Executive Summary

Embracing the concept of student success, Pearl River Community College (PRCC) has developed a First Year Experience (FYE) program, *Passport to Success*, built on four well researched FYE strategies as the PRCC Quality Enhancement Plan: pre-term orientation, first-year seminar course, early alert and intervention program, and professional development and training. The mission of the PRCC QEP is to “enrich the learning environment wherein students enhance self-efficacy skills, engage the college culture, and establish academic goals”. Two overarching learning goals have been established for the FYE program:

1) Students will understand and apply skills needed to achieve academic success.

2) Students will understand and apply motivations for success in college.

Each component of the PRCC QEP is based on best practices as documented in the national literature for first-year programs. Institutional capability for implementing the PRCC QEP is demonstrated through a well-defined action plan aligned with college resources to include an organizational structure/management plan and a strategic assessment plan for all components of the PRCC FYE program - *Passport to Success*.

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