

CANADORE COLLEGE
OPERATIONAL POLICY MANUAL

TITLE: General Education

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 1, 2015

1. SCOPE

1.1 Authority

This policy is issued under the authority of the President.

1.2 Application

This policy applies to College Certificate, Ontario College Certificate, Ontario College Diploma, Ontario College Advanced Diploma, and Ontario College Graduate Certificate programs.

2. PURPOSE AND PRINCIPLES

Purpose

2.1 The College is accountable to ensure that all approved programs meet the General Education requirement for programs as stipulated in the Ministry of Training, Colleges and Universities (MTCU) Binding Policy Directive entitled *Framework for Programs of Instruction*. This policy provides guidance to ensure compliance with the Binding Policy Directive.

2.2 The purpose of General Education in the Ontario college system is to contribute to the development of citizens who are conscious of the diversity, complexity, and richness of the human experience; who are able to establish meaning through this consciousness; and, who, as a result, are able to contribute thoughtfully, creatively, and positively to the society in which they live and work (*Framework for Programs of Instructions, MTCU*). This policy provides guidance to ensure that the College's general education courses are consistent with the Ministry's stated purpose.

Principles

2.3 General Education strengthens students' generic skills, for example, critical analysis, problem solving, and communication, in the context of an exploration of topics with broad-based personal and/or societal importance.

2.4 General Education is an essential and integral element of effective and comprehensive college programming.

2.5 General Education courses are designed to enhance students' learning experiences.

3. POLICY

3.1 Postsecondary programs of study comply with Ministry policies by including General Education courses using a combination of mandated and elective courses. A minimum of one elective course is required in diploma and advanced diploma programs. The elective course(s) are to be delivered online.

General Education Requirement	Program Credential				
	College Certificate	Ontario College Certificate	Ontario College Diploma	Ontario College Advanced Diploma	Ontario College Graduate Certificate
Number of courses required using a combination of	0	1*	3 to 5	3 to 5	0

* may be mandated or elective

- 3.2 General Education courses are equivalent to approximately 42 hours.
- 3.3 General Education courses should not have pre-requisites, nor should they be pre-requisites to other courses in the program.
- 3.4 General Education courses are **discrete** courses that address one or more of the five General Education course themes as defined by the Minister's Binding Policy Directive *Framework for Programs of Instruction: Arts in Society, Civic Life, Social and Cultural Understanding, Personal Understanding, and Science and Technology*.
- 3.5 Each General Education course, whether mandated or elective, undergoes an approval process to ensure that it meets the criteria for a General Education course.
- 3.6 The College publishes a list of approved General Education courses mapped to the General Education themes.

4. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

4.1 President

The President is responsible for the overall management and operation of the College. The President ensures that the policy is implemented and that compliance is monitored.

4.2 Vice President Academic

The Vice President Academic is responsible for the effective implementation of this policy and is to resolve any disputes arising over policy interpretation.

5. EVALUATION

This policy shall be reviewed every three years.