

**General Education Outcomes**

General Education at Northwestern Michigan College promotes the acquisition of knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to function effectively in a changing world. General Education fosters intellectual curiosity, essential to lifelong learning.

To ensure students experience the benefits of our philosophy of general education, the faculty of Northwestern Michigan College commits to instilling these practices throughout the curriculum.

1. Communication

- a. Students will practice effective communication with an awareness of audience and a sense of purpose.
- b. This outcome includes these broad capabilities:
  - i. Understand, organize and express ideas using media appropriate to the discipline
  - ii. Use appropriate qualitative or quantitative information gathering and evaluating methods to support the communicative purpose
  - iii. Apply strategies, theories or technologies to communicate in one or more disciplines or professions

2. Critical Thinking

- a. Students will analyze their own thinking and the thinking of others in order to effectively identify and resolve issues.
- b. This outcome includes these broad capabilities
  - i. Identify issues and articulate a process to resolve them
  - ii. Construct arguments, evaluate claims, and develop conclusions using evidence and logic
  - iii. Demonstrate the ability to resolve issues in one or more disciplines or professions
  - iv. Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of diverse perspectives to academic and technical disciplines and to human communities generally

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