

**NEW General Education
Essential Learning Outcomes
for all KVCC graduates**

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1. **Critical Thinking** is a habit of mind characterized by the comprehensive exploration of issues, ideas, artifacts, and events before accepting or formulating an opinion or conclusion. (AAC&U)
2. **Problem Solving** is the process of defining the problem, designing, evaluating and implementing a strategy to answer a question, achieve a desired goal, or reach a solution. (AAC&U modified)
3. **Quantitative Reasoning** also known as Numeracy or Quantitative Literacy (QL) - is a habit of mind characterized as competency in working with numerical data. Individuals with QR skills possess the ability to reason and solve quantitative problems from a wide array of contexts. They understand and can create reasonable sophisticated arguments supported by quantitative evidence and they can clearly communicate those arguments in a variety of formats (using words, tables, graphs, mathematical equations, etc., as appropriate). (AAC&U modified)
4. **Effective Communication** is the transactional process of sending and receiving verbal, nonverbal, and visual symbols to create and share meanings based on form and purpose.

Students will demonstrate effective communication in **written communication**.

- **Written Communication** is the development and expression of ideas and information in writing. Written communication involves learning to work in many genres and styles. Written communication abilities develop through iterative experiences across the curriculum. (AAC&U modified)

And students will demonstrate effective communication in **one or more** of the following ways:

- **Oral Communication** is a prepared and delivered purposeful presentation designed to increase knowledge, to foster understanding, or to promote change in the listeners' attitudes, emotions, values, beliefs, or behaviors. (AAC&U modified)
- **Interpersonal Communication** is the process of message transaction between two or more people for developing and maintaining professional and personal relationships. (West & Turner; University Nebraska Lincoln)
- **Teamwork** consists of the behaviors under the control of individual team members (effort they put into team tasks, their manner of interacting with others on team, and the quantity and quality of contributions they make to team process) to achieve mutual goals. (AAC&U modified)