

Pearl River Community College Quality Enhancement Plan 2016-2020 Passport to Success

Executive Summary

Embracing the concept of student success, Pearl River Community College (PRCC) has developed a First Year Experience (FYE) program, Passport to Success, built on four well researched FYE strategies as the PRCC Quality Enhancement Plan: pre-term orientation, first-year seminar course, early alert and intervention program, and professional development and training. The mission of the PRCC QEP is to "enrich the learning environment wherein students enhance self-efficacy skills, engage the college culture, and establish academic goals". Two overarching learning goals have been established for the FYE program:

- 1) Students will understand and apply skills needed to achieve academic success.
- 2) Students will understand and apply motivations for success in college.

Each component of the PRCC QEP is based on best practices as documented in the national literature for first-year programs. Institutional capability for implementing the PRCC QEP is demonstrated through a well-defined action plan aligned with college resources to include an organizational structure/management plan and a strategic assessment plan for all components of the PRCC FYE program - Passport to Success.

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