

Assessment and Competencies

Assessment

MVCC is committed to and conducts assessment activities to obtain information for the improvement of student learning, programs, services, and the overall effectiveness of the College. These activities may include surveys and questionnaires, exams, focus groups, research projects, and standardized tests. Members of the College community are expected to participate. MVCC Principles of Assessment can be found on the Assessment page of the [MVCC Institutional Effectiveness website](#).

Competencies

The College is committed to providing opportunity for students to gain knowledge and to use it effectively. To accomplish this goal, degree and certificate candidates will follow a course of study that addresses the competencies listed below. The course of study lays the groundwork for further learning. Students are expected to be responsible partners in the learning process.

By the time of program completion, students will have demonstrated, at a level appropriate to their degree or certificate, the ability to:

I. Communicate effectively with others.

Students will:

1. Produce coherent texts meeting standards appropriate to academic programs.
2. Demonstrate the ability to understand and use the language of their academic programs.
3. Effectively use the oral discourse of the academic program.
4. Research a topic and develop an oral or written argument and evaluate an oral presentation according to established criteria..

II. Organize information, evaluate alternatives, distinguish fact from opinion, and reach logical conclusions.

Students will:

1. Effectively frame questions and develop hypotheses
2. Obtain, evaluate, and organize information.
3. Research and present logical conclusions.

III. Interact effectively within a diverse society.

Students will:

1. Demonstrate an awareness of and respect for the differences among individuals and for other cultures in the global society.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of how different cultures interact in the global society.
3. Appropriately participate with diverse groups and with individuals with different points of view.

IV. Think logically and solve quantitative problems by using various computational and other mathematical techniques.

Students will:

1. Express mathematical information symbolically, visually, numerically, and verbally.

2. Use mathematical processes to solve quantitative problems and draw reasonable conclusions.
3. Interpret and draw inferences from mathematical models such as formulas, graphics, tables, and schematics.

V. Identify and locate information from a variety of sources and understand the related legal and ethical uses.

Students will:

1. Use traditional and contemporary information technology.
2. Identify, access, and appropriately use authoritative sources of information.

Preparation for the Global Community

In the classroom and the broader community, the College emphasizes an appreciation of individual differences. These include, but are not limited to race, ethnicity, cultural background, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic class, academic ability and interest, age, religious background and belief, and physical ability. The College recognizes that students need to understand how different cultures interact and must be appreciated in the world today. The College holds a global view that perceives the interconnectedness of technological, ecological, economic, social, health, and political issues that must be understood and addressed from an international perspective. Students will develop an intercultural awareness and respect for other points of view and will be prepared to participate in an increasingly global community.