

**PASSPORT TO FINISH:
INTENTIONAL ADVISEMENT, ACADEMIC SUPPORT and STUDENT ENGAGEMENT**

“Passport to Finish” is designed to increase retention rates of undergraduate students at Mississippi Valley State University (MVSU) by implementing enhanced academic and student support services to first-time students. This QEP will impact the University’s ability to retain this subset of students from their initial enrollment through graduation. Given the lack of academic preparedness of many of our first-time students, academic and student support services must be geared toward systematically addressing students’ college readiness deficiencies. To this end, the aim of this QEP is to systematically provide academic and student support services, which ensure that students acquire skills and dispositions that are critical to their continued progress towards degree completion, such as good study skills, access to quality academic advising, personal growth and development programs/activities and a range of student engagement activities that contribute to their continuous enrollment, and ultimately supports the University’s mission statement vision, which includes “a commitment to providing a learner-centered environment.

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