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SUCCESS THROUGH INQUIRY

QEP Quick Minute Newsletter

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How to Facilitate Inquiry-Based Learning Within Your Online Course?

IBL is exciting and engaging, promising in-depth and lifelong learning opportunities for our students. IBL includes 5 steps: 1) **Ask** 2) **Investigate** 3) **Create** 4) **Discuss** 5) **Reflect**. Instructors decide the <u>level of IBL</u> within the learning environment, and—just like face-to-face contexts, IBL is achievable in online contexts! Click <u>here</u> for the full article!

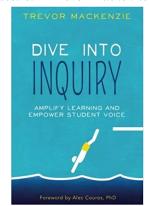
Fall 2019 QEP Launch

The "Success through Inquiry" QEP finally launches in Fall 2019! With that, faculty members on the QEP Implementation Committee are the first cohorts to officially begin IBL-QEP 101 training during the Year 1 launch! Fall 2019 faculty enrollees include Cindy Coufal--English Instructor; Gisela Knightstep—Biology Instructor; Shelli Pendleton—ADN Instructor; Steven Underhill, Business Administration/Microcomputer Applications Instructor; and Amber Hunsaker—English Adjunct Instructor.

Participants will complete the IBL QEP 101 course following IBL prescribed methodology and will subsequently come away with an inquiry-based learning implementation plan (IBLIP) ready to apply in their Spring 2020 courses.

In addition, this "Year One" group will be ready to mentor and assist other faculty in QEP implementation efforts 2019-2024. Course facilitators are Dr. Brad Beauchamp, Dr. Donnie Kirk, and Crystal Tate. See more about the Vernon College "Success through Inquiry" Initiative on the OEP webpage.

"Dive into Inquiry beautifully marries the voice and choice of inquiry with the structure and support required to optimize learning for students and get the results educators desire." ~Trevor Mackenzie



Faculty: Contact **Donnie Kirk** for your free copy today!

Inquire-Discover-Engage: 10 Essential Ouestions about IBL



Have **essential questions** about inquiry as pedagogy (inquiry-based learning)? What is IBL? How can IBL be implemented in our classrooms? What are the benefits of IBL implementation? What support is available for this improvement initiative? **Investigate** these questions and more by reviewing the

slideshow from the Fall 2018 Faculty Development Day! 10 questions, 10 groups, 100 % faculty participation—INVALUABLE discovery and sharing of content regarding our "Success through Inquiry" QEP initiative!

SENSE @ Vernon College. The Survey of Entering Student Engagement (SENSE) was administered in select "first-year" courses during the Fall 2019 term. A big THANK YOU to Kate Kennedy and Janice Turvaville for their efforts in administering the surveys! Results of the survey will be available March 01, 2020. Click the SENSE icon for more information about the survey!

Investigate and discover more regarding the "Success through Inquiry" QEP Initiative at the QEP Facebook page or at the QEP Webpage!



You are cordially invited to attend QEP Committee Meetings during the Fall 2019 Term! The next session is Friday, November