

# GENERAL EDUCATION

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## General Education Mission

TMCC provides a coherent curriculum that consists of a rigorous foundation of interrelated academic and applied experiences that introduce students to diverse ways of thinking and of understanding the world.

## General Education Competencies

**Communications** - *Includes the ability to listen, speak, and write competently so as to gain skills to interact effectively with others; and to read with comprehension.*

**Critical Thinking** - *Includes the ability to grasp complexities, relationships, similarities and differences; to draw inferences and conclusions; to identify and troubleshoot problems; to collect and identify data to formulate and test solutions; and to identify how individual values and perceptions influence decision making.*

**Information Literacy** - *Includes the ability to understand information technology; use applications as tools; and to evaluate the applicability and validity of information.*

**People & Cultural Awareness** - *Includes the ability to develop a broad understanding of linguistic, political, social, environmental, religious, and economic systems; to attain skills to function effectively as responsible, ethical community members; and to learn to value, respect and critique the aesthetic and creative process.*

**Quantitative Reasoning** - *Includes the ability to use scientific reasoning skills including induction and deduction; to discern bias and subjectivity; to perform appropriate calculations; and to understand, evaluate, model and effectively use data.*

## General Education Requirements by Degree

General Education requirements reflect a classification of courses, by discipline, designed to meet the General Education Competencies. The requirements for the AA, AS, and AAS degrees correspond to those established in Title 4, Chapters 14 and 16 of the NSHE Board of Regents Handbook.

- Associate of Applied Science and Certificate of Achievement (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aas/>)
- Associate of Arts/Associate of Science (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/aa-as/>)
- Associate of General Studies (<http://catalog.tmcc.edu/degrees-certificates/general-education/ags/>)