QEP: Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What is the QEP?**

RTS will submit the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) to our two accreditors, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) and the Association of Theological Schools (ATS), for the reaffirmation of the Seminary’s accreditation in 2012. The QEP identifies one key aspect of student learning that needs improvement, and it subjects that aspect to a focused and succinct assessment.

2. **What is the QEP topic that RTS has chosen?**

RTS has selected the topic: “Our Muslim Neighbors: Improving Student Knowledge of the Diversity of Islamic Faith and Practice.”

3. **What are the goals and objectives of the QEP for students?**

RTS seeks improved student learning in the following areas:

1. Demonstrating knowledge of Islamic history
2. Improving knowledge of present-day Islamic faith and practice
3. Formulating apologetic and evangelism strategies for ministry to Muslims

4. **What courses will be affected by the QEP?**

Beginning in academic year 2012-13, the QEP will introduce a new required two-hour course into the MDiv curriculum, “Christian Encounter with Islam.” In addition, other courses in systematic theology, missions, evangelism, and apologetics will devote increased attention to the challenge of Islam.

5. **How does the QEP affect current RTS students?**

Current MDiv and MA students are invited to take the new course as an elective or in lieu of “Church and the World.” (Please check with your campus Registrar to confirm course options.)

6. **How does the QEP affect the mission of RTS?**

The QEP does not change the mission of RTS. Rather it seeks to assist the Seminary in greater faithfulness to its missional commitment. Specifically, the QEP can become the means of reinvigorating the missionary passion that characterized the founding of RTS and broadening its apologetic focus in light of the challenge of world religions.

For more information on the QEP, go to [www.rts.edu/qep](http://www.rts.edu/qep)