

SuccessAbilities

Assessment is the defining measure of teaching and learning effectiveness. Western encourages a variety of assessment techniques to recognize the many different learning and teaching styles within the college community. The expected outcomes are closely tied to the expectations of the community, as evident in the need for an educated citizenry and workforce. The College defines academic effectiveness in terms of student success and is committed to using results to continually improve instruction.

Through extensive research and wide stakeholder involvement, the College has incorporated aspects of soft-skills, employability skills, and college and career readiness skills with the development of world class technical skills in the creation of our *SuccessAbilities*. Additionally, each program has identified specific and measurable Program Outcomes stated in behavior terms. All students are assessed in terms of how well they have mastered the Program Outcomes and the *SuccessAbilities*, which are integrated throughout the curriculum.

Western prepares students for success in a free-enterprise society through human experiences that integrate:

Living Responsibly

Challenges you to adapt to change, respect yourself and others, value the environment, accept ownership of your actions, and grow your community. You will be successful as you:

- Develop Resilience
- Embrace Sustainability
- Foster Accountability

Refining Professionalism

Challenges you to think and communicate as a professional, value collaboration and diversity, and behave ethically. You will be successful as you:

- Improve Critical Thinking
- Practice Effective Communication
- Participate Collaboratively
- Act Ethically

Cultivating Passion

Challenges you to find your purpose and be curious, practice self-reflection, and genuinely connect with others. You will be successful as you:

- Expand a Growth Mindset
- Increase Self-Awareness
- Enhance Personal Connections