

# LIFEMAP

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Valencia College is dedicated to helping students define and meet their life, career and education goals. LifeMap is Valencia's name for the system of services, programs and interventions designed to help students achieve these goals.

LifeMap is based on Valencia's Developmental Advising model, which is a learning-centered approach that fosters an advising alliance among students, faculty and other college professionals. This alliance develops through mutual trust, shared responsibilities, and a commitment to helping students identify, clarify, and realize their life, career, and education goals. Developmental Advising integrates Valencia's core competencies (Think, Value, Communicate and Act) in an ongoing growth process which assists students in making realistic choices based on self-awareness of abilities, interests and values. The results for students are: social and academic integration; life, career and education plans; and acquisition of study and life skills.

LifeMap is a process for figuring out "what to do when" to assist you with your life, career and education goals. We encourage you to seek out LifeMap signs and publications that will help guide you through your Valencia experience.

## LifeMap Tools

The My LifeMap tab in Atlas contains information and Web-based tools to support your goal setting and planning process. The stages of LifeMap, as well as the Valencia programs and services that support each LifeMap stage, are explained. My Career Planner provides career assessments. My Education Plan guides you through the course selection process to complete your associate's degree or technical certificate and allows you to save up to three different education plans. My Financial Planner assists you in developing a budget plan to finance your education. The current content includes modules through which you can learn about the budget planning process. My Portfolio allows you to save examples of your academic work, to request review and feedback from faculty, and to create a public résumé of your achievements. My Job Prospects provides job and occupational information from Central Florida in an easily searchable database.