**QEP Best Start:** **Path to Success Paper**

**Due Date \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_Points**

All students have challenges and barriers that they must overcome to succeed in college. Some have more than others. It is very important to recognize and identify these barriers early in your college career and start planning the path that you will take to ensure your success! This assignment is the first step in formulating a plan to address the barrier(s) before it affects your coursework, your grade point average, and your persistence in college.

**Part I: Instructions**

Your paper must be typed, 12 font, and double spaced. Address each question with at least 3 comments or sentences.

1. **Identify one barrier**- Describe at least one barrier to your college success that you are currently facing or that you may face in the future. Please describe the barrier and specifically, explore in three to five sentences each, how this barrier will interfere with your coursework and ability to reach your goals.
2. **Strategies to overcome the barrier**- next, think about some possible strategies that you could employ to eliminate or reduce the effect that this barrier will have on your education. Use the **“Specific Recommendations”** on your **CSI Report**. You should discuss possible solutions and campus resources with an advisor or counselor before you turn in your assignment.

**Part II.** **Meet with an Advisor or Counselor**

You must meet with an advisor or counselor to discuss a barrier you are facing and possible strategies to overcome this barrier. You should bring a copy of your **Noel-Levitz** **CSI Report** if you have already completed the CSI in class. Also, complete and bring the **“Path to Success”- Barriers and Strategies Form,** on the second page, for your advisor to sign.

***\*Reminder***- *You must also meet with an advisor to discuss your Academic Plan. Bring your* **QEP Best Start Degree Planning Assignment** *handout to your advisor/counselor meeting so you can go over these at the same time.*

**Advisor Meeting:**

**QEP “Path to Success”- Barriers and Strategies Form**

***Complete and bring this form with you to your Advisor Meeting***

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Instructor: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Semester \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

If you have a copy, bring your **Noel-Levitz CSI Report** to the meeting with your advisor. If you have not completed the CSI, **fill out this form** and bring it.The advisor will also review your academic plan and print out a degree plan for your major or program.

1. **Path to Success- Addressing a Barrier**. List at least one barrier that you will be facing during the following academic year.

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1. Possible Strategies: List some possible strategies and campus resources that you may use to overcome this barrier. Refer to the **“Specific Recommendations”** section of your **CSI** report.

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