

**George C. Wallace Community College
Quality Enhancement Plan
Advising: Next Steps for Success**

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The Wallace Community College Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), *Advising: Next Steps for Success*, emerged from collective efforts of the College's ongoing planning processes and key constituency groups including administration, faculty, staff, and students. The intent of the QEP is to improve student persistence, retention, and graduation rates with the ultimate goal of increasing student success through the implementation of self-contained advising centers.

To achieve this goal, the QEP focuses on the following objectives:

1. Students will persist from fall semester to spring semester through program specific advising and strategized planning and implementation.
2. Students will be retained from fall semester to fall semester through program specific advising and strategized planning and implementation.
3. Students will complete their desired plans of study with support through individualized assistance.

To achieve these objectives, the QEP involves converting from a supplementary advising model to a self-contained advising structure with professional advisors. Advising centers will be established on the Wallace Campus in Dothan and on the Sparks Campus in Eufaula. A professional advising team will provide comprehensive and intrusive academic advising and success interventions to ensure persistence, retention, and degree completion.

The QEP will launch in phases beginning fall semester 2021. On the Wallace Campus, the inaugural QEP group will include all incoming students who declare one of the institution's pre-health science majors. Due to lower overall enrollment, the initial group on the Sparks Campus will include all incoming students declaring a pre-health science, associate in arts, or associate in science major. Other cohorts of students will be integrated into the advising plan during subsequent years.