

# The QEP Chronicles



WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE QEP Fall 2017: Issue 4

## Time Flies into Year 2!



### What is the QEP and why is it important?

First and foremost, the QEP (quality enhancement plan) is a 5-year plan that is implemented into the institution in order to enhance the quality of higher education and ensure that student learning is our number one priority. The QEP committee and GMC faculty, staff, and administration want our students to succeed at GMC and beyond. The quality enhancement plan is one method for working towards this goal.

The QEP is a SACSCOC core requirement that provides a framework for successful implementation of GMC's plan to enhance the higher education delivered to our students.

### QEP Timeline

- Year 1: October 2016 – Year 5: May 2021
- QEP 5th Year Impact Report: Summer 2021

### QEP Topic: *Critical Thinking*

Critical Thinking is defined by GMC's QEP committee as an active, self-reflective, and deliberate attempt to utilize cognitive skills to support decision making, problem solving, or mastery of concepts throughout various contexts. Research shows that deliberate training in multiple courses based on a standardized definition of critical thinking can improve students' critical thinking skills.

That defines our QEP very well!

**The 5 Reasoning Skills**

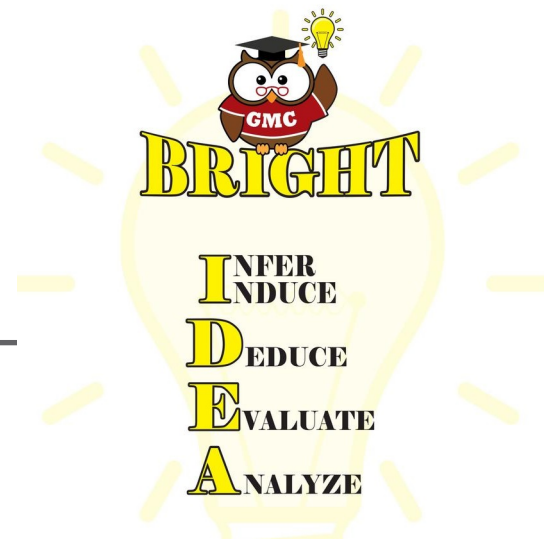
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Inference  
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Induction**

### METACOGNITION ???

*It means to think about how you think, and analyze what you're doing!!*

It's important to be aware of metacognition and implement it into the classroom. This allows students to apply their metacognitive skills outside of the class when they are studying the material and preparing for exams.

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## *Whoooooo's new?*

For Year 2, our newest member is Mercedes Williams-Gonzalez from the Fairburn campus. Mercedes is in the Natural Science division and we look forward to her input as a QEP member. Welcome Mercedes!

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## The Latest QEP News for Fall 2017

Our first face-to-face CT Expert training will be at the Faculty Fall Assembly in August. GMC's CT experts will be teaching us what they learned at their CT conferences.

The CT Moodle training for all full-time and adjunct faculty is in progress and expected completion time for all campuses is January 2018.

The PER 201 online course has been completed and is on the Fall 1, 2017 course schedules.

QEP Fall Kick-Off Parties at various campuses which include swag and QEP Bingo. Come join the fun!

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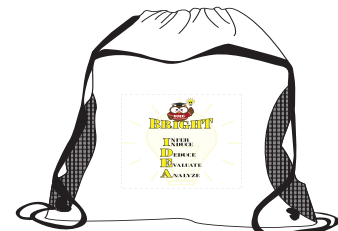
## *QEP SWAG 2017!*

For year 2, we splashed out to include the staff at every campus. The staff gifts were cups, can coolers and owl stress balls. We hope to share a QEP poster with each department to better inform our employees about the QEP.

The full-time faculty gift for this year, in addition to the staff gifts, is an ipod/cell phone arm band and Bloom's Taxonomy Slider. Look for your gift bag at Fall Faculty Assembly!

Student gifts consist of cups, can coolers, owl stress balls with an extra special gift of a white drawstring bag.

Each campus will receive QEP advertising posters along with a QEP banner which can be picked up at the assembly by a campus representative.



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