

Principles of Articulation Agreements

Preamble: Articulation is a process and relationship involving the vertical and lateral movement of students through a formal education system. It is an agreement between two or more educational systems, and it is based upon guidelines, policies, and accreditation principles. These agreements are intended to represent more than a marketing effort; they expand and create access for students.

1. Articulation agreements will be created for the purpose of increasing access to and attainment of student educational/career goals while respecting our DirectConnect to UCF agreement.
2. Valencia College will generally create articulation agreements only with institutions that are regionally accredited.
3. Valencia College staff will review the purpose and data before recommitting to an updated articulation agreement.
4. Articulation agreements, when appropriate, should encourage an opportunity for Valencia students to gain some level of scholarship commitment.
5. Before committing to an Articulating Institution, Valencia College will ensure alignment of its A.A. and/or A.S. Degree course offerings and the College's Enrollment Management Plan with the terms of the Articulation Agreement.
6. Articulating institutions must accept the completed A.A. degree and/or an agreed upon program to program or course to course articulated A.S degree of Valencia College students.
7. Articulation agreements will be established where Valencia College has a compelling interest and need for current/projected students.
8. Articulation will include agreements with Tech Centers within Valencia College's service delivery area for PSAV programs to articulate into A.S. degree programs. These agreements serve to maximize educational opportunities and services to enhance career opportunities for students in workforce development programs as well as to provide effective and cooperative linkages to strengthen partnership initiatives to benefit students.
9. Valencia College will participate in Florida statewide articulation agreements for PSAV programs to transition to related AS degree programs at Valencia College.
10. Career Pathways articulation is between the secondary schools with Orange County Public Schools, Osceola District Schools and other specified schools where college credit can be awarded based on the student's skill assessment related to equivalent career and technical education course work in A.S. degree programs at Valencia College. The assessment is administered while the student is attending the secondary school and the credit is awarded when the student enrolls at Valencia College.
11. At Valencia College, the development and revision of articulation agreements related to the A.A. Degree and Specialized Associate in Arts Transfer degrees will be coordinated by the Director, Curriculum and Articulation. Articulation for Career Pathways, Tech Centers, and A.S. degrees will be coordinated by the Assistant Vice President for Workforce Development and communicated to the Director for Curriculum and Articulation. Agreements including A.A. and A.S. degrees will be coordinated jointly.
12. Valencia College will establish and maintain a communication plan to assist students in accessing articulation information.