

SUBJECT	General Education Procedure New Academic Program Development Policy #A-25
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1. A minimum number of discrete general education courses is required for Ontario College Diploma and Advanced Diploma programs. When an Ontario College Certificate is an exit point for a Diploma or Advanced Diploma program, there is a requirement for a minimum of at least one general education course in the Certificate, otherwise, this may be locally determined.
2. Program maps identify the semester in which a student must take a general education course, or where a prescribed general education course exists in the program of study.
3. A central repository of general education courses is maintained by Academic Operations and is accessible through a common server.
4. In support of Northern College's commitments within the Strategic Plan and the Indigenous Services and Initiatives Strategy, students must take a minimum of one general education course in an Indigenous specific subject area (e.g., culture, history, contemporary issues, etc.).
5. General education courses support students in expanding their awareness of the society and culture(s) in which they live and work and are designed with learning outcomes that broaden a student's perspective of the world around them, outside of their vocational field of study. General education courses must be outside a student's primary field of study and meet the purposes and themes of the General Education Requirement as outlined in Appendix A.
6. For full details on the General Education Requirements for Ontario College Credentials, please refer to the [Framework for Programs of Instruction](#), Appendix C.

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