



General Education Goals (GEG)

Tohono O'odham Community College Board of Trustees approved four GEG in 2004, which were developed by Faculty Senate, the Himdag Committee, administration, and other invested stakeholders. The GEG convey what a graduate from TOCC should know from the time they begin their educational journey at TOCC to the time they graduate and set out fulfilling their academic dreams and/or beginning their new career. The General Education Goals are as follows:

Gewkdag – *Gewkdag* is the strength derived from learning and practicing one's Himdag through T-Şo:şon (our core values). T- Şo:şon serves as foundational values that can be applied to academic and life experiences. These values serve to guide, build and empower students to succeed in an ever-changing society. (The rubric is ideally designed for the Tohono O'odham Studies Program, Tohono O'odham History and Language courses. The scoring is designed to meet all levels of competency. The level of Himdag knowledge should be culturally engaging and inviting to the audience.

Interpersonal Skills involves the ability to guide, involve others, and work cooperatively to accomplish tasks. It also refers to respecting the unique character and history of the world's peoples, maintaining personal courage and integrity, and having the capacity to understand critically, value and appreciate diverse perspectives, including how living things relate to one another, as well as spiritual, communal, traditional, and ceremonial dimensions.

Critical Thinking refers to skills in applying abstract, critical and creative thinking to practical situations. It also refers to the capacity to envision larger relationships, orders, or systems when solving problems. It involves comparing, contrasting and evaluating statements using logic, intuition, different points of view, identifying assumptions and implications, leading to a synthesis of one's own views.



Communication includes effective reading, writing, speaking, listening, and using information technology to express ideas clearly and appropriately for different audiences. It includes artistic expression.