The Isothermal Distinction

Students who complete programs at Isothermal Community College are expected to be able to function effectively as contributing citizens of our society. Our programs, regardless of their content areas, are designed to enable graduates to achieve the following general competencies:

- Communicate effectively through writing and oral or visual presentations
- Understand how to locate, access, evaluate, and use information effectively and ethically
- Analyze problems and make logical conclusions
- Demonstrate quantitative competencies
- Demonstrate basic technology skills
- Demonstrate skills relevant to their chosen occupations

Achieving these competencies requires a two-fold commitment involving the satisfaction of certain expectations on the part of both Isothermal and its students.

Isothermal also fosters an awareness of global, political, social, economic, and historical perspectives and encourages the development of interpersonal skills through cooperative learning and group interaction.

What Students Can Expect of Isothermal

In their commitment to learning and to the achievement of a true learning-centered community, Isothermal personnel will:

- Meet student needs by demonstrating professional, friendly, and courteous service in all aspects of student life
- Maintain high professional and academic standards
- Serve as role models in the development of leadership skills
- Respect diversity and treat all students fairly
- Be available to students and helpful with student problems
- Communicate clear learning objectives and expected outcomes
- Provide timely feedback in the assessment of learning outcomes
- Stay current in subject matter
- Practice effective teaching/learning strategies that promote critical thinking

What Isothermal Expects of Students

In their commitment to learning, students will:

- Accept responsibility for learning
- Attend and participate in all classes
- Complete required exercises and assignments as directed
- Develop a time management plan that includes adequate time for study
- Maintain an open-minded attitude toward learning
- Strive to become independent critical thinkers
- Seek help as needed from appropriate sources
- Be respectful and considerate of others
- Assume responsibility for knowing and adhering to all college policies
- Acknowledge that learning how to learn is the ultimate objective of education
- Recognize that struggle and discomfort often precede the rewards that accompany goal completion and success

With this commitment on the part of all concerned, an exciting partnership will grow and thrive, thus creating a community of learners whose mission is to improve life through learning.
**Isothermal’s Vision**

To be the benchmark for excellence in learning, innovation, service, and economic development

**Vivid Description**

- Preparing learners for future success in a career, further education, and personal enrichment
- Providing cutting edge learning and technology
- Providing choices in support services and delivery methods
- Supporting professional development opportunities
- Involving the learner in his or her own learning process(es)
- Encouraging and modeling the effective and sustainable utilization of resources
- Working collaboratively with public education, and the community in meeting local educational goals
- Establishing partnerships to advance excellence in learning
- Maintaining a reputation of excellence that ensures the prestige of our graduates
- Encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit across all levels of the college

**Isothermal’s Values**

In improving life through learning, we recognize and accept our pivotal leadership role by valuing:

- a shared commitment to the well-being and enrichment of individuals
- lifelong opportunities for personal and professional growth
- responsibility as a catalyst for positive economic development, innovation, community growth, creativity, and the arts
- a climate of integrity, accountability, and respect for individuals
- a culture of collaboration and communication
- achievement realized through perseverance, critical thinking and personal responsibility for learning
- diversity and the exchange of ideas
- excellence in programs and services
- assessment and the spirit of reflection
- the elimination of barriers to learning
- the learning college culture

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