

Educational Enhancement Opportunities

Alternative Methods of Instruction in Addition to Distance Learning with Valencia Online

Mathematics

Some mathematics courses are offered through different teaching/learning approaches:

Computer-Assisted Instruction

This approach offers the newest innovations of computer and instructional technologies and features video animation clips, historical and applications-based perspectives, precise graphing tools, and immediate feedback to students. The instructor presents some explanation of the course material as needed by the class but primarily serves as a resource person when students have questions. This approach allows students 24-hour electronic access to computer lessons via the Internet, assuming students have an online account via an Internet service provider. Students need to be able to point and click a computer mouse to participate in this approach. Students are expected to attend all class meetings but also may progress independently outside of class. Chapter tests are announced and taken as a class which requires students to keep a common instructional pace throughout the course.

Individualized Learning for Motivated Students

This approach is for highly self-motivated students. Students must attend class, individually complete all course material and pass each test at the required level. The instructor does not present explanations of the course material to the class but serves as a resource person when students have questions. The instructor assists in the use of various multimedia resources. Each student takes the required competency-based exams when he/she is ready. Individualized Learning provides students the opportunity to complete two courses in one term or to take two terms to finish a course.

Independent Study

Valencia offers Independent Study (IS) in various courses to allow you to progress at your own rate. IS helps you meet course requirements through individual student/faculty interaction in a non-classroom situation. IS arrangements are dependent on the availability of a professor and upon the approval of the respective academic dean. Regardless of the date of enrollment in an IS course, you will receive a grade at the end of the Fall, Spring or Summer Full Term in which you register for the course. The conditions of the Withdrawal and Forgiveness rules apply to Independent Study courses. (See the Withdrawal and Forgiveness entry in this catalog.)

If you wish to take an IS course, you will have to make arrangements with a professor and the appropriate academic dean. Application forms are available in the office of the department responsible for the course. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 per credit is charged in addition to regular fees for each IS course in which you enroll. If you receive financial aid or third-party funding, you should verify that your financial aid or third-party funding will cover the fees associated with Independent Study.

Additional Educational Opportunities

Bridges to Success Program

Bridges to Success is a seven-week summer transition program for recent high school graduates to enhance skills needed for academic success. Students receive a summer scholarship for course fees and books and can earn up to six college credits. Successful completion makes students eligible for a two-year scholarship at Valencia.

Central Florida Higher Education Consortium (Partnership with UCF)

Valencia has joined with the University of Central Florida (UCF) and three other

Central Florida community colleges in a unique agreement that provides students with increased access to bachelor's degrees. Students who graduate with an Associate in Arts (A.A.) or an Associate in Science (A.S.) Degree from Valencia will receive:

- Guaranteed admission to a bachelor degree program at UCF
- Increased opportunity to complete a bachelor's degree on a Valencia campus
- Preferential admission to selective bachelor degree programs at UCF

The Consortium agreement was signed by the District Boards of Trustees of the four community colleges (Valencia, Brevard, Lake-Sumter, and Seminole) and the University of Central Florida in November 2005. Specific details about the bachelor degree program expansion on the community college campuses, enhanced advising, admissions and financial aid services, and other academic support services are under development.

Currently, the following bachelor degree programs are available on the Valencia campuses:

West Campus

Applied Science (Supervision and Administration track), B.A.S.

Business Administration, B.A.B.A.

Liberal Arts, B.A. (very limited in scope; check with an advisor)

Psychology, B.A.

Minors: English - Writing, Health Services Administration, History, Legal Studies, Political Science, Psychology, Social Sciences - Interdisciplinary, Sociology

Osceola Campus

Elementary Education, B.S.

Exceptional Student Education, B.S. (Admission is by cohort only. Contact a UCF advisor for further information.)

To join the Consortium program:

- On the Valencia Application for Admission or on a Change of Major form in a campus Answer Center, indicate your intention to complete a bachelor's degree at UCF.
- Go to www.facts.org to conduct a two-plus-two degree audit for the associate's degree you are seeking at Valencia and the bachelor's degree you plan to seek at UCF so that you can determine the courses you need to complete for both degrees.
- Go to My Education Plan in Atlas (My LifeMap Tools) to develop a specific education plan to complete the associate's degree at Valencia.
- Meet with an advisor or counselor to review your plans and obtain additional information on how to prepare to complete the associate's and bachelor's degrees.

As it becomes available, updated information on the Central Florida Higher Education Consortium will be posted at www.regionalcampuses.ucf.edu/consortium/.

Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment provides the opportunity for qualified high school students to enroll in Valencia courses while concurrently enrolled in high school. Dual Enrollment students may be attending public or private schools or participating in a home education program. Students receive both high school and college credit for Dual Enrollment courses.

High school counselors, or parents for home education students, are responsible for identifying students who demonstrate social maturity and motivation and who possess the academic capabilities to pursue college-level instruction. Recommended students must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 unweighted scale in courses taken in grades 9 through 10. In addition, students who are not in special high

school programs must have junior or senior class standing and be at least 16 years of age by the end of their first term of Dual Enrollment. The application process is included in the Admissions section of this catalog.

Dual Enrollment students are exempt from application, matriculation, and laboratory fees. Textbooks and instructional materials for public school students are provided by the school district through the high school; however, students enrolled in nonpublic secondary schools or home education programs must pay for their own textbooks and instructional materials.

When a student selects Dual Enrollment courses, it is advantageous for the student to choose courses that will apply toward his/her intended college degree. Dual enrolled students may take college-level courses at their high school and/or on a Valencia campus. Classes may meet before, during or after high school hours and during the Summer Term. College-preparatory and physical education courses are ineligible for inclusion in the Dual Enrollment Program.

Students who are in Dual Enrollment via a specific high school vocational program are not eligible to enroll in any academic courses nor can they enroll in electives outside the requirements of their vocational program's curriculum without permission from the Dual Enrollment Office.

No high school credit is granted by Valencia. College credits earned through dual enrollment are held in escrow until the student graduates from high school. Dual Enrollment students must submit an official high school transcript that reflects their high school graduation date. Valencia transcripts reflecting Dual Enrollment credit cannot be issued until the student provides a high school transcript showing his/her graduation date.

A student who wants to continue at Valencia as a degree-seeking student following high school graduation must submit a completed Change of Major form.

Early Enrollment

Early Enrollment allows eligible high school seniors to enroll at Valencia prior to their high school graduation. Courses taken through the early enrollment program will not count toward high school graduation requirements. Early enrollment students are responsible for paying the application, registration, and textbook fees.

The application process is included in the Admissions section of this catalog.

When selecting courses, it is advantageous for the Early Enrollment student to choose courses that will apply toward his/her intended college degree.

Valencia transcripts reflecting early enrollment credit cannot be issued until Valencia receives an official high school transcript showing the graduation date.

International/Intercultural Education

Valencia continues to respond to the opportunities of an international economy and a diverse community at home. Since the founding of the College in 1967, Central Florida has grown from a state and regional vacation spot to a hub for international business, industry, and entertainment. Indeed, Orlando has become an international city. To prepare students for effective citizenship and employment, Valencia offers courses and programs that respond to the needs of what has become a world community.

Valencia also teaches multiple levels of French, German, Portuguese and Spanish, as well as English for Academic Purposes to speakers of other languages. International students and a diverse local population enrich each campus culture and enhance learning opportunities with different perspectives and experiences. Student exchange is encouraged through institutional membership in the College Consortium for International Studies (CCIS), and faculty exchange is supported through Staff and Program Development (SPD) funds and numerous program opportunities. The campuses also regularly host speakers and other events that promote intercultural understanding and communication skills.

Learning in Community (LINC)

Learning in Community (LINC) is a program of linking two or more courses in one integrated LINC course. Professors from different disciplines tie their courses together around a common theme.

Students take the LINC course as a group, professors teach as a team, and the college provides special academic and social support for each student. Enrollment information is available at New Student Orientation or in Student Services on any campus.

Pre-College Programs

College Reach Out Program (C.R.O.P.)

The College Reach Out Program provides services to economically and academically disadvantaged 6th through 12th graders in Orange and Osceola Counties. Services include tutoring in core subject areas, career exploration, cultural enrichment, and assistance in preparing for the transition to college. The program runs after school and daily for two to four weeks each summer. A highlight of the program is the opportunity to participate in college tours.

Upward Bound

Upward Bound engages selected high school students in an enriched academic-year and summer program that prepares them for college. Students receive academic instruction and tutoring, mentoring, motivational and personal development, and cultural programs that prepare them for a rigorous high school curriculum. College visits and specific assistance with college applications, financial aid, and scholarship opportunities help to ensure a successful transition to college. Valencia Upward Bound staff serve the students in Evans, Gateway, Jones, Oak Ridge, and Poinciana High Schools.

ROTC

All Valencia students are eligible to apply for the United States Army and Air Force ROTC programs at the University of Central Florida. Army and Air Force Military Science classes are conducted at the University of Central Florida. A maximum of eight semester credits of ROTC credit may apply as elective credit toward a degree at Valencia. Further

information is available from the University of Central Florida Air Force ROTC office at 407-823-1247 or www.airforce.ucf.edu or the Army ROTC office at 407-823-2430 or www.army.ucf.edu.

Servicemembers Opportunity College

You may benefit from Valencia's special efforts to aid servicemen in securing a postsecondary education. The Servicemembers Opportunity College (SOC) has designated Valencia as a participating institution of higher education. Aside from stated and traditional means of obtaining credit toward most associate degrees, the following special policies, procedures and services are available to you as active-duty military personnel:

1. You may earn certain credits by satisfactory completion of Advanced Placement examinations. (See Advanced Placement entry in this catalog.)
2. You may earn a maximum of 15 semester credits through extension and/or correspondence courses. (See catalog section on Correspondence and Extension Credit.)
3. Credit can be earned through validated military service training including military service schools: Army/American Council on Educational Registry Transcript System (AARTS), Defense Language Institute (DLI), Sailor/Marine/Ace Registry Transcript System (SMARTS), and United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI).

In recognition of the advanced academic and technical content of many military education experiences, Valencia will grant credit for military education that has been evaluated and recommended as suitable for postsecondary credit. After enrolling at Valencia, you may initiate the request for such credit by providing appropriate documentation to the Admissions/Records Office. Recommendations in the ACE Guide are advisory in nature and are not binding upon the College.

Teacher Recertification and Alternate Certification

Teacher Recertification

Valencia's Teacher Recertification Program, at the Winter Park Campus, offers courses especially designed to meet the requirements of teachers seeking recertification and certification. Many of these courses are scheduled on the weekends, as part of Valencia's Flex Start scheduling. Most courses are open to all Valencia students. Courses offered through the Teacher Recertification Program often include education, humanities, sciences, social sciences, and computer science and are taught in a variety of delivery modes (face-to-face, online, hybrid, etc.) Visit the Web site: <http://valenciacc.edu/weekend> for the current list of courses and general information.

Registration for teacher certification and recertification courses starts at the beginning of registration for returning students and continues until the class begins, provided no other pre-determined registration deadline is designated and space is available.

Atlas registration is available according to the dates listed in the Academic Calendar in the online official catalog. Students may register in an Atlas Access Lab on any campus or from any remote location that provides Internet access.

Students enrolling for the first time must submit a \$25 non-refundable fee and a completed Valencia Application for Admission, which can be submitted electronically at <http://valenciacc.edu/admissions>, by the application deadline and adhere to general information posted at <http://valenciacc.edu/weekend> which identifies deadline dates.

Returning students who have not attended Valencia within the past two years are required to submit a Valencia Application for Admission (without a fee), which can be downloaded at <http://valenciacc.edu/admissions>, and mailed or submitted to a campus Answer Center by the Enrollment Update Deadline and to adhere to general information posted at <http://valenciacc.edu/weekend> which identifies deadline dates.

Students who wish to drop a weekend teacher recertification course must do so by the established deadline date as posted on the Valencia Weekend College Web site: <http://valenciacc.edu/weekend>.

**Alternate Certification
Educator Preparation Institute**

The Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) provides a competency-based program that offers the individual with a bachelor’s degree in a discipline other than education the preparation to become a classroom teacher in Florida. Participants who demonstrate mastery of the twelve Florida Educator Accomplished Practices and present passing scores on all sections of the Florida Teacher Certification Exams will be awarded a Certificate of Completion. The program components designated by an EPI prefix provide institutional credit, are not transferable to an upper-division institution, and do not count toward any degree. Program acceptance is required for participation in the EPI.

For further information, contact the Educator Preparation Institute director at Valencia.

Module I

Course	Title	Credits
EPI 0001	Classroom Management	3
EPI 0002	Instructional Strategies	3
EPI 0003	Technology	3
EPI 0004	Teaching and Learning Process	3

Module II

Course	Title	Credits
EPI 0010	Foundations of Research-Based Practices in Reading	3

Module III

Course	Title	Credits
EPI 0020	The Teaching Foundation	2
EPI 0940	Teaching Profession Field Experience	1

Module IV

Course	Title	Credits
EPI 0030	Diversity	2
EPI 0945	Diversity Field Experience	1

Total Credits 21

Educator Preparation Institute course descriptions will be available in the Online official catalog.

Weekend Courses

A variety of courses is offered at all four campus locations. For a complete listing of courses each term, please refer to *Weekend Courses* in the online Registration Guide at <http://valenciacc.edu/schedule>.

