

**BREWTON-PARKER COLLEGE**

**ASSOCIATE OF ARTS DEGREE  
SIX-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN  
2002-03 THROUGH 2007-08**

**DEPARTMENT PURPOSE**

The mission of the Associate of Arts Degree is to provide a foundation for intellectual inquiry and maturation for students who plan to seek a baccalaureate degree at another institution because Brewton-Parker College does not offer the major that they intend to pursue or because they are unable to pursue a baccalaureate degree at the current time.

**OBJECTIVE 1**

Students receiving an Associate of Arts Degree will receive an educational foundation that will allow them to continue their education.

**ACTION PLAN**

A survey of Associate degree students will be conducted a year after graduation to determine how many have continued taking undergraduate courses.

**ASSESSMENT**

At least 67% of those who respond to the survey will indicate that they have continued taking undergraduate classes at Brewton-Parker or elsewhere or that they plan to do so within the next two years.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Provost (Office of Institutional Research to conduct the survey).

**TIME FRAME**

Annually.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED**

Time.

**RELATED TO**

Institutional Goal No. 4.

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**RESULTS**

The results of the survey indicate that the goal of 67% was exceeded. Of those who responded, 86.66% indicated that they had continued to take undergraduate courses or that they had actually obtained a Bachelor's Degree, 6.66% indicated that they plan to work on another degree, and 6.66% indicated that they had no plans to continue their education at this time.

**REACTION**

Those who obtain an AA Degree will be encouraged to continue their education.

**OBJECTIVE 2**

Students receiving an Associate of Arts Degree will receive an educational foundation that prepares them to continue their education and be successful in obtaining a baccalaureate degree.

**ACTION PLAN**

A survey of Associate degree students will be conducted five years after graduation to determine how many have completed or are in the process of completing a baccalaureate degree. Students will be asked to rate how well the educational program at Brewton-Parker prepared them for continued undergraduate education. Students will be asked to suggest improvements to the program.

**ASSESSMENT**

At least 67% of those who respond to the survey will indicate that they have obtained a baccalaureate degree or that they are in the process of doing so and at least 67% will indicate that the Associate of Arts Degree Program prepared them adequately or more than adequately for continued undergraduate education. College officials will review and respond as warranted to suggestions for changes in the program.

**RESPONSIBILITY**

Provost (Office of Institutional Research will conduct the survey).

**TIME FRAME**

Annually.

**RESOURCES REQUIRED**

Time.

**RELATED TO**

Institutional Goal No. 4.

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**RESULTS**

The goal was met. Results of the survey indicate that 66.66% have obtained a Bachelor's Degree or that they are in the process of doing so. In addition 100% indicated that the AA Degree Program prepared them adequately for continued undergraduate education. The graduates were asked to make suggestions for improvement of the AA program. The only suggestion made was a request to consider offering a nursing program.

**RESPONSE**

AA Degree graduates will be encouraged to continue their education. The Faculty Assembly approved the creation of a pre-nursing program, which will be implemented during the 2003-2004 academic year. Appropriate faculty committees will continue to study the possibility of offering a complete Bachelor's Degree in nursing.

### **OBJECTIVE 3**

Students receiving an Associate of Arts Degree, who do not continue undergraduate education within five years, will receive an educational foundation, which aids them in reaching personal goals including personal intellectual development.

### **ACTION PLAN**

A survey of Associate degree students will be conducted five years after graduation. The survey will ask those students, who have not continued undergraduate education, to indicate whether the Associate of Arts Degree Program helped them achieve personal goals and aided their intellectual development. Students will be asked to suggest improvements to the program. College officials will review and respond as warranted to suggestions for changes in the program.

### **ASSESSMENT**

At least 67% of those who respond to the survey, who have not continued undergraduate education, will indicate that the Associate of Arts Degree Program helped them achieve personal goals and aided their intellectual development.

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

Provost (Office of Institutional Research to conduct the survey).

### **TIME FRAME**

Annually.

### **RESOURCES REQUIRED**

Time.

### **RELATED TO**

Institutional Goal No. 6.

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**RESULTS**

The goal was met. All of those who responded to the survey, indicated that the AA Degree Program helped them achieve personal goals and intellectual development.

**RESPONSE**

Future surveys will attempt to probe this issue in greater detail in an effort to find ways to improve the program.