

# VALENCIA COLLEGE

## Collegiate Academy

**The Collegiate Academy** is a competitive, accelerated academic program that challenges students beyond current traditional high school programs. It provides Dual Enrollment and Advanced Placement options for students' educational experiences, with increased access to college advising and career planning. Entrance is based on an application process, in the 8<sup>th</sup> or 9<sup>th</sup> grade year, that details GPA, test scores, writing, and teacher recommendations.

### Benefits of Collegiate Academy

- No college entrance test required (PERT test) for admission
- Classes meet on the college campus for 10th grade
- Does not require parent on campus for students under 16 years
- Tuition-free and textbooks provided
- Combination of Dual Enrollment & Advanced Placement enhance an educational resume and increase college admissions competitiveness.
- Access to excellent Valencia professors and one-on-one academic advising
- Students attend as a cohort, Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday, with unique Friday programming that introduces students to Valencia College's personnel, programs, and resources.
- Courses and professors are specifically chosen for CA students
- Valencia registers students for their college classes the 10th-grade year. CA students do not have to register on their own.

### Differences between Collegiate Academy & Dual Enrollment

Dual Enrollment (DE)	Collegiate Academy (AC)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Must have college-ready scores before eligibility (PERT, ACT, SAT)</li><li>• Classes meet at college or online.</li><li>• Students search for and enroll in their own classes</li><li>• Must visit Valencia Answer Center for advising</li><li>• Students take courses with other college students at Valencia</li><li>• Parent/ legal guardian must be on campus during student's DE courses if a student is under 16 years</li><li>• May take up to 7 credit hours in summer and up to 13 in fall and spring</li><li>• DE students attend according to the Valencia calendar</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PERT entrance test not required for initial application – taken in the 10th grade CA program</li><li>• Classes meet on the college campus*, 10th grade, 1st two periods of the day (2 courses in fall, 2 in spring) May be a combination of a face-to-face course and online course</li><li>• Students are enrolled by Valencia for the 10th grade year</li><li>• One-on-one advising/career planning available with CA advisor</li><li>• 4 Courses taken as a CA student cohort, Monday-Friday</li><li>• Parent attendance not required</li><li>• Friday Workshops introduce college personnel, programs, and resources</li><li>• After 10th grade, may take up to 7 credit hours in summer and up to 13 in fall and spring</li><li>• CA students attend Valencia according to LNHS schedule for the 10th-grade year</li><li>• Outstanding professors are chosen for CA students</li></ul>

## Collegiate Academy Application – Steps to Apply

**Step 1:** Read all presented information about Collegiate Academy (CA)

**Step 2:** View the checklist of items needed to complete the Collegiate Academy Application process

**Step 3:** Complete and submit the Lake Nona High School Collegiate Academy Application no later than 2/14/2022 (<https://forms.gle/vg2BzMECDvsNcaGr9>)

**Step 4:** Request three (3) current teachers to complete the Collegiate Academy Teacher Recommendation form. See the template email below

**After Application Submission:** Your application will be reviewed by the college. You will be notified of the results by the high school, and if accepted, with further information about a spring meeting for all new CA students and parents

**Application Deadline: Monday, February 14**

## Application Checklist

A completed application includes:

- Student Information Sheet (included in the application)
- Student Educational Goal Statement (included in the application)
- Copy of 1<sup>st</sup>-semester report card for this school year (upload a copy in the application).
- Three (3) Teacher Recommendations (current English, math, science, social studies) – link to the recommendation form is included in the application
- A “previously graded” Writing Sample from an assignment completed during the current school year. This sample must come from an academic course that you are currently taking (upload a copy in the application)
- Copy of your most recent FSA and/or standardized test scores (upload a copy in the application)
- Signed Statement of Intent for the Collegiate Academy (included in the application)

## Teacher Recommendation Email Template

Dear Mr./Mrs. (Teacher's Name),

I am currently applying to the Collegiate Academy program at Valencia College. It is a competitive, accelerated program of dual enrollment, established by Lake Nona High School and Valencia, that begins in the 10th-grade year at the college. Part of the application process involves teacher recommendations from current English, math, science, or social studies teachers. I am requesting that you please access the link below (insert the link from the application) and complete the recommendation for me. Your submission will become part of my application and be reviewed by the college. All recommendations are due by Monday, 2/14/2022. Thank you for completing this form. I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,  
(Your Name)

## Questions

If you are in 9th grade when submitting your application and are accepted, you will be contacted to fill out a special Collegiate Academy Dual Enrollment application that will be due to the LNHS Student Services office, by 3/1/2022. If you have any questions regarding the Collegiate Academy or the Application process, please reach out to Collegiate Academy Team.

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