**Generative Artificial Intelligence (GenAI) Assessment Statements for Students**

Below are statements that you can use so that your students are clear on what is permitted with respect to the use of genAI in course assessments. Adapt these as needed to suit your assessments.

#### Before we get started, a note on experimental use of genAI at Conestoga

The college continues to update its [guidelines](https://stuconestogacon.sharepoint.com.mcas.ms/sites/AIGuidance) for experimentation with genAI technologies in teaching and learning. Consult the [AI Experiment Form](https://stuconestogacon.sharepoint.com.mcas.ms/sites/AIGuidance/SitePages/AI-Intake-Form.aspx) if you are interested in exploring the experimental use of genAI as a Conestoga employee.

## Option #1: Totally Forbidden

Use of any form of generative artificial intelligence (genAI) is strictly forbidden throughout all stages of this assessment, including brainstorming, idea generation, outline formation, etc.

GenAI may include (but is not limited to) chatbots, coding tools and image/art generating tools, or other technologies that produce work for you. Using genAI in any capacity throughout the assessment process will be in violation of Conestoga’s [Academic Offences](https://www-assets.conestogac.on.ca/documents/www/about/policies/academic-administration/academic-offences-policy.pdf) policy under the category of Unauthorized Aids and Assistance (Cheating) or Copying from Others or Self Copying. The consequence of this violation is that an academic offence will be filed, with the severity of the penalty dependent on previous offences. In cases where you are unsure if something is considered genAI, always ask your professor before using.

NOTE: Grammarly is/is not permitted as an assistance technology for proofreading.

## Option #2: Some Leeway for Cited genAI Use

Use of generative artificial intelligence (genAI) platforms, including (but not limited to) chatbots, coding tools, and image/art generating tools are not permitted in the completion of this assessment, with the exception of:

1. Brainstorming and idea generation
2. Thesis refinement
3. Proofreading
4. **(Add/Remove components as desired)**

All genAI used to assist in the completion of the assessment should be cited as instructed in the evaluation description. (See this guide for citing genAI.) It is your responsibility to communicate with your professor if you have any questions about what is acceptable and what is not. If you are found to have used genAI in an unacceptable manner, you will be in violation of Conestoga’s [Academic Offences](https://www-assets.conestogac.on.ca/documents/www/about/policies/academic-administration/academic-offences-policy.pdf) policy, under the category of Unauthorized Aids and Assistance (Cheating) or Copying from Others or Self Copying. The consequence of this violation is that an academic offence will be filed, with the severity of the penalty dependent on previous offences.

NOTE: Use of any external genAI platforms is done at your own risk. You should only use personal devices and/or personal email accounts for this purpose.

## Option #3: Experimental Use

You are permitted to use generative artificial intelligence (genAI) to… (e.g., conduct initial brainstorming).

Note: Cyber security risks and the safe use of external platforms for genAI (including, but not limited to, chatbots, coding tools and image/art generating tools, or other technologies that produce work for you) are a major concern and must be taken very seriously. You are not permitted to use your College email address or College systems and computers to create accounts and/or use this emerging technology. If you choose to use these platforms on your personal devices, it is at your own risk. Use of genAI outside of this specific use is considered a violation of Conestoga’s [Academic Offences](https://www-assets.conestogac.on.ca/documents/www/about/policies/academic-administration/academic-offences-policy.pdf) policy under the category of Unauthorized Aids and Assistance (Cheating) or Copying from Others or Self Copying, and you will face an academic offence and an appropriate penalty will be applied. In cases where you are unsure if something is considered genAI, speak with your professor before using it.