

*Overview  
of the  
Program Quality Enhancement Plan  
(Academic Program Reviews)*

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The Program Quality Enhancement Plan (PQEP) is the third component in the academic program review process. The Program Self-Study (Self-Assessment) and the review by the Internal Review Team (IRT) are the first and second respectively. The PQEP results from the findings and recommendations contained in (1) the Self-Study Report and (2) the Internal Review Team's Report. These two sets of findings and recommendations are used to develop a plan for improving and enhancing the quality of the academic programs that underwent review. Thus, the PQEP addresses the findings and recommendations of the two reports. The recommendations made in these two reports become planning priorities for the four years following the academic program review. The Self-Study and Internal Review Team Reports should be available to the faculty who should be fully engaged in the development of PQEP.

The PQEP should include the following elements:

- An overview that summarizes the two sets of findings and recommendations
- A delineation of annual planning priorities for enhancement (derived from the Self-Study Report and IRT Report)
- Four (4) annual implementation plans, each of which consists of a plan of action that includes the following content topics:
  - ~Objectives
  - ~Actions/Activities
  - ~Resource requirements
  - ~Expected results-improvements/enhancements

Either of the sample formats ([Format 1](#) or [Format 2](#)) may be used to organize the content of the PQEP. However, programs may use other formats for the PQEP with the caveat that the content covers the topics delineated above. The objectives of the PQEP will be accomplished over a four-year time span; therefore, they should reflect what can reasonably be accomplished annually to improve the program.

[Figure 1](#) depicts the components of the academic program review process. [Figure 2](#) depicts the steps in the development of the PQEP. The form for reporting PQEP planning priorities is shown at [Appendix A](#).