

QEP Jetstream

Providing SGTC's Students with News and Updates on the Quality Enhancement Plan

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What is a QEP?

QEP stands for Quality Enhancement Plan. SGTC is developing a comprehensive, 5-year plan that will improve student learning, engagement and success. The goal of the QEP is to bring awareness, to the importance of reading. **The READ (Reaching Every Academic Dream) QEP** was initiated in four programs—*CIS, Accounting, Air Conditioning Technology, and CAT*— during fall 2017. To implement the plan, instructors Andrea Ingram, Randy Greene, Brenda Boone, Glynn Cobb, and Rick Davis and Kyle Hartsfield are using guided common strategies and instructional activities focused on developing student reading engagement and comprehension skills.

Why is the QEP important to students?

As part of its reaffirmation process, SGTC is required by our accrediting agency (SACSCOC) to develop a comprehensive, 5-year QEP that will improve student learning, engagement and success. SGTC is accredited by SACSCOC to award 2-year associates' degrees.

What is unique about the QEP?

The QEP is unique in that it is a faculty-driven effort with broad-based involvement from all stakeholders: students, staff, faculty, administration, the SGTC Board of Directors, and the community.

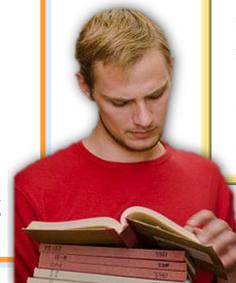


Why is accreditation important?

Accreditation by one of the regional accrediting bodies like SACSCOC ensures that SGTC maintains its high educational standards and international reputation. In addition, accreditation means that SGTC and its students will have access to federal grant funding, including student financial aid, and students' credits from SGTC may be transferred to other accredited institutions.

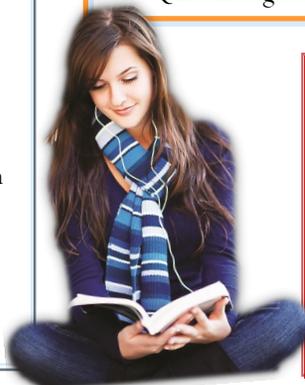
What is the purpose of the newsletter?

The QEP Team will publish special editions to the newsletter that will highlight events and activities on campus that involve tips on reading, helpful tips on studying, and all events regarding the QEP throughout the year.



What is SACSCOC?

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is the regional accrediting body for institutions of higher learning in most of the southern United States and Latin America. SGTC is accredited by SACSCOC to award 2-year associates' degrees. Reaffirmation of accreditation occurs every ten years.



Who to contact if you have questions?

Contact Andrea Ingram, Co-director of Assessment or Raven Payne, Co-director of Implementation if you have any questions about SGTC's QEP.



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