

The Next Generation of Student Engagement and Professional Preparation at UTEP
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The UTEP 2016 QEP posits that students are talented, asset-rich, and ready to succeed in the classroom, the world of work, and the global community.

Our QEP will focus on enhancing student access to and participation in curricular and co-curricular experiences through Integrative and Applied Learning experiences, eight of which are at the center of our Quality Enhancement Plan: First-Year Experience, Student Employment & Leadership, Undergraduate Research & Creative Activity, Learning Communities, Internship & Practicum, Study Abroad/Study Away, Community Engagement & Service Learning, and Capstone Experience.

To achieve these outcomes for both the students and the institution, we have established the following QEP action items:

- create and disseminate guiding frameworks for development, implementation, and use of Integrative and Applied Learning practices;
- develop a robust data system to track participation and outcomes.

We expect the following outcomes:

- students will increase participation in Integrative and Applied Learning experiences;
- students will engage in and integrate experiences within and beyond the classroom;
- students will adapt and apply skills, abilities, and theories from these integrative experiences to new situations;
- students will articulate their unique assets and experiences (e.g., bilingualism, biculturalism, management of complex life demands, communication skills, and leadership talents) and apply them to their future aspirations, such as graduate school, careers, civic responsibility
- faculty and staff will measure and monitor student learning outcomes and holistic student development.

This QEP will ensure that the entire UTEP community of faculty, staff and alumni will sustain a positive, holistic learning environment reflective of our core mission of providing all students access to excellent educational programs. Our QEP will engage students in carefully crafted and evidence-based programs and activities that increase student retention and degree attainment as well as promote their professional development and lifelong success.