QUALITY ENHANCEMENT PLAN (QEP)

Norfolk State University has chosen Close Reading for Effective Writing (CREW) for the theme of its second Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Here, significant stakeholders of the University – faculty, staff, student leaders – will seek to improve the reading comprehension and writing competency of undergraduate students in both general education and major capstone courses.

- Data from the University's first QEP showed that students need help in reading and writing before they can do critical thinking. To assess student success in the second QEP plan, we will use the American Association of Colleges and Universities' VALUE rubrics, which have been vetted nationwide for their comprehensiveness, to assess reading comprehension and writing competency.

- In spring 2019, select sections of HIS 101, SOC 101, ENG 101, and ENG 102 will use close reading strategies to generate more effective reading and writing among the students involved. By 2023, the plan is to scale this curricular impact upwards to reach at least two-thirds of the undergraduate student population.

- The CREW Faculty Development Seminar series will continue this spring, with the first one scheduled for Wednesday, January 17 at 12 noon in the Archives Orientation Room, Lyman Beecher Brooks Library. Faculty and staff participants will discuss Senator Henry Cabot Lodge’s prophetic speech on immigration from 1896.

- The SACSCOC visiting team will be on campus on March 4-7, 2019, to discuss CREW, and we look forward to presenting our overall progress and preliminary vision.

If you have any questions or would like to join the QEP Committee, please contact Dr. Charles H. Ford, director of the QEP, at chford@nsu.edu.