The New Student Experience at Valencia College - Vision Statement

Valencia College provides a coordinated experience for all new students. The New Student Experience includes a required credit-earning course and provides an extended orientation to college, integrated student success skills, career and academic advising, which includes the development of an individualized education plan. We envision that the new student experience will result in curricular and co-curricular student engagement, leading to the successful completion of the first 15 college-level credits at Valencia. Wherever possible, the curricular aspects of the new student experience will be offered in partnership with faculty in academic and career programs.

Typical New Student Pathway

A student who …
… is new to college (fewer than 15 college level credits)
… is new to Valencia
… must learn how to navigate college
… needs help in clarifying his / her career and educational goals. This pathway leads to clearly articulated goals that are clearly connected to a plan.

The typical student pathway intended for First time in College (FTIC) / First Time at Valencia (FTAV) degree seeking students - 70% +/- require remediation in at least one area – reading, writing, or mathematics

Atypical New Student Pathway

A student who …
… is new to Valencia
… demonstrates successful navigation of college (completed a college degree)
… enters Valencia with a clear and deliberate educational plan

The atypical student pathway - For students that come to Valencia with clarity about their plan for college, the new student experience may be less prescriptive but is still focused on engagement with Valencia and the development of an educational plan. A true atypical student enters Valencia College with minimal new student obstacles.

Outcomes of the New Student Experience

Students will …
… successfully complete a college-credit bearing course designed to facilitate a comprehensive introduction to Valencia and the skills associated with success in college.
… develop an educational plan and course schedule to ensure timely success
… complete college-prep classes and be prepared for college-level work
… successfully complete the first 15 college-level credits at Valencia
… develop academic behaviors associated with success in college
… discover a plan for college as part of a purpose in life
… engage Valencia as a place for learning and community