



Central New Mexico Community College

General Education Core Curriculum

CNM General Education Core Curriculum for Associate of Arts and Associate of Science Degrees

- **Communication** NM Gen Ed Transfer Core **Area I**
- **Math** NM Gen Ed Transfer Core **Area II**
- **Lab Science** NM Gen Ed Transfer Core **Area III**
- **Social/Behavioral Sciences** NM Gen Ed Transfer Core **Area IV**
- **Humanities & Fine Arts** NM Gen Ed Transfer Core **Area V**

- **Critical Thinking*** **CNM Gen Ed Requirement**
- **Life Skills/Teamwork/Professionalism*** **CNM Gen Ed Requirement**
- **Computer/Digital Literacy** **CNM Gen Ed Requirement**

* Addressed within degree programs without additional course work

NM HED Transfer Core Area Competencies

Assessment Cycle Plans Based on CNM General Education Student Learning Outcomes

- 2011
 - **SLOs** created by faculty teaching Gen Ed courses
 - **Assessment Cycle Plans** created based on SLOs
 - **Crosswalks** created for state reporting form

- 2015
 - **Student Academic Assessment Committee** led review of all SLOs
 - Adoption of NM HED Gen Ed Area SLOs effective fall 2016

CNM General Education Requirements

Student Learning Outcomes and Assessment

- 2011
 - Certificate and Degree Programs assess **Critical Thinking** and **Life Skills/Teamwork** SLOs
 - **Computer Literacy** SLOs assessed in a course (IT 1010)
 - Option for Programs to assess SLOs in coursework (2014)
- 2015
 - **Critical Thinking Skills** embedded in NM HED SLOs
 - **Professionalism Team** created after Employer Survey
 - **Computer/Digital Literacy** SLOs examined (2016)

What is valuable about the General Education Core?

Creates productive and effective members of the workforce

- Effective and appropriate **Communication** skills – **Area I**
- **Math** skills appropriate to the job – **Area II**
- **Analytical and procedural** skills appropriate to job – **Area III**
- Effective and appropriate **Social skills** – **Area IV** and **Area V**

- **Critical Thinking/Problem solving**
- **Life Skills/Teamwork/Professionalism**
- **Computer/Digital Literacy** appropriate to the job

What is valuable about the General Education Core?

Graduates can participate more fully and positively in the community

- **Communicate** and **Interact with**
 - Health care providers
 - Children's teachers
 - Neighbors
- **Solve problems** and use **Critical Thinking Skills**
 - Access Information and Services
 - Vote
 - Serve on community boards
 - Participate in community organizations
- Manage household **finances**
 - Save for retirement and for children's education
- Appreciate and support the **Arts**

Gen Ed Core
Competencies
complement one another

Science can tell you
how to clone a T Rex

Humanities can tell
you why this might be
a bad idea

