Information Competency Graduation Requirement @ VVC

Student FAQs

What is it?
"Information competency is the ability to find, evaluate, use and communicate information in all its various formats. It combines aspects of library literacy, research methods and technological literacy. Information competency includes consideration of the ethical and legal implications of information and requires the application of both critical thinking and communication skills." (Adopted by ASCCC, Spring 1998)

What do I do next?
1. Go to the VVC Library, locate the Reference Desk and tell the Librarian that you were sent by Counseling to complete the Information Competency graduation requirement. The Librarian will provide you with a workbook and help you get started.
2. You may complete this requirement any time that the Library is open.
3. It can take up to 1 ½ hours to complete.
4. Your workbook is graded and a copy of the results are forwarded to Admissions & Records.
5. You will need to complete the Information Competency workbook with a passing grade of 70% or higher.

It’s a good idea to complete the information competency requirement early, because the skills you learn are applicable to every VVC course which requires a research paper. Students who do more effective research will write a better research paper, which directly relates to student success!

Why do we require it?
- Effective research skills helps students to be more successful in college
- Universities expect transfer students to have information competency skills when they transfer into the university
- The ability to find, evaluate, use and communicate information is a critical skill for students entering the workforce

For additional questions or current Library hours:
Call (760) 245-4271 (ext. 2262) or visit the Library website at http://library.vvc.edu

Students located out of the area may complete an online tutorial. Contact Leslie Huiner (x2321 or leslie.huiner@vvc.edu) or Yvonne Reed (x2393 or yvonne.reed@vvc.edu) for further assistance.