

## Newberry College QEP

### Habits of the Heart: Gateway to Critical Thinking, Personal and Social Responsibility, and Vocational Reflection

What is a QEP?

A **Quality Enhancement Plan**. The QEP is a comprehensive plan to enhance student learning at Newberry College.

Why does Newberry College need a QEP?

Newberry College is a great school already, but working each day to improve. The QEP is one way to encourage improvement on campus. In addition, SACS (Southern Association of Colleges and Schools) requires a QEP for the reaffirmation process.

How was our QEP decided and who decided upon the topic?

The QEP selection committee sent surveys out to faculty, students, staff, Board of Trustees, alumni, and community partners for help to determine the areas in which Newberry College students need the most improvement. QEP proposals were written on the basis of these surveys. The QEP selection committee, with the help of extra readers, chose the QEP from among these proposals.

What are the three main components of the QEP?

- Critical Thinking
- Personal and Social Responsibility
- Vocational Reflection

How will the QEP benefit students?

Students will benefit from the QEP in a variety of ways: improved test scores, personal and professional relationships, and work ethic. Students will also gain better critical thinking skills, a better understanding of their vocational goals, and an increased job skill set.

When does the QEP start? Why do we need to know about the QEP now?

The QEP will begin in the fall semester, 2012. However, everyone on campus needs to understand the QEP now because our SACS review team will be on campus Oct 25-27, 2011 to ask about the QEP and other reaffirmation concerns.

