

You belong here. But do you make others—internal and external customers—feel like they belong? This month’s focus showcases ELITE’s Customer Service Learning Pathway. As a pathway, you can take one class or more. If you complete all the classes, you will receive a certificate of learning in customer service and have sharpened your skills in helping others feel like they belong.

Customer Service - Learning Pathway FY24



Whether engaging with internal or external MC customers, excellent and effective service is expected. Providing service that brings value to the college and increases satisfaction in our jobs requires kindness, patience to work with complex demands, accurate information, and valuable communication skills. This pathway strengthens the ability to provide tactful service in a multilingual and diverse environment and helps you understand the services offered in other departments.

Learning Pathway classes required to earn a certificate:

Prevention:

- **Becoming Conflict Competent**
- Extraordinary Customer Service
- **Mindset for Wellness¹**

MC Internal Customer Service Providers:

- Community Engagement
- **Raptor Central**
- Workforce Development & Continuing Education

External Relations:

- Coaching for Great Customer Service
- Working with Difficult People³
- Effective Communications Across Cultures

Multilingual Environment:

- Bridging Multiple Languages, Accents, and Tones
- **Building Your Basic Amharic Skills**
- Practicing Customer Service in Spanish

1 Also in Equity and Inclusion LP 2 Also in Management LP 3 Also in Communication and Conflict LP 4 Also in Effective Committees LP

The pathway classes are available to all employees through MC Learns as individual classes as well. If you are interested in achieving the certificate, the table below will help you plan your schedule. Not all classes are offered yearly; it is at least a two-year plan.

Classes Scheduled for FY24:

Class name	Class Length and Format	Class Date(s) and Time
Mindset for Wellness	Half-day In-person	September 20, November 15 8:45 am – noon
Raptor Central Experience	Half-day In-person	January 9 1:00 – 4:15 pm
Becoming Conflict Competent	Half-day In-person	February 12 8:45 am - noon
Building Your Basic Amharic Skills	1.5 hours In-person	June 5 – 1:00 – 2:30 June 6 – 1:00 – 2:30
Classes not listed will be offered in FY25		

*A learning pathway is a series of identified classes that provide you with an in-depth exploration of a specific topic. When completed, a certificate of learning is awarded.

Customer Service Classes	Brief Class Description*
Becoming Conflict Competent <i>Facilitator: Nathalie Thompson</i>	Learn about sources of conflict and conflict resolution strategies. Using the Conflict Dynamics profile explore your current and desired ability to respond to conflict and engage in activities to develop your conflict-responding skills and abilities.
Bridging Multiple Languages, Accents, and Tones <i>Facilitator: Karla Silvestre</i>	Explore ways to overcome cultural and language barriers by practicing cross-cultural communication skills to interact effectively with people who are non-native English speakers.
Building Your Basic Spanish/Amharic Skills <i>Facilitators: MC staff</i>	Feel confident in using basic Spanish/Amharic for listening and speaking at MC. This class extends your ability to address frequently asked questions, make referrals, and recognize the need for translated materials.
Coaching for Great Customer Service <i>Facilitator: TBA</i>	Seasoned colleagues, and superb supervisors, model, teach and reward excellent customer service on a daily basis to ensure front-line staff provide up-to-date information, stay calm, work as a team, and avoid job burnout.
Community Engagement <i>Facilitator: Department Staff</i>	Understand the resources and skills offered by MC's Community Engagement team in order to make appropriate referrals and support MC's outreach to diverse populations.
Mindset for Wellness – Group Coaching <i>Facilitators: Nathalie Thompson</i>	Human communications can be tough emotional labor. Learn to manage stress, recognize internalized negativity, and enhance wellness and productivity through mindfulness insights and techniques. Each session will have a predefined theme from which participants will be able to gain insight into their own issues through group coaching sessions
Practicing Customer Service in Spanish <i>Facilitators: MC staff</i>	Practice typical client interactions at MC. Build your comprehension and ability to use Spanish confidently at work. Identify any need for additional language skills, translated materials, or managerial/supervisor support and teamwork.
Raptor Central Experience <i>Facilitators: Department Staff</i>	Engage with Raptor Central to learn about the services of this front-line student department and contribute to improving student engagement effectiveness at MC. Differentiate between services provided at Raptor Central and those provided at Records and Registration. Join us in improving the registration and student on-boarding experience.
WDCE Experience <i>Facilitators: Department Staff</i>	Learn about the available non-credit courses, certificates, and professional training options, as well as the grants, funding, and support services for students and families.
Welcome Centers <i>Facilitators: Department Staff</i>	Learn how the Centers handle walk-in customers who are prospective and current students, families, and campus or community visitors. Discuss when, how, and why they refer people to various units and how to collaborate smoothly across the College.
Working with Difficult People <i>Facilitator: James Boyle</i>	Examine types of difficult situations and explore strategies for dealing with people to attain a successful outcome.

Other Learning Pathways featured:

[Communication and Conflict](#)

[Communicating Professionally in the Workplace](#)

[The Valuable Employee](#)