

ASSOCIATE IN SCIENCE (A.S.) DEGREES

If you are thinking about entering the workforce soon, you may be interested in earning an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree at Valencia College. Valencia's A.S. degrees are two-year programs that are designed to prepare students for immediate employment in a specialized career.

When you choose an Associate in Science (A.S.) degree program, you are not necessarily preparing yourself for transfer to a state university. Earning one of these degrees should prepare you for a successful and rewarding career. If however, you later decide that you would like to earn a Bachelor's Degree, you have several pathways. You may transfer into a related Bachelor's Degree (2+2) that is offered at any State College in Florida, or you may go into the Bachelor's of Applied Science (B.A.S.) degree that is offered at some state universities, such as UCF. Additional general education courses may be required for the B.A.S. degree.

In the A.S. degree program you choose, you will take courses in two basic areas. One area will be specialized courses. For instance, if you are going to study digital media technology, you will be taking specialized courses in digital media, film and theatre.

The second major area of courses you will take will be general education. General education courses are designed to help you become a well-rounded individual capable of thinking, valuing, communicating, and acting as a mature, educated and enlightened citizen. It is the college's belief that courses in general education, such as English composition and humanities, will enhance your overall employment potential since they will broaden your knowledge.

The A.S. degree programs are described on the following pages. You can obtain additional information about these programs in the Career Center and by contacting the Career Program Advisors, Program Directors and Academic Deans who are assigned to the program.

Due to the availability of staff, specialized equipment and labs, and program costs, some A.S. degree programs are restricted to one campus. When this is the case, a note is made on the program description page. For some programs, some of the specialized courses may be offered at more than one campus and the general education courses in the programs may be taken on any campus.

The Associate in Science degree requires a minimum of 60 college credits. Each Associate in Science degree program consists of a core group of courses known as the area of specialization. To earn an Associate in Science degree, you must complete a minimum of 30 college-level credits in your area of specialization and 15-18 college-level credits in general education, satisfy entry testing requirements and complete, with a minimum grade of "C" all required/mandatory courses in reading, mathematics, and English, and English for Academic Purposes.

In addition to the information on each A.S. degree program in this catalog, detailed information regarding each program is provided on program information sheets available in Career Program Advisors' offices, academic departments, Career Center, Student Services and online at valenciacollege.edu (<http://valenciacollege.edu>).

Associate in Science Degrees Including Articulated A.S. to B.A./B.S. Career Paths

Accounting Technology (A.S. Degree)

Baking and Pastry Management (A.S. Degree)

Biotechnology Laboratory Sciences (A.S. Degree) (<http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/associateinscience/biotechnologylabsciences>)

Building Construction Technology (A.S. Degree)

Business Administration (A.S. Degree)

- Articulated A.S. to B.A./B.S. Career Path
- Finance Specialization
- Human Resources Management Specialization
- International Business Specialization
- Management Specialization
- Marketing Specialization
- Real Estate Management Specialization
- Small Business Management Specialization

Cardiovascular Technology (A.S. Degree)

Civil/Surveying Engineering Technology (A.S. Degree)

Computer Information Technology (A.S. Degree)

Computer Programming and Analysis (A.S. Degree)

Criminal Justice (Articulated A.S. to B.S. Career Path)

- Homeland Security Specialization

Culinary Management (A.S. Degree)

Dental Hygiene (A.S. Degree)

Diagnostic Medical Sonography (A.S. Degree)

Digital Media Technology (A.S. Degree)

- Video Production Specialization
- Mobile Journalism Specialization
- Motion Graphics Specialization
- Web Development Specialization

Drafting and Design Technology (A.S. Degree)

Electronics Engineering Technology (A.S. Degree)

- Electronics Specialization
- Laser and Photonics Specialization
- Robotics and Mechatronics Specialization

Emergency Medical Services Technology (A.S. Degree)

Entertainment Design and Technology (A.S. Degree)

- Audio Visual Event Production Specialization
- Live Show Production Specialization
- Production Design Specialization

Film Production Technology (A.S. Degree)

Fire Science Academy Track (A.S. Degree)

Fire Science Technology (A.S. Degree)

Graphic and Interactive Design (A.S. Degree)

- Graphic Design Specialization
- Interactive Design Specialization

Health Information Technology (A.S. Degree)

Hospitality and Tourism Management (A.S. Degree and Articulated A.S. to B.S. Career Path)

- Career Path in Hospitality and Tourism Management
- Career Path to B.S. in Hospitality and Tourism Management (Articulated A.S. to B.S.)

Medical Office Administration (A.S. Degree)

- Medical Transcription
- Medical Front Office

Network Engineering Technology (A.S. Degree)

- Cisco Routing and Switching Specialization
- Microsoft Systems Administration Specialization
- Cyber Security and Digital Forensics Specialization

Nursing, Traditional Track (Articulated A.S. to B.S. Career Path)

- Nursing, Accelerated Track in Nursing (<http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/associateinscience/nursing/nursingadvancedstandingtrack>)

Office Administration (A.S. Degree)

Paralegal Studies (Articulated A.S. to B.S. Career Path)

- Litigation Specialization
- Transactional Specialization

Plant Science and Agricultural Technology (A.S. Degree) (<http://catalog.valenciacollege.edu/degrees/associateinscience/landscapehorticulturetechnology/#programrequirements>)

- Horticulture Specialization
- Landscape Specialization

Radiography (A.S. Degree)

Respiratory Care (A.S. Degree)

Restaurant and Food Service Management (A.S. Degree and Articulated A.S. to B.S. Career Path)

- Career Path in Restaurant and Food Service Management
- Career Path to B.S. in Restaurant and Food Service Management (Articulated A.S. to B.S.)

Sound and Music Technology (A.S. Degree)

- Audio Engineering Technology Specialization (Articulated to Electrical & Computer Engineering Technology B.S. degree)

- Audio and Music Business Management Specialization
- Music Production Specialization
- Sound Production Specialization

Supervision and Management for Industry (A.S. Degree)

Veterinary Technology (A.S. Degree)

Offered through Cooperative Agreement with St. Petersburg College