

## **Harris-Stowe State University Hallmarks of Student Learning and Development**

In pursuit of its mission, Harris-Stowe State University is dedicated to promoting student growth in five areas which are regarded as the “hallmarks” of student learning and development: effective communication skills, interpersonal growth, critical thinking, workplace readiness, and an understanding of and appreciation for diversity.

### **Effective Communication Skills**

By developing effective communication skills, students will be able to express and exchange ideas, concepts, and perspectives using methods appropriate for the audience and situation.

### **Interpersonal Growth**

Through continual learning, students will be able to develop and assess their value systems, make ethical decisions, build healthy professional and personal relationships, and contribute to their community.

### **Critical Thinking**

By integrating a broad educational foundation with in-depth knowledge of a field of study, students will be able to manage information, analyze and solve real-world problems, construct meaningful connections, learn from their experiences, and apply their learning to new situations.

### **Workplace Readiness**

As a result of their educational experiences, students will enter the global work force with confidence and professionalism, demonstrate competence in their respective fields, use technology appropriately and effectively, work as productive members of a team, commit to continuous professional growth, and remain competitive in the job market.

### **Understanding of and Appreciation for Diversity**

As students are exposed to diverse ways of thinking and behaving, they will be able to recognize and value differences as well as develop and advance strategies for inclusion.