Honolulu Community College defines the following six core competencies as its Institutional Learning Outcomes:

1) Critical Thinking – Effectively analyze arguments, assumptions, and problems and draw conclusions.

2) Information Literacy – Form strategies to locate, evaluate, and apply information, and know the ethical and legal issues surrounding information and information technology.

3) Effective Communication – Actively express and exchange ideas through listening, speaking, reading, writing, and other modes of interpersonal expression.

4) Quantitative Reasoning – Effectively analyze numerical data, solve quantitative problems, and apply mathematical concepts.

5) Career Preparation – Demonstrate knowledge and skills to successfully move to a baccalaureate education or selected vocation.

6) Community Awareness and Social Responsibility – Demonstrate and apply an understanding of moral and ethical issues that pertain to the environment, social justice, and cultural diversity.