

Qualifications and Characteristics

The successful candidate finds joy in working with and serving students, in leading an open-access institution and in thinking creatively and collaboratively about the challenges our students and our community face. Leading through humor, humility, empathy, listening, integrity and character, our next president will join a team passionate about who, where and why we serve. We seek a partner who cares deeply about what makes Valencia College unique.

The ideal candidate will be an experienced and innovative leader who is intellectually curious, takes informed risks, demonstrates strong execution skills and achieves results. We seek a partner who can lead the College to accomplish our goals, explore innovative strategies and solutions and inspire the community to a collaboratively developed vision for the future that capitalizes on the institution's history, values and commitment to outstanding education.

In addition to these qualities, the next president of Valencia College will bring many of the following qualifications and characteristics:

- Have a genuine passion for our students, their learning and their success; nurture the College's learning-centered culture; and invest in forward-thinking initiatives, programs and partnerships to ensure high quality learning opportunities for students.
- Possess educational credentials appropriate for an academic leader, including an earned Doctorate of Philosophy or Doctorate of Education (required).
- Have at least 10 years of experience in higher education senior leadership (required), preferably at a community college or open-access institution.
- Demonstrate experience working in a large, distributed, multi-location institution.
- Have teaching experience and/or a demonstrated understanding of the learning environment, challenges and opportunities to effectively support faculty and students.
- Demonstrate a commitment to equity. Show experience with leading efforts to increase diversity and ability to build momentum and lead change to create an equity-minded culture among employees and students. Possess deep cultural competence and appreciation for the multi-cultural community of Orange and Osceola counties.
- Demonstrate a commitment to sustainability and a desire to lead the College in integrating sustainability into education, obtaining carbon neutrality, reducing waste, and improving water quality and conservation on our campuses and in our community.
- Have solid financial acumen demonstrated by understanding financial statements and financial forecasting. Be able to navigate the operational and political aspects of College funding. Have successful experiences in fundraising.
- Possess capacity to create infrastructure, organizational structure and support systems to enable effective college operations and to support onsite and online learning.
- Demonstrate leadership of lasting internal change that positively impacts students and the achievement of their educational goals.
- Able to participate in the broad Orange and Osceola community as a visionary leader. Build and foster strong relationships with internal and external partners. Demonstrate a commitment to crafting and nurturing educational pathways for students within the community. Have demonstrated experience working with elected officials at the local, state, and national level.
- Build and sustain a high-performing, diverse and collaborative leadership team. Demonstrate a commitment to a shared governance model that recognizes the value in all voices and perspectives.
- Be an excellent communicator, both verbally and in writing. Have the ability to inspire others and convey accurate and compelling messages.