The Objectives and Outcomes of CFCC's Quality Enhancement Plan

The **Professional Development** Initiative will provide all faculty and staff with training opportunities and resources that enhance their abilities to improve students' critical thinking skills. Implementing this initiative involves five objectives:

1. Offer appropriate training to all faculty and staff involved with critical thinking-enhanced pilot courses.
2. Use professional development activities to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration and refine the facilitation and assessment of critical thinking across the curriculum.
3. Develop and maintain critical thinking resources for faculty and staff.
4. Plan and conduct campus wide activities each semester that reinforce the college's commitment to enhancing students' critical thinking skills.
5. Collaborate with business and industry, public schools, universities, and other community colleges to enhance and assess students' critical thinking skills.

The **Student Success** Initiative will emphasize to students the application of critical thinking skills for college success. Implementing this initiative involves three objectives:

1. Encourage students to think critically about their strategies for college and professional success;
2. Enable students to maximize their learning potential using critical reading, effective communication, and information literacy skills; and
3. Introduce students to applied critical thinking in a variety of learning contexts.

The **General Education** Initiative will facilitate, assess, and enhance critical thinking as a general education core competency. Implementing this objective involves three objectives:

1. Identify, apply, and evaluate strategies that enhance students' critical thinking skills in general education courses;
2. Improve how critical thinking skills are assessed as learning outcomes of general education courses; and
3. Use interdepartmental communication and cooperation to enhance students' critical thinking skills in general education courses.

The expected outcomes of this plan are:

- **Measurable improvement of students' critical thinking skills at the course, program, and curricular levels**
- **Enhanced instructional practices that promote critical thinking and life-long learning**
- **Improved strategies for assessing student learning outcomes**
- **More effective professional development opportunities for faculty and support staff**