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- Diversity and Cultural Awareness
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What Are Good General Education Outcomes?

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Levels of SLOs

- Levels 1, 2, and 3
- Levels 4, 5, and 6
- Levels 7 and above

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What Affects Good General Education Outcomes
- Grade Point Average
- Participation in community service
- Employability

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Create workable goals for assessment at different levels that are observable and measurable.

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"WCCCD Philosophy of General Education" adopted by faculty in 1997 outline specific learning outcomes that serve as the foundation for curriculum development and what students learn upon completion of a credential.

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What Makes Good General Education Outcomes

- Clearly stated and specific
- Observable
- Measurable
- Relevant and attainable
- Aligned and tailored to curriculum
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- Critical thinking
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- Civic Responsibility
- Information Literacy
- Diversity and Cultural Awareness and Sensitivity
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