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PATHWAY TO PROMISE



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Advisor Responsibilities

- My goal is to make sure you understand all you need to know about your degree requirements at Valencia College.
- I will provide a safe space for you to discuss your concerns and I will listen, be present, respectful, and genuine.
- Our resources are endless! I will always point you in the right direction if you connect with me.
- I will help you with your questions about colleges and universities you are thinking about transferring to and what it takes to get there.
- Helping you find a major and a career that is right for you is my goal. I will provide you with information and support you along the way.
- This is your journey, but you are not alone! I will help you select your courses, understand your prerequisites, create your plans and set goals.

Student Responsibilities

- I will connect with my advisor every semester.
- When I schedule an appointment, I will start thinking about what I want to talk about.
- I will bring my “note-taking tools” with me to my appointments (e.g., phones, tablets, or good old paper and pen).
- We will be going over important information, so I will keep all of it handy and refer to it often.
- If my advisor refers me to any resources, I will be sure to follow through and I will stay in touch.
- I will take responsibility, know the deadlines, ask questions, stay on track and be the one to know what to do.



Congratulations...

...on pursuing your passion in Dance!

Things to consider:

Audition is required to be accepted into the Dance Performance pre-major.

Dance majors will need to attend all auditions and meetings held by the dance department.

Dance majors will take a technique class each semester while attending Valencia, regardless of whether or not all credits have been met (classes can be audited after all credits have been met).

Understand the financial commitment of travel fees for off campus regional and nationwide performances.



Your Checklist

0-12 Credit Hour Checklist

∞ This symbol represents actions that you should take at every credit hour benchmark.

- Contact the Dance Department for audition dates by calling 407-582-2954 or [click here to visit their website for information about audition dates.](#)
- Check your [Atlas](#) email daily. ∞
- Check if your meta-major matches your career of interest and change it if necessary. ∞
- Learn about the resources available to you, such as the Learning Support Center, Tutoring, Counseling, Career Advising and Atlas. For more information and locations, go to the [Student Services page](#) on the Valencia College website.
- Explore and research your career interests by visiting the [Career Center website](#) or connecting with a career advisor.
- Research colleges and universities of interest and the admission requirements.
- Run your [degree audit](#) and use your [catalog](#) to help you choose the right classes each term. For assistance, connect with an academic advisor. ∞
- Register for [SLS 1122 New Student Experience course](#) within your first two terms at Valencia College.
- Check Important Dates & Deadlines by visiting the [Academic Calendar](#) on the Valencia College website. ∞
- Apply for scholarships by visiting the [Financial Aid Services](#) website. ∞
- [Get involved](#) on campus by joining student clubs and organizations, like the Art in Motion Dance club, attending [campus events](#) and participating in health and wellness activities. ∞
- Visit the [Career Center website](#) to learn how to create your resume and connect with a career advisor for feedback.

12-30 Credit Hour Checklist

∞ This symbol represents actions that you should take at every credit hour benchmark.

- Check your **Atlas** email daily. ∞
- Confirm that your meta-major matches your career of interest and change it if necessary. ∞
- Explore your major and career interests by considering volunteering, employment, **internships**, job shadowing and service learning.
- Decide on a major and your transfer university of interest. If you are still undecided, meet with an academic **advisor**.
- Run your **degree audit** and use your **catalog** to help you choose the right classes. For assistance, **connect with your advisor**. ∞
- Check Important Dates & Deadlines by visiting the **Academic Calendar** on the Valencia College website. ∞
- Apply for scholarships by visiting the **Financial Aid Services** website. ∞
- Get involved** on campus by joining student clubs and organizations, like the Art in Motion Dance club, attending **campus events** and participating in health and wellness activities. ∞
- Keep your resume current by reviewing it every semester and consider scheduling a mock interview. For assistance, visit the **Career Center website** or connect with a career advisor.



30-45 Credit Hour Checklist

∞ This symbol represents actions that you should take at every credit hour benchmark.

- Check your **Atlas** email daily. ∞
- Confirm that your meta-major matches your career of interest and change it if necessary. ∞
- Decide on your educational goals by the time you complete 45 credit hours.
- Research colleges and universities of interest, including the admission requirements, application deadlines, housing options, campus tours and connect with the academic departments.
- Begin to research college/university audition deadlines. Remember universities require an application a year in advance!
- Consider exploring graduate school (e.g., master's degree, medical or law school), advanced training, certifications and licenses.
- Run your **degree audit** to confirm you are on track for graduation. For assistance, **connect with your advisor**. ∞
- Check Important Dates & Deadlines by visiting the **Academic Calendar** on the Valencia College website. ∞
- Apply for scholarships by visiting the **Financial Aid Services** website. ∞
- Prepare financially for audition expenses if needed (travel and/or hotel).
- Get involved** on campus by joining student clubs and organizations, like the Art in Motion Dance club, attending **campus events** and participating in health and wellness activities. ∞
- Enhance your work experience and skills by volunteering, employment, **internships**, service learning and job shadowing.
- Network with at least three people in your career of interest.
- Keep your resume current by reviewing it every semester and consider scheduling a mock interview. For assistance, visit the **Career Center website** or connect with a career advisor.

45-60 Credit Hour Checklist

∞ This symbol represents actions that you should take at every credit hour benchmark.

- Check your **Atlas** email daily. ∞
- Confirm that your meta-major matches your career of interest and change it if necessary. ∞
- Run your **degree audit** to confirm you are on track for graduation. For assistance, **connect with your advisor**. ∞
- If you are ready, submit your **graduation application** by the deadline.
- Explore housing options, develop a financial plan, schedule campus tours and connect with the academic departments.
- Submit your admissions applications early to your colleges/universities of interest (and any other materials, such as transcripts and recommendation letters, if required).
- Check Important Dates & Deadlines by visiting the **Academic Calendar** on the Valencia College website. ∞
- Apply for scholarships by visiting the **Financial Aid Services** website. ∞
- Get involved** on campus by joining student clubs and organizations, like the Art in Motion Dance club, attending **campus events** and participating in health and wellness activities. ∞
- Enhance your work experience and skills by volunteering, part-time employment, **internships**, service learning and job shadowing.
- Keep your resume current by reviewing it every semester and consider scheduling a mock interview. For assistance, visit the **Career Center website** or connect with a career advisor.
- Reach out to a Faculty Mentor within your discipline to make sure your academic goals and career plans are realistic and attainable.



Careers in Dance

Performance and Choreography

Ballet • Modern • Jazz • Tap • Hip-Hop
Theatre Dance • Culturally-Specific Dance

Education

Formalized Instruction
Recreational or Self-enrichment Instruction

Administration

Arts Management • Artistic Direction/Rehearsal Direction
Tour Management • Event Planning • Marketing

Dance/Movement Therapy

Dance therapists work with individuals, couples, families or groups using both verbal counseling techniques and movement interventions.

Additional Resources

[Click here for the Occupational Outlook Handbook](#), which is the government's premier source of career guidance featuring hundreds of occupations. Here you can find national data about career salaries and growth.

[Click here for O*Net OnLine](#), which has detailed descriptions of the world of work for use by job seekers. Here you can find data about local salaries and growth.

Valencia College Resources

Need more information? Check these out!

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Internship and Workforce Services

Find an internship and
be ready for the job



Engage in about over
150 clubs and organizations



Learn more about over 150 clubs
and organizations

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Learning Support

Get help with your studies



Build academic
and emotional fitness

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Veterans Affairs

Essential resources and
support for veterans



Free fitness and
recreational sports



Get help with behavioral health and
more by calling **800-878-5470**

VALENCIA COLLEGE

Career Center

Explore careers and prepare
for what's next

Questions to Ask Your Advisor

- What's the difference between dropping a class and withdrawing from a class, and how does this impact me?

- What are some things I should consider before withdrawing from a class?

- What are some important academic policies that I should be aware of? (e.g., grade forgiveness, academic probation)

- What are some resources that I should be using at Valencia College if I'm struggling in my classes?

- What are some resources that will help me explore different majors and careers?

- How can I raise my GPA?
- What are some things I should consider when creating my class schedule?
- What are the prerequisites for my major?
- What are the admission requirements for my program at my transfer college/university of interest?
- How do I choose my electives?



- Is my major limited or restricted access? If so, what does that mean?
- How do I know that I'm on track for graduation?
- How do I know that I've met all my graduation requirements for my major?
- How do I apply for graduation?
- How do I apply to my college/university of interest?
- How do I request/submit my college transcripts?



How Do I Run My Degree Audit?

The degree audit is a great tool to help you plan out your courses. It is a summary or audit of your degree. It will show you the classes that you have completed and the ones you have yet to complete. Here are the steps on running a degree audit. We encourage you to consult with your advisor.

1. Log in to **Atlas**.
2. Click on Students on the left hand side.
3. Look for the Path to Graduation box and click on My Academic Progress (Degree Audit).
4. Click on Generate New Degree Audit.
5. Select the term you are currently in, click submit.
6. Click on the button next to the name of your degree.
7. Click on Generate Request.



The path
to promise
takes you
from
“what is”
to
“what can be.”



WHAT'S NEXT?

Valencia College is an equal opportunity institution. We provide equal opportunity for employment and educational services to all individuals as it relates to admission to the college or to programs, any aid, benefit, or service to students or wages and other terms, conditions or privileges of employment, without regard to race, ethnicity, color, national origin, age, religion, disability, marital status, sex/gender sexual orientation, genetic information, gender identity, pregnancy, and any other factor prohibited under applicable federal, state, and local civil rights laws, rules and regulations.