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General education is that portion of the collegiate experience that addresses the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and values characteristic of educated persons. It is unbounded by disciplines and honors the connections among bodies of knowledge. Required areas of general education for PDCCC degree-seeking students include: communication, critical thinking, cultural and social understanding, information literacy, personal development, quantitative reasoning, and scientific reasoning. Goals for each include:

- **Communication:** Interact with others using all forms of communication, resulting in understanding and being understood.
- **Critical Thinking:** Evaluate evidence carefully and apply reasoning to decide what to believe and how to act.
- **Information Literacy:** Recognize when information is needed and have the ability to locate, evaluate, and use it effectively.
- **Quantitative Reasoning:** Possess the skills and knowledge necessary to apply the use of logic, numbers, and mathematics to deal effectively with common problems and issues.
- **Scientific Reasoning:** Adhere to a self-correcting system of inquiry (the scientific method) and rely on empirical evidence to describe, understand, predict, and control natural phenomena.
- **Cultural and Social Understanding:** Possess an awareness, understanding, and appreciation of the interconnectedness of the social and cultural dimensions within and across local, regional, state, national, and global communities.
- **Personal Development:** Strive for physical well-being and emotional maturity.