

# MTSU's Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP)



Engage Academically. Learn Exponentially.  
Showcase Yourself.

# Reflect

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- Most impactful learning experience you were a part of in college?

Why?

- Most successful teaching experience?

Why?

# What is MT Engage?

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The MT Engage QEP is focused on enhancing students' academic engagement by:

1. Providing students with high impact pedagogies
2. Challenging students to use integrative thinking and reflection across multiple contexts and educational experiences.

# 1. Providing High-Engagement Learning Opportunities

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capstone courses/projects

internships

first year seminars

learning communities

writing intensive courses

collaborative assignments

undergraduate research

global learning

problem based learning

service learning

project based learning

EXL

civic engagement

flipped classrooms

Reacting to the Past

education abroad

common intellectual  
experiences

Expanded from Kuh, 2008 & AAC&U HIEPS

## 2. Challenging Students to Use Integrative Thinking & Reflection

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Students will be assessed on their ability to:

- 1) Make connections to relevant experiences
- 2) Make connections across academic disciplines
- 3) Adapt and apply information to new situations
- 4) Communicate information effectively
- 5) Reflect and self-assess

Modified from the AAC&U Integrative Thinking Value Rubric

# MT Engage Initiatives

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Curriculum initiatives:

- 1. MT Engage Foundation Pathway:** Faculty support for enhancing existing lower division courses
- 2. MT Engage Major Pathway:** Departmental support for curriculum development and redesign to incorporate MT Engage components.

# MT Engage Initiatives (Cont.)

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These initiatives will support the curricular pathways:

## **3. MT Engage Faculty Development**

## **4. MT Engage Experiences:**

- A searchable database consisting of high impact beyond-the-classroom experiences.
- An MT Engage Week will be held each fall semester to provide focused attention on the many opportunities available to students.
- Students developing an ePortfolio.

## **5. MT Engage Recognition Program:** Recognize students who complete various levels of these learning experiences with scholarships, cash awards, and electronic badges.

# Benefits of MT Engage for Students

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- Improve Integrative Thinking and Reflection
  - Ability to connect learning across multiple experiences;
  - adapt and apply information; and
  - reflect and self-assess
- Understand what they gained during their time at MTSU
- Completed ePortfolio to share with graduate school or employer
- Eligible for awards and incentives
- Opportunity to mentor other students



# Benefits of MT Engage for Faculty and Departments

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- Faculty development: FLCs and summer institute
- Professional Learning Communities
- Improved Integrative Thinking and Reflection by students
  - Ability to connect learning across multiple experiences;
  - adapt and apply information; and
  - reflect and self-assess
- Use of ePortfolio as a culminating experience and to assess student learning