



QEP STUDENT GUIDE

As part of Polk State College's upcoming reaffirmation of accreditation with the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACSCOC), the College is required to develop a Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The QEP is a comprehensive plan designed to positively impact student learning and success. Here's a quick guide.

What is the QEP?

QEP stands for Quality Enhancement Plan. Every 10 years Polk State College must develop, implement, and complete a QEP as a part of its reaffirmation for accreditation.

What is the QEP title?

The QEP title is *Explore to Complete*.

What is the purpose of the QEP?

The purpose of *Explore to Complete* is to help students develop a career goal so they can get and stay on an academic pathway in order to complete their degree on time and on budget.

How will I participate in the QEP outside of class?

During the new student orientation, students will take a career assessment to help them begin identifying their career goal. There will also be opportunities to participate in experiential learning activities and student clubs and organizations based on career fields. In addition to on-campus career centers, an online career center will be created. There will also be a career readiness badging program through which students can demonstrate that they have mastered skills for the workforce.

What is the QEP about?

The QEP, *Explore to Complete*, engages students in career exploration, developing a career goal, and selecting and persisting on an academic pathway to complete their degree.

How will I participate in the QEP in class?

In SLS 1122 First-Year Seminar, students will complete a career exploration and planning unit based on their career goal. Career-based assignments and activities will also be incorporated into classes students take across the curriculum.

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| QUALITY | EXPLORE |
| ENHANCEMENT | CAREER |
| PLAN | ENGAGE |
| PATHWAY | PERSIST |
| ACADEMIC | ACCREDITATION |
| SUCCESS | INITIATIVE |

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