

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Core Competencies

COMMUNICATION—Students will read, write, speak, and listen effectively.

QUANTITATIVE REASONING—Students will compute accurately, correctly apply mathematical concepts and reasoning, and will correctly interpret, analyze, organize, and display numerical data.

CRITICAL THINKING—Students will actively reflect on, reason about, and form independent judgments on a variety of ideas and information, and use these skills to guide their beliefs and actions.

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY—Students will demonstrate an awareness of the responsibilities of intelligent citizenship in a diverse and pluralistic society, and will demonstrate cultural, global, and environmental awareness.

TECHNOLOGICAL AND INFORMATION FLUENCY—Students will demonstrate computer fluency, and will be able to retrieve, organize, analyze, and evaluate information using both technological and traditional means.

PERSONAL SKILLS—Students will demonstrate an awareness of ethics, values, and personal responsibility, and an ability to understand and manage themselves and their commitments.

INTERPERSONAL SKILLS—Students will demonstrate an ability to maintain personal and professional relationships, engage in meaningful teamwork, and resolve conflicts.

APPLIED KNOWLEDGE—Students will demonstrate an understanding of, and apply, bodies of knowledge within and across disciplines.

CREATIVITY AND AESTHETIC APPRECIATION—Students will demonstrate an understanding and appreciation of the creative process, and an ability to think and express ideas creatively.

The Core Competencies are an outgrowth of the BCC General Education Goals and are intended as guidelines for the development of student learning objectives at the course and program levels. They are consistent with the Middle States Association's 2002 *Characteristics of Excellence* and the AAUP's *Statement of Principles on Academic Freedom and Tenure*.