

ADVISING CENTER

All degree-seeking students—including those pursuing an Associate in Arts (A.A.), Associate in Science (A.S.), bachelor's degree, technical certificate, or Dual Enrollment—are assigned a Student Success Coach from the moment they apply through graduation. This catalog outlines the course requirements for students' educational goals, and Student Success Coaches can help students review and discuss their academic plans.

Student Success Coaches are available in the Advising Center and in other locations across campus. A coach is students' primary contact for program exploration, course selection, academic planning, learning strategies, and preparation for transfer to a university, Valencia's bachelor's programs, or the workforce. Students can find the name and email address of their assigned Student Success Coach in the Student Profile widget in MyVC. They may also use the resources available in the Advising Tools section of MyVC to support their academic planning.

Students who are planning to earn a bachelor's degree are encouraged to learn about the bachelor's programs offered at Valencia College as part of their exploration. Those who plan to transfer to a four-year university should meet with their Student Success Coach early to discuss their transfer pathway and prepare for a smooth transition. The sooner this conversation begins, the better the coach can assist students in selecting the right courses and staying on track.

Transfer Tips

Academic and Career Planning

- Students should meet with their Student Success Coach to discuss academic and career goals along the way.
- Career Center staff are also available to support students' career and education planning.
- Students should follow the degree pathways in the catalog to ensure they complete Common Program Prerequisites (CPPs) for their intended major.

Transfer Planning

- Students should begin to explore and discuss transfer institutions or bachelor's degrees at Valencia with their Student Success Coach.
- Students transferring to UCF should review the DirectConnect to UCF entry in the catalog.
 - Students can indicate their plans by completing the Update My DirectConnect to UCF Classification form in MyVC.
- Students may use FLVC.org (<https://www.flvc.org/>) for statewide advising, major outlines, admission information, financial aid, and scholarships.
- Students should visit the website of their intended transfer institution for program details and requirements.

Program and Admission Requirements

- Students should check whether their intended program is limited access (may require auditions, portfolios, interviews, or minimum GPAs).
- Students must confirm foreign language requirements for admission and graduation.
- Students are encouraged to submit applications for admission early—many universities recommend applying one year in advance.

- Florida universities use FloridaShines.org (<https://www.floridashines.org/>) for applications.

Campus Tours and Housing

- Students should take a campus tour of their transfer institution.
- Students interested in housing should apply early, as some schools accept applications up to a year in advance.
- Students should check with the admissions office at the transfer institution about required immunization documentation.

Progress and Graduation

- Upon earning 30 credits, students should complete a degree audit in MyVC and review it with their Student Success Coach to ensure they are developing a strong academic and transfer plan.
- After earning 45 college-level credits, students should complete another degree audit in MyVC and review it with their Student Success Coach to confirm they are meeting all requirements and staying on track to complete their degree.
- Students must apply for graduation from Valencia in MyVC for the term in which they will finish their degree.
 - Students should check the Important Dates and Deadlines calendar for application deadlines.