



## Executive Summary

Focus2Finish, Temple College's new Quality Enhancement Plan, will increase student success by implementation of accelerated learning with collaborative, yearlong scheduling. Focus2Finish ties directly to Temple College's Strategic Plan which seeks to foster student success by improving course success, retention, completion of recognized credentials, and transfer to baccalaureate-granting institutions.

The institutional process for vetting potential QEP topics focused on examining strategic planning goals and institutional outcome data, and identifying academic and non-academic barriers to student achievement.

Accelerated learning, to be achieved by adopting an 8-week-course model, will usher in much-needed improvements that will benefit students in accomplishing their academic goals. Yearlong scheduling will enable students to plan academic schedules at least one year in advance. Potential course conflicts, which could derail a student's progress toward timely program completion, will be eliminated as departments work collaboratively to design each semester schedule.

The overarching goal of the QEP is to increase student success and degree completion. The following student success outcomes for A.A. and A.S. degree-seeking students target specific indicators of student success and represent institutional values. Temple College will attain these outcomes by 2026:

- Convert 10% of part-time students to full-time status
- Increase course success rates by 10%
- Decrease course withdrawal rates to below 10%
- Increase two-year graduation rates by 5%
- Increase three-year graduation rates by 10%
- Increase semester-to-semester retention rates by 10%.

Executing this ambitious initiative will take cooperation and coordination across every campus department and office, and students, faculty, and staff members will be impacted. Focus2Finish has the potential to transform institutional culture by removing barriers to degree completion and progression, thereby enabling Temple College to more fully achieve its mission.