People of all ages are accustomed to using GPS to find their way, whether it is to the new restaurant across town or on a fun trip exploring areas they have never before visited. In order to arrive at the desired destination, it is helpful to use something like a GPS device to know the route. College students also need something that can show them the path they should follow to successfully arrive at their destination—a college degree or certificate.

The focus of Del Mar College’s Quality Enhancement Plan, *GPS: Goals + Planning = Success*, is to improve student success by enhancing current advising practices and providing a consistent student advising experience that is designed to support students in meeting their goals at Del Mar College and beyond.

The QEP includes comprehensive faculty and staff advisor training that utilizes innovative technology to support students on their educational journey and as they explore career and transfer options. This dynamic approach combining technology with structured advising support practices will provide students with the support needed to achieve their academic goals.

The goals and outcomes of the QEP will support student success and completion. The goals of the plan are:

Goal 1	Clarify Career Goals Provide structure and support for students who have not yet decided their educational paths and career goals.
Goal 2	Follow Consistent and Effective Advising Practices Ensure that students enrolled in programs across all eight pathways receive consistent and effective advising services.
Goal 3	Improve Student Engagement Use regular and ongoing advising to assist students’ progress toward completion of educational goals.
Goal 4	Strengthen Transfer Pathways Strengthen pathways to four-year degrees.
Goal 5	Utilize Innovative Technology Implement tools that allow students and advisors to monitor progress to completion of education and/or career goals.

The intended outcomes of *GPS: Goals + Planning = Success* align with the goals established in the most recent College Strategic Plan. Through the QEP, the College seeks to improve the attainment of several student achievement indicators which are embedded within the *Aspire. Engage. Achieve. Strategic Plan 2019-2024*. The following student achievement indicators will be monitored yearly:

- Number of degree and certificates awarded
- Graduation rates (3-year, 4-year, 6-year rates)
- Average time to complete an associate degree
- Average semester credit hours attempted
- Transfer to a four-year institution
- Retention rates

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