

## **NORTHLAND COMMUNITY AND TECHNICAL COLLEGE**

### **2025 ABILITY TO BENEFIT**

In order to receive financial aid, federal regulations require students who do not have a high school diploma or GED to pass an independently administered “ability to benefit” test approved by the Department of Education. Students who pass the “ability to benefit” test may be considered for financial aid. Passing standards will be established by the U.S. Department of Education and published in the Federal Register.

In lieu of the “ability to benefit” test, students without a high school diploma or its equivalent may be eligible to receive Title IV funding upon satisfactory completion of six credit hours or the equivalent coursework that are applicable toward a degree or certificate offered by the institution. Students are ineligible to receive Title IV aid while earning the six credit hours.

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