Habits of Mind

The following qualities or habits of mind have been identified by experts in the field of post-secondary education as important for success in college and beyond.

Habits of mind: These are qualities that students already have or can develop through practice that will aid them in learning in college and on the job.

* 1. Curiosity: The desire to know more about the world.
  2. Openness: The willingness to consider new ways of being and thinking in the   
      world.
  3. Engagement: A sense of investment and involvement in learning.
  4. Creativity: The ability to use novel approaches for generating, investigating, and   
      representing ideas.
  5. Persistence: The ability to sustain interest in and attention to short- and long-term   
      projects.
  6. Responsibility: The ability to take ownership of one’s actions and understand the   
      consequences of those actions for oneself and others.
  7. Flexibility: The ability to adapt to situations, expectations, or demands.

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