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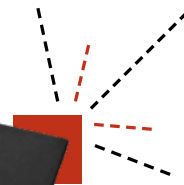


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Advisor Responsibilities

- 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.



Your Checklist

0-12 Credit Hour Checklist

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

- 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.
- Consider registering for your first math course.
- Consider registering for EDF 2005: Introduction to the Teaching Profession.
- Get your background check and familiarize yourself with the [Teacher Education 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, 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**. ∞
- Consider registering for your second math course.
- 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, 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

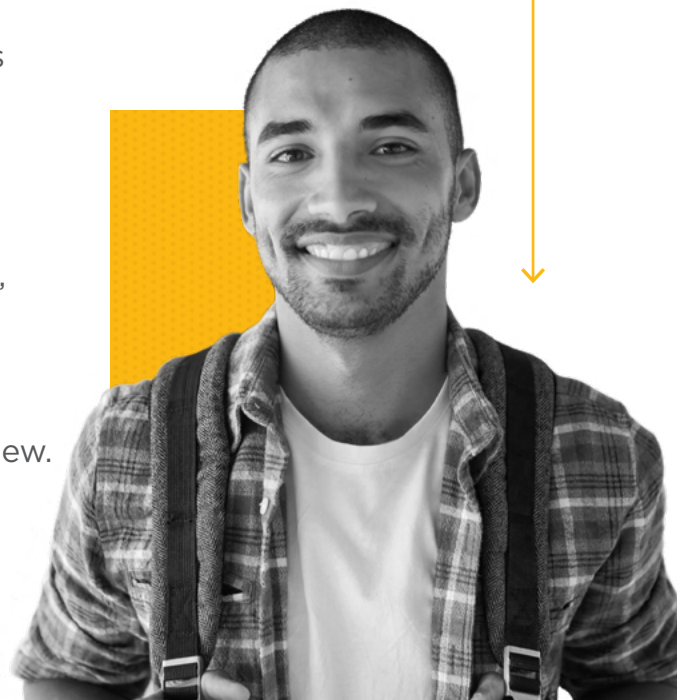
∞ This symbol represents actions that you should take at every credit hour benchmark.

- 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**. ∞
- Take the General Knowledge Test (GKT) after completing your math courses.
- 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, 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.
- 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. ∞
- Take the General Knowledge Test (GKT) prior to transferring to university.
- 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, 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.



Things to Consider

Academic Planning

The **Degree Pathways** outline the courses needed to complete your Associate's degree for the education tracks at the University of Central Florida (UCF). They include sample term-by-term plans and helpful academic planning information for the paths listed below.

- Early Childhood Development and Education (B.S.) Tracks
- Elementary Education (B.S.) Tracks
- Physical Education (B.S.) Tracks
- Secondary Education (B.S.) Tracks (English Language Arts, Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Social Sciences Education)

Learn more about the Exceptional Student Education (B.S.) Tracks available at UCF:

- **Learning and Language Track**
- **Certification Track**
- **Lifelong Learning Track**

A professional certification is required for this field. Research the requirements to obtain a professional teaching certification at the **Florida Department of Education**.



Things to Consider

Service Learning at Valencia

Service Learning creates opportunities for students to develop skills that relate to course content while partnering with the community and promoting civic engagement.

Many education courses at Valencia include service learning hours, which requires students to engage in field experience in the classroom. Consider the time commitment for service learning when registering for classes.

- EDF 2005-Introduction to the Teaching Profession
- EDF 2085-Introduction to Diversity for Educators
- EDG 2940-Experiential Learning in Education (field experience optional)
- EDG 2941-Internship Exploration in Education (educational internships optional)

You can also earn recognition for your participation in these courses. There are three ways to be recognized at the college:

- Service Learning lapel pin: students enrolled in a service learning course receives a lapel pin when they participate in the course
- Transcript coding: service learning experience is included in the student's transcript
- Service Learning medallion: students that complete a minimum of 40 service hours earn a medallion to wear at graduation
 - o Bronze (40-55 service hours)
 - o Silver (60-75 service hours)
 - o Gold (80-95 service hours)
 - o Gold Plus (100 or more service hours)

Things to Consider

General Knowledge Test (GKT)

In order to be admitted into an education program, you must pass all four sections of the General Knowledge Test. Review the [Florida Teacher Certification Examinations \(FTCE\) frequently asked questions](#) for more information.

GKT subjects include the following:

- Essay subtest: 1 Essay- 50 Minutes
- Mathematics subtest: 40 questions - 1 hour and 40 minutes
- English language subtest: 40 questions - 40 minutes
- Reading subtest: 40 questions - 55 minutes

Resources to help you prepare for the GKT:

- [FTCE Resources](#)
 - [Additional Preparation Resources](#)
- [UCF Workshops for GKT Testing](#)
- [FTCE Pocket Prep App](#)
- [EDG 2001-Education Capstone \(GKT preparation course at Valencia\)](#)
 - [Capstone LibGuide](#) is a helpful guide for the education capstone course



Things to Consider

Valencia Future Educator's Club (East & West Campus)

Membership with the Valencia Future Educator's Club is open to all students from any campus. VFE offers skillshops tailored to education majors.

VFE email: valenciafutureeducatorsec@gmail.com

Faculty Advisors:

- Professor Jane Maguire jmaguire1@valenciacollege.edu East Campus
- Dr. Paula DaSilva adasilva9@valenciacollege.edu West Campus

Careers in Education

Degrees in education can lead to a variety of careers. Below are some examples of careers you can pursue depending on the level of degree you obtain.

Bachelor's Degree:

Elementary School Teacher
Secondary School Teacher
Special Education Teacher
Registrar and Financial Aid Advisors
Academic Advisors
After-School Program Director
Residential Life Director
Private Tutor
Online K-12 Teacher
Overseas Teacher
English Teacher Abroad
Coordinator, Non-Profit Sector (Girl Scouts, Boys and Girls Club, etc.)

Master's Degree

Adjunct or Full Time Professor
School Administrator
Curriculum Developer
Corporate Trainer
Adult Education
Academic Dean
Assistant Principal
Training and Development Coordinator
School Counselor

Doctorate Degree

Adjunct or Full Time Professor
Education Program Director
Superintendent, School System
Director, Institutional Research Program
School Principal
Researcher
Dean of Students

Things to Consider

Additional Resources

O*Net OnLine is a resource that provides detailed career information for job seekers. It includes data on local and national salaries and growth.

The Occupational Outlook Handbook is the government's premier career resource featuring hundreds of occupations. National data on career salaries and growth is also available.

NCES College Navigator is a free tool designed to help students find their program of interest at various colleges and universities. This resource provides information on transfer institutions.

MyCareerShines is a comprehensive career and educational planning system that is tailored to meet Florida requirements.



Recognition and Scholarships

→ “The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra.” – Jimmy Johnson

Seneff Honors College

The **Seneff Honors College** is a comprehensive approach to learning that includes specialized courses and unique out of class experiences. It can provide personal and professional opportunities as well as a rewarding college experience. Students admitted to the Seneff Honors College have the opportunity to earn an honors graduation distinction.

Valencia Foundation Scholarship

The Valencia College Foundation offers a number of privately funded scholarships that are donated by organizations and individuals interested in supporting Valencia’s students. Most scholarships offered through the Valencia College Foundation require a student to demonstrate need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Valencia encourages all students to complete the FAFSA early each year by the priority deadline for the upcoming academic year.

[Click here to apply for the Valencia Foundation Scholarship.](#)



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.