

Starting Right in Gateway Courses Quality Enhancement Plan 2023

The Starting Right in Gateway Courses Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) represents a Valencia College commitment to improving student learning and success in a set of courses that, based on analyses of college data, have the strongest connection to student persistence and graduation rates.

The QEP is a major part of our reaffirmation process through the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, a regional accreditation agency for higher education institutions in the Southern states.

Our QEP builds on two of our Big Ideas:

- Anyone can learn anything under the right conditions
- Start Right

Gateway Courses for Phase I



Biology 1
(BSC 1010C)



English Composition I
(ENC 1101)



Introduction to Humanities
(HUM 1020)



U.S. Government
(POS 2041)



OUR QEP PROCESS



GATEWAY COURSE CHARACTERISTICS

Gateway courses are identified by these characteristics:

500+

High enrollment

(500 or more students per term)



Low course success rates

(Less than 70% success)

Strong connection between student performance and re-enrollment.



PRE-COURSE

- Advisors are assigned to students upon admission
- Advisors will provide students with course selection support
- Students will be encouraged to complete course refreshers



DURING THE COURSE

- Advisors will keep learning how to best support gateway course selection
- Faculty will meet regularly with peers, engage with a data and teaching toolkit, and participate in focused faculty development
- Students and faculty will receive strategic, learning-focused communication



AFTER THE COURSE

- Learning support staff will engage students in a course reflection and action planning process before a course re-take*

**This is for students who did not attain an A, B, or C in their gateway course.*