Important General Education Learning Outcomes—adopted by College Council March 2013

New York City College of Technology aspires to be a living laboratory where General Education

- is represented by a mutually accepted core of knowledge, skills, and values that permeate all courses, not only in the liberal arts and sciences, but across the majors.
- makes rich use of the physical, historical, economic, and cultural aspects of our location in a diverse urban community
- stresses active learning and creative problem solving
- encourages engagement in personal, professional, and civic communities
- integrates theory/ knowledge and hands- on/ application
- maintains a global focus/ perspective
- is communications intensive

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KNOWLEDGE	Breadth of knowledge
Develop knowledge from a range of	 Value knowledge and learning
disciplinary perspectives, and	 Understand and appreciate the range of academic disciplines and their relationship to the fields of
develop the ability to deepen and	professional and applied study.
continue learning.	 Use the arts, sciences and humanities as a forum for the study of values, ethical principles, and the physical
	world.
	Depth of knowledge
	 Engage in an in-depth, focused, and sustained program of study
	 Pursue disciplined, Inquiry-based learning in the major.
	Lifelong learning
	Show curiosity and the desire to learn.
	 Acquire tools for lifelong learning—how to learn, how they learn, knowledge of resources.
SKILLS	Communication
Acquire and use the tools needed	• Communicate in diverse settings and groups, using written (both reading and writing), oral (both speaking
for communication, inquiry,	and listening), and visual means, and in more than one language.
analysis, and productive work.	Inquiry/ Analysis
	Derive meaning from experience, as well as gather information from observation.
	Understand and employ both quantitative and qualitative analysis to describe and solve problems, both
	independently and cooperatively.
	Employ scientific reasoning and logical thinking.
	• Use creativity to solve problems.

INTEGRATION Work productively within and across disciplines.	Information Literacies Gather, interpret, evaluate, and apply information discerningly from a variety of sources.
	Systems Understand and navigate systems
	 Integrate Learning Resolve difficult issues creatively by employing multiple systems and tools. Make meaningful and multiple connections among the liberal arts and between the liberal arts and the areas of study leading to a major or profession.
VALUES, ETHICS, AND	Professional/Personal Development
RELATIONSHIPS	 Demonstrate Intellectual honesty and personal responsibility.
Understand and apply values,	 Discern consequences of decisions and actions
ethics, and diverse perspectives in	 Demonstrate intellectual agility and the ability to manage change.
personal, professional, civic, and	 Work with teams, including those of diverse composition. Build consensus.
cultural/global domains.	Respect and use creativity.
	Ethics/Values
	 Transform information into knowledge, and knowledge into judgment and action.
	Assume responsibility for social justice
	Community/Civic Engagement
	 Demonstrate social and civic knowledge [regarding social, political, economic, and historical issues].
	 Understand organizations and histories underlying government in global context
	 Apply knowledge and analyze social, political, economic, and historical issues.
	Show ability to contribute actively by applying knowledge to the identification and analysis of societal and professional problems to enact solutions.
	Global/ Multicultural Orientation
	 Demonstrate expanded cultural and global awareness and sensitivity.
	 Discern multiple perspectives.
	 Use awareness of cultural differences to bridge cultural and linguistic barriers.
	 Demonstrate proficiencies and capacities in dealing with a diverse society.
	 Communicate across cultural and linguistic barriers.