The Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a requirement for reaffirmation of accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACS-COC). The QEP is both a document developed and submitted to SACS-COC and a process involving the entire UTHSCSA community. The 2014 – 2018 QEP process is a faculty driven and community-wide effort. The process includes:

### Needs Assessment

**QEP Steering Committee Formed**  
**August 2014 – August 2015**

**QEP Task Force Recruitment**  
**Summer/Fall 2014**

**QEP Panel from Other HSIs**  
**February 25, 26, 2015**

**Internal Expert Panels on Possible QEP topics**  
**March - April 2015**

**QEP Task Force Retreat**  
**May 18 & 19, 2015**

Review needs assessment data and brainstorm gaps in learning that need to be filled. Select 3-5 topics for further development.

### Topic Selection

**Develop White Papers on Selected Topics**  
**September 2015 through February 2016**  
(Topics from QEP Task Force Retreat.)

(White papers developed under the direction and support of Office of Academic Quality Enhancement.)

**Public Presentation of White Papers to Community**  
**March- April 2016**  
(By Select Task Force Groups to HSC)

**Online Rubric open to HSC Community for input on White papers**  
**March – May 2016**

**Final QEP Topic Selected**  
**Summer 2016**

### Proposal Development

**Development of final SACSCOC – QEP Plan**  
**September 2016 – August 2017**  
(Under the direction and support of Office of Academic Quality Enhancement.)

**Proposal submission**  
**August 2017**

**SACSCOC Site visit**  
**Spring 2018 (2 days)**

### Implementation/Assessment

**August 2017 – February 2023**

**QEP Five-year Impact Report**  
**March 2023**