



Writing for the Real World: Strengthening Writing and Career Knowledge

School of Business Begins QEP Development

To prepare for the implementation phase of the MDC Quality Enhancement Plan, the School of Business has identified members of the QEP Development Team for the School. Membership of the team includes Teddy Laing, Rick Caraballo, Ana Carrales, Patrick Dulcio, Sandra Torres, Enrique Valdes, David Mahon, Charles Williams, Daniel Murgo, Cary Ser, and Collen Chung. During the upcoming Fall and Spring semesters, this team will work together to identify the degree(s) and courses that will be selected for components of the QEP infusion.

CT&D Provides Successful “Writing to Learn” Training During Spring Break Seminar

During the Spring Break Seminar, faculty from the School of Justice, as well as other disciplines, took advantage of the “Writing to Learn” seminar. This seminar is slated to be repeated over the next several years to provide faculty with the opportunity to participate in this training that will assist with the infusion of the various components of the QEP. Additionally, “Writing to Learn” offerings will be provided during the upcoming Fall semester. Although the current training efforts are focused on the School of Justice faculty, QEP-related training provides the opportunity for all MDC faculty to participate. During Fall 2015, additional training for full-time faculty will continue, as well as training opportunities for adjunct faculty and staff. Watch for CT&D announcements for upcoming training opportunities that you can participate in to promote the culture of writing at Miami Dade College.

QEP Writing and Career Support Begins

In conjunction with the Student Achievement Initiative, Community of Interest (COI) Managers have been hired for the School of Justice and the School of Business. These managers include Alexis Cole for the School of Business and Monica Michala for the School of Justice.

To support writing for students, Ildiko Barsony and Caitlin Richardson have been hired as the full-time Writing Coaches for the initial infusion of the QEP into the School of Justice at North and Hialeah campuses. Additionally, six part-time Writing Assistants will also be hired to support the writing process. Individuals providing writing support will be housed in Learning Resources of the respective campuses.

Both the COI managers and Writing Coaches/Assistants will support the faculty and academic administration with the infusion of SAI and QEP components inside and outside of the classroom. Please welcome and support these individuals in their very important role at the College.

What’s to Come

- The infusion of the MDC QEP for the School of Justice will take place at North and Hialeah campuses beginning in the Fall 2015 term.
- The School of Justice will pilot assessment measures during the Fall 2015 semester to help establish an effective evaluation process for the five-year QEP process.
- In conjunction with the Student Achievement Initiative, the School of Justice and School of Business will develop and implement co-curricular activities/events to support retention, completion, and strengthening of writing and career knowledge.
- During the Fall and Spring semesters, the School of Business QEP Development Team will begin their work to identify the degree(s) and courses that will be part of the MDC QEP.

If you have a question, need information or would like to provide feedback or comments, please contact QEP Director Dr. Richard Prentiss at 305-237-7367 or send an email to rprentis@mdc.edu. Visit mdc.edu/qep to learn more online.