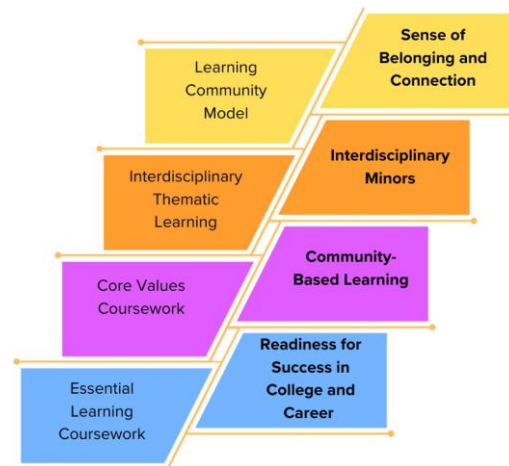


## Part 6. How Does the New GE Design Fit into the Larger Curricular Experience at Kean?

The proposed General Education redesign integrates into the broader curricular experience in several ways, as visualized and outlined below:



### Community Engagement Experiences → Community-Engaged Learning in Later Coursework

- Kean has made a significant investment in Community Engaged Learning.
- Early GE courses introduce students to community engagement through structured, experiential learning activities.
- Students develop skills in civic engagement, ethical reasoning, and intercultural competency.
- Later coursework in majors and interdisciplinary programs build upon these experiences, deepening community partnerships and fostering more complex, sustained engagement.
- Capstone courses and advanced projects encourage students to apply learned skills in real-world community settings, preparing them for active citizenship and professional roles.

### Thematic Curricula → Pathways to Interdisciplinary Minors

- Thematic GE courses are designed to encourage interdisciplinary thinking by integrating content across multiple disciplines.
- Students engage with themes that connect to existing minors, helping them see clear pathways to deeper study in interdisciplinary fields.

- This design fosters coherence in learning by linking GE coursework with upper-division electives and minor programs.
- Encourages students to build expertise across disciplines, enhancing their ability to tackle complex societal challenges.

#### Outcomes-Based Design & Learning Communities → NACE Career Readiness Competencies

- The GE curriculum is structured around clear learning outcomes, ensuring alignment with key competencies valued by employers.
- Learning communities provide structured support, peer collaboration, and mentorship, reinforcing essential skills such as teamwork, communication, and problem-solving.
- Outcomes-based assessments can track student progress in competencies such as critical and creative thinking, digital literacy, and leadership.
- The integration of these elements prepares students for career readiness by developing transferable skills applicable across industries.