

## Quality Enhancement Plan FAQs

Regent University's mission is to provide excellent graduate and undergraduate education from a global, biblical perspective in pivotal professions to equip Christian leaders to change the world, and to be a leading center of Christian thought and action.

### 1. What is a QEP?

A Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) is a required component of the SACS accreditation process. It describes a carefully designed course of action that addresses a well-defined and focused topic related to enhancing student learning over a five-year period.

### 2. What is SACS?

The Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is the regional body for the accreditation of degree-granting higher education institutions in the Southern states.

### 3. Why is accreditation important to Regent University?

Regent University is committed to providing public trust and professional quality in all its educational programs and services. We achieve this, in part, by accountability—meeting nationally endorsed standards set by an independent, regionally recognized authority.

**For students**, accreditation also means that the programs they enroll in are engaged in continuous review and quality improvement.

**For faculty**, accreditation provides a formal process for ongoing evaluation and improvement of program and faculty development outcomes.

### 4. How does a QEP benefit a college or university?

A QEP provides an opportunity for the institution to enhance overall institutional quality and effectiveness by focusing on an issue or issues the institution considers important to improving student learning.

### 5. Why is Regent University embarking upon the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), RU Global?

RU Global helps us fulfill our mission to prepare Christ-centered leaders who can make a positive impact in their communities, their nations and the world.

### 6. What's the goal of Regent University's QEP, RU Global?

Regent's goal is to increase the global competence of our students.

**7. What are the primary objectives of the QEP?**

- ◆ Increase global learning in academic programs
- ◆ Enhance faculty expertise in global teaching and learning
- ◆ Become a leading resource in Christ-centered global learning

**8. How will Regent's QEP, RU Global, impact students?**

As a result of the QEP focus on global competence, Regent University's graduates will be prepared to serve more effectively as leaders in globally diverse settings.

**Specifically, students will experience:**

- ◆ Interaction with professors who have global experiences and mindsets
- ◆ Opportunities for short-term study abroad or participation in global conferences
- ◆ Increase in knowledge and insight of global application of values-based principles related to the students' disciplines of study.

**9. What are the student outcomes?**

**See** - Global Perspective

**Connect** - Intercultural Engagement

**Learn** - Information Literacy

**Lead** - Global Leadership

**10. How will RU Global impact faculty?**

Through a variety of engaging activities, Regent University faculty will have the opportunity to increase their expertise in global teaching and learning.

**Professors will experience:**

- ◆ Research with professors from universities outside of the USA
- ◆ Presentations at global conferences
- ◆ Interaction with students from countries outside of the USA

**11. How will RU Global impact the staff?**

Due to a campus-wide focus on the QEP, RU Global, staff members will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities that will increase their knowledge and understanding of a global world, preparing them to serve and interact with global students.