



Walters State Community College
Advise to Rise
Quality Enhancement Plan Executive Summary

The focus of Walters State Community College's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), *Advise to Rise*, is to transform the college's academic advising process. Utilizing developmental and intrusive advising approaches, the QEP will increase student success and retention through partnerships and collaborations between advisors and students while increasing the use of campus resources.

Advise to Rise seeks to increase the effectiveness of advising at the college through professional development, new advising technology, and integrating the advising community. The plan assists students to make informed decisions as self-directed learners by working with an assigned advisor, focusing resources on creating and completing an education plan, and engaging campus resources. The goals and outcomes will improve the academic advising process to promote student success by:

- Goal 1# - Creating professional development advisor trainings and incorporate new technologies that transform the advising community.
- Goal 2# - Help students become connected and engaged with campus resources.
- Goal 3# - Instill students with a sense of individual responsibility.

The plan aligns with the following goals from the college's strategic plan:

- Goal S2 - Develop student support and communication strategies to foster student success;
- Goal Q2 - Monitor and improve its effectiveness in the area of administrative support services, academic and student support services, and community and public service

Advise to Rise measures outcomes with direct and indirect assessment tools. Measures will assess advisor training competency, the student education plan, and levels of engagement with campus resources. External measures will assess the impact of the plan on retention rates and satisfaction with advising.

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