

Orangeburg-Calhoun Technical College

SACS Reaffirmation—QEP Topic

Service Learning

Some Pertinent Definitions

Student Learning: Student learning is the process of actively pursuing personally meaningful goals, and discovering and constructing meaning from information and experience, filtered through the learner's unique perceptions, thoughts, and feelings.

Service Learning: The American Association of Community Colleges defines service learning as “the combination of community service and classroom instruction, with a focus on critical, reflective thinking, as well as personal and civic responsibility.” Service learning programs involve students in organized community service that address local needs while developing their academic skills, sense of civic responsibility, and commitment to the community.

Reflective Writing: Reflective writing can assume many different forms. However, the key point about it to note is that a piece of reflective writing is not a report of factual information. *Reflection* means thoughtfully considering or meditating on a topic. Thus, reflective writing is an expression of your expectations, perceptions, and feelings of the experience represented by your evidence. It is essentially a journal of your personal growth, a route to self-knowledge