

# SPECIAL ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

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## Admission to the Fire Rescue Institute Fire Fighter/Fire Apparatus Operator Programs

Admission to the Fire Fighter/Fire Apparatus Operator programs is limited. These programs will be offered at various intervals based on need. To apply to the programs, you must complete two applications: (1) the Valencia Application for Admission (\$35 fee) and (2) a Fire Rescue Institute Fire Fighter/Fire Apparatus Operator application (\$100 fee).

Students must satisfy all admission criteria for these programs: (1) submit proof of age (must be 18 years of age or older); (2) must have a standard high school diploma or GED; (3) must not have any significant misdemeanor or felony convictions as determined by fingerprint investigation; (4) must be a Florida certified EMT-Basic or Paramedic; (5) be in good physical condition without limitations – must complete a physical examination and obtain a physician's approval to be admitted; (6) be of good moral character; and (7) attend orientation sessions required by the Fire Rescue Institute.

Admission to Valencia College does not imply acceptance to the Fire Rescue Institute Fire Fighter and Fire Apparatus Operator programs. The Fire Rescue Institute Committee will consider applicants who have completed all program admission requirements and submitted an application and required information by the deadline date. Program applications received after the deadline date will not be considered for the identified term. The Fire Rescue Institute office operates as an information center for students preparing for and seeking admission and enrollment into the fire service programs. Program expenses are given in the Financial Information and Fees section of this catalog.

## Admission to the Criminal Justice Institute Programs

If you are interested in a Criminal Justice career, you are encouraged to explore the many challenging and rewarding opportunities available in the law enforcement and corrections professions. The Criminal Justice Institute at Valencia offers two basic career certificate programs: Corrections and Law Enforcement. Successful completion of one of these two programs is required for a career as a sworn officer in law enforcement or corrections regardless of any other criminal justice training or degree work that may have been completed.

Admission to these programs is limited. Therefore, if you wish to pursue one of the basic programs, you must meet the following requirements: (1) must be 19 years of age or older; (2) must be a U.S. citizen; (3) must have a standard high school diploma or GED; (4) must not have any misdemeanor or felony convictions; (5) must not have a dishonorable discharge from the military; (6) must achieve at least a minimum score on the required state entry test(s); (7) must complete a physical

examination and obtain a physician's approval to enter the program; and (8) must submit to criminal history and driving record checks.

To apply to these programs, you must complete two applications: (1) the Valencia Application for Admission (\$35 fee) and (2) a Criminal Justice Institute application (\$100 fee). Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to the Criminal Justice Institute program.

Primary consideration for admission will be given on a priority basis as determined by the Criminal Justice Institute Board: (1) trainees who are hired by any agency that is a member of the Criminal Justice Institute Board; (2) trainees who are hired by any other criminal justice agency in the state; (3) trainees who are sponsored by any criminal justice agency; (4) Valencia Criminal Justice A.S. Degree students; and (5) all other pre-service applicants who qualify.

The Criminal Justice Institute also offers two additional programs: Crossover-Corrections to Law Enforcement and Auxiliary Law Enforcement Officer. For admission requirements, contact the Criminal Justice Institute or go online to [valenciacollege.edu/cji](https://valenciacollege.edu/cji) (<https://valenciacollege.edu/cji>).

The Criminal Justice Institute office operates as an information center for students preparing for and seeking admission into a criminal justice program. This office provides information about specific admission criteria. Program expenses are given in the Financial Information and Fees section of this catalog. For further information, contact the Criminal Justice Institute office or go online at [valenciacollege.edu/cji](https://valenciacollege.edu/cji) (<https://valenciacollege.edu/cji>).

## Admission to the A.A. Degree Pathway: Dance Performance

The A.A. Degree Pathway: Dance Performance, designed to prepare students for transfer to a Florida public university to complete a four-year Bachelor's degree in dance, is a limited access degree pathway. Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to this degree pathway; all applicants must satisfy the admission requirements: (1) submit a completed Valencia College Application for Admission; (2) submit a completed Valencia College A.A. Degree Pathway : Dance Performance Audition Application; (3) have a successful audition; and (4) have degree-seeking student status indicated in your official Valencia record.

Further information about the admission process is available at [valenciacollege.edu/dance](https://valenciacollege.edu/dance) (<https://valenciacollege.edu/dance/>).

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## Admission to the Health Sciences Programs

Students whose official records indicate they are seeking admission to a limited access Associate of Science (A.S.) health sciences program will have the health sciences program designated as their secondary major and the Associate in Arts Degree designated as their primary major in order to maximize their educational opportunities. If the student has already earned a Bachelor's or Associate in Arts degree from an institution that has regional accreditation in the U.S., the student will not have Associate in Arts designated as a primary major. Students seeking admission to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) health sciences program will be admitted to the college if they present/satisfy admission

requirements. Permission to register for upper level courses will be determined by the Health Sciences department.

Students interested in a health sciences career are encouraged to explore the many challenging and rewarding opportunities available in health sciences professions. The health sciences programs may have clinical experiences that expose the student to blood borne pathogens via contact with bodily fluids such as blood and saliva. Students accepted into these programs will be expected to adhere to Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines for the use of Standard Precautions. The CDC defines standard precautions as "a set of precautions designed to prevent the transmission of HIV, Hepatitis B virus (HBV), other blood borne pathogens when providing first aid or health care." Under standard precautions, blood and certain body fluids are considered potentially infectious for HIV, HBV, and other blood borne pathogens. Students will be expected to adhere to hand hygiene protocols and consistent use of personal protective equipment including masks, gloves and eyewear. In some of the health sciences programs, students may need to conduct peer-to-peer examinations in lab settings.

Valencia offers eight health sciences programs which lead to an A.S. degree. They are Cardiovascular Technology, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Emergency Medical Services, Health Information Technology, Nursing (R.N.), Radiography and Respiratory Care. In addition, technical certificates are offered in Emergency Medical Technician and Medical Information Coder/Biller. Advanced technical certificates are offered in Computed Tomography (CT), Echocardiography, Leadership in Healthcare, Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI), Mammography, and Vascular Sonography. Admission to these programs is limited because of clinical facilities and staff.

Students eligible for the Accelerated Track in Nursing (Associate in Science), Cardiopulmonary Sciences (Bachelor of Science), or Radiologic and Imaging Sciences (Bachelor of Science) must be a U.S. citizen, a U.S. permanent resident, or in a non-immigrant category other than the F or J Visa categories.

Students interested in a health sciences program must complete the Valencia Application for Admission (\$35 fee) and the application for the specific health sciences program. Prior to application for any health sciences program, students must satisfy all admissions criteria for the specific program. For information on the Health Sciences Program admissions criteria, please check the Program Guide on the Health Sciences website (<https://valenciacollege.edu/academics/programs/health-sciences/>). Admission to Valencia does not imply acceptance to any health sciences program.

The Health Sciences Admission Committee for the specific program will consider applicants who have completed all program admission requirements and submitted an application by the deadline date. Associate-level program applications received after the deadline date will not be considered for the identified term. Students who are not accepted will need to reapply for a future term.

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