

A Prince George's Community College general education is designed to enhance intellectual competencies essential to the college learning process. This demanding process is a proactive, critical, self-correcting, and creative one that requires its practitioners to be self-directed, mindful, engaged, and imaginative. Since this process is valuable in and of itself as well as in terms of its results, learning how to learn and so thinking about how to think are essential to best choosing what to learn and think. General education at PGCC aims to elevate the whole person and thus enables its graduates to not simply meet college academic standards, but to succeed throughout their chosen career by being ethically responsible and civically engaged members of society in our culturally diverse world.

Students who successfully complete programs at PGCC will be critical thinkers who will be able to:

1. Write and speak at the college level in standard English
2. Read and analyze college-level materials
3. Recognize the need for information and locate, evaluate the validity of, and effectively use this information
4. Comprehend mathematical concepts and methods and engage in quantitative reasoning to interpret, analyze, and solve problems
5. Explain natural processes and analyze issues using appropriate evidence, employing the principles of the biological, physical, and behavioral sciences
6. Analyze the principles of the social sciences and differentiate among the core values and traditions of various cultures within the global environment
7. Comprehend the nature and value of the fine, literary, and performing arts and relate them to human experiences
8. Utilize computer software and other technologies to enhance college-level learning and communication
9. Evaluate ethical principles and prioritize them within professional and personal decision-making