QEP

Quality Enhancement Plan
Journey Began

Snowball Activity

• Professional Development Spring 2013
• One of our students’ greatest learning needs is...
  • To be motivated and engaged.
  • To be job or transfer ready.
  • To improve computer and technology skills.
QEP Development Team

Removing Barriers to Completion through Academic Planning

• Fall 2013
• Research
  • Specific Barriers that Prevent Completion
  • Potential Models
  • Potential Target Groups
• Make Recommendations
QEP Implementation Team

Spring 2014

Approach

• Professional Advisors/Coaches
  • Early Enrollment in ACA
  • Mandatory Orientation

• Target Group
  • First-Time Students

• Key Components
  • Educational Planning
  • Strong Faculty Involvement
## Survey Spring 2014 Results

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### Successful College Completion is:

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Rank What Helps First-time Students Succeed

- Receiving a weekly call...
- Attending a mandatory...
- Enrolling in a Success & St...
- Receiving more information...
- Connecting with a facult...
- Providing easy access to...
- Receiving extended...
- Utilizing job placement an...
- Participating in an initia...
- Accessing an online tool...
First Semester Experience
Focus Statement

The "Start Strong...Finish Strong" program at Isothermal educates, engages and empowers first-time college students to achieve successful college completion through orientation, proactive advising, and educational planning.
Goals

- Educate new students about college policies, procedures, expectations and culture.
- Engage new students with the college community and resources.
- Empower self-direction and self-sufficiency in new students.
What Now

- Narrowing program indicators and SLO’s
- Advising Rubric
- Marketing Implementation
- Enlist your help
- Run Program Pilot Fall 2015