



Meridian Community College QEP

MCC: Making the Computer Connection

More and more students today are exposed to technology. In this era, future graduates need to be technologically literate. Almost every business or home-life uses some type of programmed electronic device such as a computer, smart phone, or other touch-screen or voice-operated gadget(s). These various technologies do not conform to age; all members of society need the skills to operate them, which is why Meridian Community College (MCC) chose “Making the Computer Connection” as its QEP topic. Since the mission of MCC is to improve the quality of life in our community and surrounding areas, the QEP topic supports MCC’s mission with its ultimate goal being to prepare students for a productive and successful future by giving students the technological knowledge needed to succeed in their college studies as well as in today’s society.

It is our goal to help our students, as well as our community and surrounding areas, who may find themselves challenged learning the basic uses of a computer. The “traditional” student is becoming increasingly uncommon, and faculty face a rich mixture of students: diverse in age, gender, ethnicity, and academics and widely varied in technological skill levels. The QEP provides for a laboratory which will serve as a place for our students to receive remediation in how to use computers and perform the skills necessary to be successful in college and beyond. The students who need to receive remediation will be identified by the Accuplacer or faculty members or be self-identified. The lab is staffed with a facilitator who will help students to improve their technological skills utilizing an institution-designed application.

MCC: Making the Computer Connection will begin with the implementation of two primary goals:

- MCC will create new curricula, practices, and procedures to ensure manageable, sustainable, and successful programs for developing student technological literacy in place by 2017.
- MCC graduates will have the conceptual knowledge and skills to effectively use technology to accomplish their academic and professional goals.

The plan will be implemented in small measures at first and will expand with subsequent years.

For more information about our QEP – MCC: Making the Computer Connection at Meridian Community College and its implementation, please visit our QEP website at <http://www.meridiancc.edu/> or contact Cathy Parker, Director of Institutional Effectiveness at 601-484-8799 or Cathy Webb, Consultant, at 601-484-8772.