

“From Calling to Commission”
Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary
The College at Southeastern

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary’s Quality Enhancement Plan (“From Calling to Commission”) is a student success-focused, campus-wide student engagement strategy to increase the persistence rate for undergraduate students. The initiative seeks to cultivate a culture of student success by providing intentional, student-centered programs and services directed towards the holistic formation of the individual and the successful completion of the student’s academic program. The essential aspects of our QEP are:

- Broad-based support of institutional constituencies;
- Focus on increasing persistence rates;
- Commitment to providing resources to initiate, implement, and complete the QEP; and
- Detailed assessment and monitoring of the program.

Improving persistence rates for undergraduate students is essential to fulfilling the mission of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (SEBTS) and the College at Southeastern (CollegeSE). We believe that increasing the persistence rate will not only help to increase graduation rates, but it will also provide a way for us to track progress on an annual basis. We define persistence as the percentage of undergraduate degree-seeking students enrolled in the previous Fall/Spring semester, who did not graduate, and re-enrolled in the following Fall/Spring reporting semester.

We believe that interventions, such as personal, academic advising, early risk detection, resources for student success, and VIP student services, will help us accomplish our student success outcomes and increase student persistence. By instituting and measuring these student success-oriented strategies, we aim to increase the persistence rate for undergraduate students by one percentage point for each year of the QEP, 5% total in five years.

The title of the QEP “From Calling to Commission” is an engagement funnel that includes four outcomes to ensure that each student receives the level of academic support they need to graduate.

- QEP Outcome 1: Professional Advising – Every student will have access to personal, academic advising and coaching.
- QEP Outcome 2: Early Risk Detection – Southeastern will identify risk factors for attrition on a semesterly basis.
- QEP Outcome 3: Other Resources – Southeastern will ensure a sufficient percentage of the overall undergraduate population is accessing student success resources across campus.
- QEP Outcome 4: VIP Student Services – Every student-facing office will obtain excellent ratings on surveys and measurement instruments and have a specific plan to increase student success.

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