

# Graduate Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

**Preamble:** As a theological college in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, NTC is committed to genuine transformation of all our students, knowing that God desires to make us into a holy people. We believe that this journey toward holiness must be holistic, and that formal education can be a vital part of one's growth. The below stated GLOs are the *telos* (or goal) for our graduates. Students should not be discouraged if they do not currently embody these attributes or if at the end of their formal studies they are not 'experts' in these areas. Instead, we understand our students and graduates are often beginner practitioners who are putting these attributes into practice throughout their studies and who will continue to increase their capacity for sustained growth and ministry as they leave this place to serve in a variety of different settings.

### Proven Award-Specific Knowledge, Skills, and Application

Guided by the criteria of the award and appropriate to the level of study, graduates have gained knowledge, skills, and the ability to apply these in life and ministry.

# An Established Capability for Critical Thinking and Problem Solving

Graduates can wrestle with complex issues and find (innovative) solutions to real-world problems (within a Wesleyan-Holiness framework). They can critically reflect, ask probing questions, analyse material, evaluate differing positions, support arguments, contextualise information and application, adapt to change, strategize, incorporate new perspectives, and create. They have also gained a level of digital literacy that enables them to utilise technology to navigate and manage information as part of their critical thinking and problem solving.

### An Effective Communicator

The skills of oral, written, digital, and interpersonal communication have been developed and can be used to engage in formal and informal conversations. Graduates can communicate at an appropriate level, depth, and form to meet the needs of the task and of their audience. They practice active listening, compassion, and generosity in all their interactions.



#### A Broadened Worldview

Graduates are global citizens. They have gained an awareness and appreciation for different cultures and how these impact understanding, communication, and application. Exposure to a diverse student body with differing ways of thinking, believing, and acting, has broadened perspectives on the world and on the Church.

### A Gracious Capacity for Teamwork

Having shared the educational journey with others, graduates have embraced the importance of community and of working together toward the completion of shared and individual goals. They can collaborate with people who think and act differently from themselves and practice compromise for the greater good. They do so in ways that edify one another and exemplify grace and love for the other.

### **Evidencing Holistic Personal Transformation**

Graduates have embraced spiritual growth and character formation as a vital part of their educational journey. They have also learned the importance of caring for their physical and mental wellbeing. They are more confident of their identity in Christ, embody a life of holy love, and have established patterns of self-evaluation and self-discipline. They have a teachable spirit, have put structures of accountability in place, know their limitations, and are able to ask for help.

# **Embodying a Kingdom Perspective**

Having experienced the love of God firsthand, graduates see the world from the perspective of a loving God who redeems all of creation through Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit. They have joined with God in a mission of reconciliation and restoration, which includes valuing every person, practicing justice, caring for God's creation, and compassionate love for others, especially those most in need.

# A Commitment to Growth and Lifelong Learning

A commitment to lifelong learning and continuous growth both intellectually and spiritually motivates graduates to better themselves and the world around them by continuing to foster a natural curiosity and a passion for ever-deepening understanding.