



QEP FACULTY AND STAFF GUIDE

WHAT IS THE QEP?

As part of The W's accreditation process with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the university must complete a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The QEP requires the university to engage in institutional reflection and review and then create a new five-year plan to do work that will enhance students' learning and success. The QEP is a process meant to transform student learning and make us better at what we do.

WHAT IS THE W'S QEP ABOUT?

Our QEP, entitled Empowering Your Journey, aims to support student success by promoting professional development and career readiness through curricular and co-curricular programming and by helping students develop and demonstrate career-readiness competencies appropriate to their field. We aim to support student success by promoting professional development and career readiness across the curriculum and through outside-the-classroom opportunities, including internships, mentorship programs, research opportunities, and other high-impact learning.

HOW WAS THIS TOPIC SELECTED?

In Fall 2021, The W initiated the selection process by appointing a QEP Proposal Team to oversee the topic selection. After feedback from the campus community in listening sessions and surveys, along with analysis of institutional data, the proposal was selected and refined by the QEP Committee in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023.

WHAT WILL STUDENTS LEARN THROUGH THE QEP?

The QEP Goal will focus on three outcomes:

1. Students will be able to demonstrate knowledge of career readiness competencies appropriate to their academic disciplines and to their career goals;
2. Students will have the opportunity to engage in high impact experiences, such as internships, experiential learning, research experiences, applied learning, and service learning, that promote their professional goals and develop their career-readiness competencies;
3. Students will be able to communicate effectively their career-readiness competencies.

WHAT WILL THE QEP MEAN FOR TEACHING?

The QEP plan requires faculty fellows from each college to help create career-based assignments and activities that will be used throughout the curriculum. The QEP Committee will work with the CTL and Center for Career Services and Professional Development to support internship placement and readiness for students, along with ePortfolio development, just to name a few of the QEP initiatives. Each academic program and major has different needs and the faculty coordinating each program will select benchmarks and assignments that work for them. The revitalized and redesigned Center for Career Services and Professional Development on campus will be a major site for career readiness programming.

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TO LEARN MORE:



muw.edu/qep

HOW WILL THE QEP BE ASSESSED?

We have a comprehensive assessment plan for the learning objectives and program goals of the QEP. This includes a redesigned annual Alumni Survey—the results of which will be shared with campus. We will make more comprehensive use of Engage to track high impact learning and classes which require high impact learning will be coded in Banner. In all these ways, we hope to make it easier for students to engage in high impact learning and for everyone to be able to see the high impact learning happening on campus.

WHERE IS THE CENTER FOR CAREER SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ON CAMPUS?

The Career Services and Professional Development Center is located at the front entrance of campus in Whitfield Hall, 1st Floor. Come in to meet our staff and discuss ways we can help empower you on your career journey.



WHAT SERVICES DO THEY OFFER?

- + Career advising
- + Mock job interviews
- + Internship help and training
- + Resume/C.V. building and editing
- + Career fairs
- + Employment connections, Handshake and others
- + Professional development workshops

The list goes on! If you haven't contacted the Center for Career Services and Professional Development, what are you waiting for! Call, email, or find them on social media today to get the help you need to build your resume or find an internship!

HOW DO I CONTACT THEM?



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