



What is a Quality Enhancement Plan?

- A topic identified through the college's ongoing, comprehensive planning and evaluation process
- Has broad-based institutional support
- Focuses on improving specific student learning outcomes and/or student success
- Commits institutional resources to initiate, develop, and execute the plan
- Includes a plan to assess achievement

A QEP is required every 10 years as part of the college's SACSCOC reaccreditation process.

What is FSW's QEP 2022?

The topic for our QEP is "Transdisciplinary Communication."

The college will require a new general education capstone course, IDS 2891: CREATIVE Capstone, for all A.A. students entering in AY 2022-2023.

The course will be communication-focused and organized around a broad theme where students will design and execute a research project under the mentorship of the professor and a faculty librarian.

Why a general education capstone?

IDS 2891 will provide students with access to several high-impact practices as designated by the American Association of Colleges and

Universities: capstone experiences, student research, and common intellectual experiences.

High-impact practices, such as a general education capstone, have demonstrated statistically significant impacts on student achievement, including:

- retention
- persistence
- graduation
- the promotion of deep learning and critical thinking.

Students can reflect on their general education experience to make connections between their courses in order to address a question or problem through the research project.

The general education capstone will help prepare our A.A. students for transfer to a baccalaureate program by fostering the independent thinking and reinforcing the information literacy skills required by their majors.

The capstone course will address skills deemed lacking by employers in recent college graduates, including:

- integrated and applied learning
- creative thinking
- innovation
- experience with diverse perspectives.

How can I get involved?



- Spread the word about QEP 2022!
- Join one of our QEP subcommittees or working groups.
- Participate in surveys and assessments about the QEP.
- Display QEP marketing and "swag" in your campus office/space.
- Share your enthusiasm with our A.A. students.



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Reach out! We'd love to talk with you!

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