

INSTITUTIONAL LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILOS/4CS)

The Community College of Aurora has identified the following institutional outcomes that are the foundation of your course of study at CCA: Career and Transfer Readiness, Communication, Critical Thinking, and Civic Engagement. These outcomes are embedded within academic programs and co-curricular programs. For more information, visit the [CCA Assessment webpage](#).

Career and Transfer Readiness

Career and transfer readiness is the ability to adapt, commit to lifelong learning, and demonstrate knowledge and skills applicable in a global economy for successful transition into the workplace or continued coursework.

Students will be able to:

- Use digital tools to locate, access, and apply information to solve problems.
- Demonstrate the knowledge and skills necessary to succeed in their chosen pathway.
- Articulate their experiences, strengths, and areas for growth in relation to a chosen career.
- Exhibit skills necessary to contribute to safe, equitable, and productive spaces at work or school.

Communication

Communication is the ability to express, impart, or exchange feelings, thoughts, opinions, and information.

Students will be able to:

- Speak or write clearly and effectively in a variety of contexts and formats.
- Present and advance evidence in support of a position.
- Collaborate to develop and complete projects.
- Create a final product meeting the needs of a specific purpose and an intended audience.

Critical Thinking

Critical thinking is the ability to analyze and evaluate information, evidence, arguments, and theories from multiple perspectives for use in the development of an opinion or conclusion.

Students will be able to:

- Identify and evaluate key questions or issues.
- Collect, analyze, and critically evaluate data and evidence.

- Evaluate the effectiveness of possible solutions from multiple perspectives.
- Synthesize and use evidence and context to present a position.

Civic Engagement

Civic engagement is the ability to participate in the political, social, cultural, and community life of society with the goal of improving conditions for others and contributing to the public good.

Students will be able to:

- Identify opportunities for civic participation in political, social, cultural, or community contexts.
- Analyze how civic engagement contributes to the public good and addresses societal challenges.
- Apply civic knowledge in a real-world setting and reflect on its impact on the community and personal growth.
- Communicate effectively with diverse groups to promote civic awareness and collaboration.
- Participate in the political process through activities such as voting, campaigning, voter registration drives, etc.