BP 4025   PHILOSOPHY AND CRITERIA FOR ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND GENERAL EDUCATION

References:
Title 5, Section 55061;
ACCJC Accreditation Standard 2

Cerritos College shall offer an array of general education coursework to students so that they may learn concepts and methods of inquiry that have breadth, depth, and relevance to their lives. The general education curriculum includes coursework from the liberal arts, humanities, science, mathematics, arts, and social sciences disciplines. Possession of knowledge from these disciplines will contribute to personal growth, professional development, and citizenship by increasing students' awareness of the past, present, and future and by developing their creative, adaptive, and critical thinking abilities. The general education curriculum will provide students with opportunities to:

- Develop a lifestyle that will enhance physical and mental health and wellness;

- Develop logical and cogent arguments, reaching conclusions that are based on comprehensive inquiry;

- Adapt and apply technology to facilitate the acquisition and effective use of information;

- Communicate clearly and proficiently through both oral and written expression;

- Enhance the appreciation of artistic offerings;

- Become informed citizens and problem-solvers to deal with current and future societal issues;

- Appreciate the contributions of different cultures, eras, and traditions to the human experience; and

- Develop an appreciation for the value of ethics, integrity, honesty, self-management, and the welfare of others.

The President/Superintendent shall establish procedures to assure that courses used to meet general education and associate degree requirements meet the standards in this policy. The procedures shall provide for appropriate Faculty Senate involvement.

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