

**AWARD OF CREDIT**  
**by**  
**VALENCIA COLLEGE**  
**for the**  
**National ProStart Certificate of Achievement Certification**  
**and**  
**Hospitality and Tourism Management A.S. Degree**

In a continuing effort to provide career ladder opportunities for students in career and technical education programs, Valencia College agrees to extend full college credit at no cost (other than the application for admission fee) to eligible students who have earned the National ProStart Certificate of Achievement certification.

**COURSE EQUIVALENCY IN SPECIALIZED COURSES**

<b>Industry Certification</b>	<b>Valencia College – Hospitality and Tourism Management - A.S. Degree (6 credits)</b>
<b>National Pro Start Certificate of Achievement certification (NRAEF002)</b>	FOS 2201 Food Service Sanitation Management (3) FSS 1206C Quantity Food Production for Hospitality and Restaurant Managers (3)

**MAXIMUM AWARD OF CREDIT**

This agreement makes it possible for a student to receive six (6) semester hours of college credit for the National ProStart Certificate of Achievement certification towards the Hospitality and Tourism Management A.S. degree at Valencia College which is in accordance with commonly accepted good practice in higher education.

**ASSESSMENT AND COURSE EQUIVALENCY**

Valencia's faculty and staff with responsibility for the supervision and coordination of the Hospitality and Tourism Management A.S. degree program have reviewed and assessed the content and competencies covered in the certification for alignment of learning outcomes, and determined that the learning outcomes, performance standards and assessment procedures meet the college standards for college credit course work.

**VALIDATION MECHANISM**

The industry certification serves as the assessment for validating the competencies learned and the award of credit.

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**AWARD OF CREDIT PROCESS**

To receive college credit for the certification identified, students must meet the following requirements:

1. Apply for admission to Valencia College, declare a major in the Hospitality and Tourism Management A.S. degree program, and meet the College entrance requirements.
2. Satisfy the requirements for Degree-Seeking status, including submission of all official transcripts.
3. Complete orientation and comply with the appropriate placement, course prerequisites and requirements of the college.
4. Following enrollment at the College, student must meet with Valencia's Career Program Advisor and provide a current and valid copy of the required industry certification below.
  - **Required Industry Certification:** National ProStart Certificate of Achievement certification
5. After verifying all of the required documentation that has been submitted, including the approved industry certification above (assessment), the Valencia Career Program Advisor or Program Chair for the aligned program will determine eligibility, and notify the Registrar's Office of acceptable credit to be awarded. (*Credit will be awarded after the drop/add date, and the evaluation process has been completed*).

**TERMS OF AGREEMENT**

This agreement applies to students who have earned the National ProStart Certificate of Achievement certification. The agreement will be reviewed as needed, and it shall remain in effect until a need for revision is identified.

**APPROVED: VALENCIA COLLEGE**

Valencia College

*Craig Rapp*

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Craig Rapp, Program Chair  
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