

QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN

In order to maintain its institutional accreditation (<https://catalog.columbusstate.edu/about-csu/accreditation-approvals/>) by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), Columbus State University implements a new Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) every ten years. In spring 2026, Columbus State University will present a new QEP to SACSCOC for consideration.

The most recent QEP (We Solve It!) concluded in spring 2021. The 2016-2021 QEP Impact Report will be included in CSU's Fifth Year Interim Report due to SACSCOC in March 2022. We Solve It! focused on improvement of students' creative, real-world problem-solving skills. Through a set of initiatives based on successful high-impact practices, faculty and staff targeted students' abilities to collaboratively gather and evaluate information, identify questions or problems, develop strategies and solutions, and articulate and implement quality solutions. As a result of this QEP project, CSU made two enhancements to the General Education Curriculum. The faculty adopted a new General Education learning outcome related to problem solving in its 2020-2021 catalog: Present logical, informed, and evidence-based solutions to real-world problems. Additionally, "Perspectives Courses" were added to introduce students to the academic experience by focusing on a topic or project. Topics vary, but every section engages students in the process of generating creative and evidence-based solutions to problems in the real world. Perspectives courses may be repeated for credit one time with a different topic.