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THE FIVE YEAR QEP PLAN

1 IMPLEMENTATION YEAR 1, 2015-2016

The Strong Start – FTS OR1101 course will be a mandatory course for all FTS with General Education Majors (AA and AS degrees) only.

2 IMPLEMENTATION YEAR 2, 2016-2017

The Strong Start – FTS OR1101 course will be a mandatory course for all FTS with General Education Majors (AA and AS degrees) and all FTS enrolled in Technical Education Programs (AAS, AOT, and Short and Long Certificates).

3 IMPLEMENTATION YEAR 3, 2017-2018

The Strong Start – FTS OR1101 course will be a mandatory course for all FTS enrolled in General Education Majors and all FTS enrolled in Technical Education Programs; additionally, specific learning objective(s) from Strong Start – FTS OR1101 will be expanded into all Math courses.

4 IMPLEMENTATION YEAR 4, 2018-2019

The Strong Start – FTS OR1101 course will be a mandatory course for all FTS enrolled in General Education Majors and all FTS enrolled in Technical Education Programs; additionally, specific learning objective(s) from Strong Start – FTS OR1101 will be expanded into all English courses.

5 IMPLEMENTATION YEAR 5, 2019-2020

Specific learning objectives from Strong Start – FTS OR1101 will be expanded into all courses and emerging areas for improvement based on analysis of the QEP data from Year 1 through Year 4. The selection of the topic for the next five year cycle will be made during this time.




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QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP)

WHAT IS QEP?

The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a five-year action and implementation plan designed to enhance student learning and further strengthen Bishop State's educational mission. The QEP is required by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states. The Commission's mission is to maintain the educational quality of colleges throughout the region and help them develop programs to improve learning and success for their students.

WHY ARE WE CREATING A QEP?

Every 10 years SACSCOC requires regionally accredited colleges and universities to renew their accreditation. As an integral part of the accreditation process, Bishop State administrators, faculty, and staff developed a new orientation course to improve student learning in a number of areas. This new program is called **Strong Start – First Time Student (FTS) ORI101** Orientation Course.



WHEN WILL STRONG START – FTS ORI101 BEGIN?

This mandatory course will be first implemented in the fall of 2015 and all first time students with General Education Majors (AA and AS degrees) at Bishop State will be required to take the course. **Strong Start – FTS ORI101** will be required by ALL first time students enrolled at Bishop State in any program in the fall of 2016.



WHAT ARE THE OBJECTIVES OF STRONG START - FTS ORI101?

- Introduce students to the knowledge and skills needed to attain educational and career goals
- Improve the learning environment at BSCC
- Complete attempted Math and English courses with a C or better
- Improve persistence from term to term
- Provide professional development

WHAT TOPICS WILL BE COVERED IN STRONG START - FTS ORI101?

- How to use BORIS, campus email, and other technology provided by the College
- Work with advisors to develop students' program of study plans
- Learn time management techniques
- Implement effective study skills
- Navigate around campus
- Utilize college transfer programs such as STARS and Collegefish
- Utilize vital student resources, such as tutorial laboratories, career vocations, job search tips, & more



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