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About QCU

The Quezon City University, formerly known as the Quezon City Polytechnic University, came into existence on March 1, 1994, by virtue of the City Council Ordinance No. SP-171. The institution was created to undertake skilled workers' training in response to the manpower requirement by industry and business establishments within the city. The organization of the Polytechnic as a local government educational institution included the old Skills and Training Center. The QCP established its reputation among local government units as a show window and model technology-based institution, paving the way for its recognition by the Technical Education Skills and Development Authority (TESDA) and developing a strong alliance with the Japanese International Cooperation Agency (JICA).



On August 20, 1997, the Polytechnic was enhanced into a University through City Council Ordinance No. SP-544, S-97. The leadership of former Quezon City Mayor Feliciano "Sonny" Belmonte saw meaningful access to higher education.

Starting 2005-2006, the University has started offering degree programs. Initially, the courses are BS in Entrepreneurial Management, BS in Information Technology, and BS in Industrial Engineering. SP-1945, s. 2009, otherwise known as "An Ordinance Amending Ordinance No. SP1030, s. 2001 (or the QCPU Charter)", passed by the Quezon City Council, grants the Quezon City Polytechnic University semi-autonomy as to its fiscal management and control over its operations, budgeting and reporting requirements. Under the Ordinance SP-2308 s. 2014, the QC Council authorizes the University to offer the Senior High School Program as mandated by the Department of Education. In July 2019, the SP-2812 s.2019 or the "Ordinance converting the Quezon City Polytechnic University to Quezon City University and enhancing its charter" was fully implemented, with Dr. Victor B. Endriga being named as the OIC President of the University.

On October 8, 2020, after the search committee for president recommended three (3) qualified applicants and nominees, the University Board of Regents appointed Dr. Theresita V. Atienza as its first elected University President with a fixed six-year term. Dr. Atienza envisions QCU to be recognized as the # 1 local university of employable graduates. For 27 years since its establishment, QCU has evolved significantly.

QCU now offers degree programs in accountancy and entrepreneurship, information technology, and engineering from being a technical education provider. And soon, QCU will cater to more talented and deserving students by providing relevant undergraduate and graduate programs that meet domestic and global markets' demands.

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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT



Quezon City University reaffirms its commitment to sustainability as a cornerstone of its mission to deliver quality, inclusive, and transformative education. In 2024, we advanced initiatives in environmental stewardship, responsible consumption, sustainable urban agriculture, and community engagement—efforts that are fully aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

These milestones reflect not only compliance with global benchmarks but also QCU's deep responsibility to the people of Quezon City. By embedding sustainability into teaching, research, extension, and campus operations, we are shaping future-ready graduates who are also conscious stewards of society and the environment.

As we move forward, QCU will continue to strengthen its role as a local university with a global mindset—pioneering practices that build resilient communities and ensuring that sustainability remains at the heart of our journey.

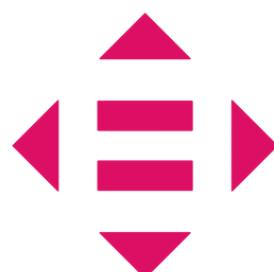
Dr. Theresita V. Atienza
University President





REDUCED INEQUALITIES

QCU supports Sustainable Development Goal 10 by launching inclusive programs to reduce social, economic, and educational inequalities. Key initiatives included the Barangay Leaders System Delivery Support executive course for out-of-school youth, expanded education for female persons deprived of liberty, and participation in campaigns against violence toward women. Through partnerships, community learning, and rights-based education, QCU aims to empower marginalized groups and promote equitable access to education and livelihood opportunities.





Promote Access to University for Underrepresented Groups. First 19 Female PDLs Earn Degrees in BS Entrepreneurship

QCU, in partnership with the QC LGU, celebrated the graduation of 19 female persons deprived of liberty (PDL) through the “No Woman Left Behind” Project.

Key Details:

- Degrees conferred by QCU President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza
- Ceremonial leadership by DOJ Usec. Margarita N. Gutierrez and Mayor Joy Belmonte
- Graduates include:
 - 1 convicted
 - 6 released
 - 12 still on trial

Graduates are eligible for QC's Pangkabuhayan Assistance Program, enabling them to launch livelihood initiatives with their newly acquired skills.



Out-of-School Youths Trained
Youth Entrepreneurship Program for OSYs: 45



Laptop Distribution Project
8,000 Laptops provided (Cummulative)



Internet Connectivity Support
5, 302 Wifi Units distributed since 2022



Expanding Access to Education for Out-of-School Youth

Quezon City University (QCU) and Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig (PLP) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on April 30, 2024, to jointly address the challenges faced by out-of-school youth (OSY) in Pasig City through the USAID-funded Executive Course for Barangay Leaders on Systems Delivery Support for OSY (BLeSDS). The partnership focuses on a Training of Trainers (ToT) program where QCU will equip PLP faculty and staff to deliver the BLeSDS curriculum, ensuring sustainability and wider community impact. Supported by USAID and witnessed by Pasig City Mayor Vico Sotto, the collaboration highlights the critical role of higher education institutions in empowering barangay and SK leaders to develop long-term, community-based interventions that create greater opportunities for OSYs.



8,000

Laptop Distribution Project
► Total Laptops Loaned
(Since 2021)



5,302

Wi-Fi units distributed
since 2021 for Online
Learning Accessibility



Expanded Executive Course for Barangay Leaders on System Delivery Support for Out-of-School Youth (BLeSDS for OSY)

Quezon City University (QCU), in partnership with the USAID Opportunity 2.0 Program and the Quezon City Government, continues to advance inclusive education and youth empowerment through the Expanded Executive Course for Barangay Leaders on System Delivery Support (BLeSDS) for Out-of-School Youth (OSY).

From Pilot to Expanded Reach

Originally piloted in Quezon City, the course equips barangay leaders with the knowledge and tools to design, implement, and sustain youth development programs. Building on the pilot's success, the program has now been expanded to reach other localities—a recognition of its importance in shaping youth-responsive governance.

Training of Trainers (TOT): Scaling Impact.

To ensure sustainability and wider adoption, Training of Trainers (TOT) sessions were conducted in 2024 in Pasig City (through the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Pasig) and Angeles City (through the City College of Angeles).

These sessions prepared faculty members and local trainers to localize the BLeSDS course, aligning it with their respective community contexts. By capacitating educators and local partners, the TOT model ensures that the program can be implemented beyond Quezon City and adapted across different socio-political landscapes.



2 TOT sites in 2024
Pasig (PLPasig) & Angeles (CCA)



4 core trainings
Youth governance, Program design,
Resource mobilization, M&E
frameworks



Localizing the Course

The localization of the BLeSDS curriculum highlights the flexibility of the program. While its core framework remains consistent—centered on governance, youth engagement, and systems-based solutions—barangays and partner institutions have been able to customize modules to address unique challenges, such as:

Varying OSY profiles and barriers to education, different employment and livelihood opportunities available in local economies, and specific community resources and institutional networks. This approach ensures that the program is not only replicable but also responsive to local needs.

Building Capacities for OSY Development

The program trains barangay leaders in: youth governance and development planning, evidence-based program design, resource mobilization and partnership building, and monitoring and evaluation frameworks for OSY programs.

Leaders are encouraged to integrate OSY initiatives into barangay development plans, link with private and civic organizations, and create pathways for education, employment, and entrepreneurship.

Alignment with the SDGs

The BLeSDS program aligns with global development priorities, particularly:

- SDG 4: Quality Education – by creating inclusive educational pathways for OSYs,
- SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth – by equipping youth with entrepreneurial and employable skills, and
- SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities – by strengthening community systems to support vulnerable youth.

By spearheading the expansion of BLeSDS and serving as the lead academic partner, QCU strengthens its role as a national hub for social innovation and youth empowerment. With the support of USAID and partner cities, the program continues to empower leaders, uplift OSYs, and foster community resilience across the Philippines.

AWARDS NIGHT

GABI NG PAGPAPARANGAL SA PAGPUPUNYAGI AT PAG-ALPAS



Award-Winning Leadership in Youth Empowerment

On November 20, 2024, Quezon City University (QCU) was honored with two major awards at the USAID Opportunity 2.0 Youth and Partners Summit 2024 held on November 13–14 at Novotel Araneta, Quezon City, winning the Most Innovative Extension Program Award for its Sagip OSY project under the BLeSDS program, recognized for its impact on out-of-school youth (OSY) and its support for underdeveloped groups through employment, entrepreneurship, civic engagement, and urban agriculture.

- Most Outstanding Youth Champion – NCR Hub – jointly awarded to QCU and the Quezon City LGU, with Mayor Joy Belmonte, Councilor Aly Medalla, and RMO Director Angelito Bautista receiving the award on behalf of QCU President Dr. Theresita V. Atienza

These recognitions affirm QCU's strong leadership in youth empowerment and innovative community development.



10,689
Total Students Enrolled



588
Students with work placements
longer than 1 month