

Top 10 Things You Need to Know About the QEP

On April 10 – 12, 2018 the SACSCOC On-Site Review Committee will visit UNT Dallas to ask about the QEP.

1 What is a “QEP”?

“QEP” stands for “Quality Enhancement Plan”. UNT Dallas is required by SACSCOC (our accrediting body) to choose a five-year project that will enhance student learning.

2 What’s our QEP title?

Our QEP title is “Career Readiness Education” (CRED).

3 What’s our QEP about?

CRED was developed to encourage students to reflect on career readiness at three stages of their academic career. The goal is for students to have a successful transition into the workforce.

4 Why this topic?

The process of selecting the topic for the QEP started in July, 2016. Ideas for the topic originated from research and feedback provided by students, staff, faculty and local employers. The process included comprehensive surveys, focus groups, town hall meetings and discussions followed by data analysis.

5 Why should I care about CRED?

Studies demonstrate that career ready students are more competitive in the job market and more engaged at work. CRED seeks to create an educational pathway for students to obtain guidance on career choice and successful college-to-work transition.

6 How will QEP work in my classes?

You can expect many more opportunities to become career ready in your classes.

7 What help can you expect outside of the classroom?

Resources at UNT Dallas such as the Career Services Office and the Experiential Learning Office already help students with college-to-work transition. With the QEP, additional opportunities will be provided to students to become career ready.

8 How are students involved in the planning of the QEP?

In addition to student focus groups, student representation is included in the QEP Planning Committee and QEP Council. Also, Student Government Association members are leading promotional efforts on campus.

9 When will all this happen?

UNT Dallas has been creating a plan and starting to build awareness about CRED. Once SACSCOC approves UNT Dallas’ QEP, the program will launch in the Fall Semester 2018. The program will build over five years (2018 - 2023).

10 What is SACSCOC and why do we need to be accredited?

SACSCOC (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges) is the regional body for colleges and universities in the southeast. SACSCOC accredits UNT Dallas to award degrees. Every 10 years, UNT Dallas must be reviewed to get accredited so that we can:

- Maintain our reputation as a quality institution
- Make sure UNT Dallas and its academic programs meet or exceed the same standards as other regionally accredited institutions
- Ensure access to federal grants such as funding for student financial aid