

Four QEP Themes

1. Student Engagement

Gateway will create a vibrant student experience that will engage students in the college community, promote learning, and enhance student achievement. The college will provide the facilities, services, and experiences needed to develop a sense of belonging and connection to Gateway.

Examples:

- Expanding the ways campus culture is promoted through student events, courses and activities.
- Provide enriching educational experiences and learning activities not specifically-tied to course work.

2. Support for Student Success

Gateway will offer programs and resources that create an optimum environment for student success and completion. Areas addressed by this theme include advising, scheduling, technology training, tutoring, a writing center, and learning labs.

Examples:

- Providing comprehensive advising that focuses on the identification of academic and career goals, the creation of a realistic educational plan, and continuous tracking.
- Expanding access and promoting new academic support services.
- Providing introductory computer training that increase technology literacy.
- Offer block or link courses to enhance technology, writing, or speech skills.

3. First Year Experience / Right Start

Gateway will provide new students with specialized support in making the transition from high school to college by learning Gateway's policies, procedures, and gaining a clear understanding of college-level academic expectations. Areas addressed by this theme include admissions, financial aid, career counseling, and college orientation.

Examples:

- Provide a comprehensive orientation that includes hands-on training in Blackboard.
- Offer a Student Success course where new students develop study skills and critical thinking skills.

4. Innovations in Teaching and Learning

Gateway will offer new and creative opportunities for learning through the use of technology and alternative teaching strategies. Areas addressed by this theme include distance learning and pedagogy.

Examples:

- Offer contextual learning experiences that encourage students to learn together and from each other.
- Use technology to improve the level of faculty and student interaction in distance learning courses.