

SOUTH PLAINS COLLEGE QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

QEP UPDATE – AUGUST 19, 2013

South Plains College's QEP is . . .



QEP = Quality Enhancement Plan

WHAT ARE THE GOALS OF ESP@SPC?

1. *South Plains College students will develop an Educational Success Plan with the assistance of their academic coach.*
2. *Students will identify and refine their life and career plans.*
3. *Students will establish and progress through their academic plan.*

ESP@SPC STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

The student learning outcomes related to the ESP@SPC goals, focusing on reflection, responsibility, and planning, will help our students reflect on their past, use this reflection to make quality decisions in the present, and plan for their future. Ultimately, ESP@SPC will increase retention, improve completion and graduation rates, and improve each student's life. South Plains College plans to enhance the current advising process by requiring every student (excluding cont. ed. and workforce dev.) to meet with an academic coach twice each semester to plan for and review academic progress. Students will be guided to clarify career goals and develop and follow an educational success plan, taking into account individual student challenges and circumstances.

The success of ESP@SPC will rely on the collaboration and effort of multiple individuals and resources:

The Students - They are the ultimate focus of our QEP plan, and with the assistance of their academic coaches, they will develop an ESP to guide them through their time at SPC as they pursue their academic and career goals.

The Admissions Advisors - They will introduce new students to the ESP process by placing them in contact with their academic coach and directing them to complete the My Story piece of the ESP prior to their initial coaching meeting.

The Academic Coaches - Both general academic coaches (counselors, certain faculty and staff) and program specific coaches (faculty) will receive professional development training to assist students in identifying and clarifying their goals and creating an academic plan. They will meet periodically with students to guide them and encourage their ESP progress.

The Technology Tools - The ESP will be developed and placed on MySPC during 2013-14. It will include the following tools: My Story, Academic Plan, Career Plan, Transfer, Transcripts, Goals and Accomplishments, Resources, Schedule Builder, Advisor Notes.

WHY DOES SPC NEED A QEP?

Every ten years, South Plains College is accredited by the Southern Association of College and Schools Commission on College (SACSCOC). SACS evaluates all degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states to ensure they are meeting the highest educational standards. A college's accreditation assures that the college maintains its quality and its credits will transfer to other accredited colleges and universities. Accreditation also means SPC is eligible for state and federal funds.

SPC is preparing for its next SACS evaluation, which will begin with a visit from a SACS site team October 14-17, 2013. The development and implementation of a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a required part of the reaccreditation process. Our QEP (ESP@SPC) outlines a five-year program, which will be implemented at SPC from 2014-2019.

ESP @ SPC: OVERVIEW OF QEP TIMELINE

Year Zero: Fall 2013-Summer 2014

- Establish ESP Advisory Board
- Hire QEP Coordinator
- Develop technology tools
- Recruit academic coaches for Summer 2015 orientation
- Plan professional development

Year One: Fall 2014-Summer 2015

- Professional development of first group of academic coaches
- Test technology tools with student focus group
- Pilot group: Summer 2015 orientation students begin ESP process

Year Two: Fall 2015-Summer 2016

- Pilot group meets with academic coaches
- All ESP faculty/staff coaches certified
- All new students receive ESP coaching beginning in Summer 2016

Year Three: Fall 2016-Summer 2017

- Student surveys and focus groups
- Admissions advisors trained to coach transients
- QEP data collection and assessment

Year Four: Fall 2017-Summer 2018

- ESP expands to include dual credit students
- QEP data collection and assessment

Year Five: Fall 2018-Summer 2019

- All SPC students receive ESP coaching
- QEP data collection and assessment

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ACRONYM ADVISOR

E.S.P. - Educational Success Plan

Q.E.P. - Quality Enhancement Plan (Required for reaccreditation)

S.A.C.S. - Southern Association of Colleges and Schools