



AP LVN to RN Program

Information Session
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Why Cuesta College?

- ❖ Proven curriculum
- ❖ Strong reputation
 - RN licensure exam (NCLEX)
 - Employment
- ❖ Supportive community
- ❖ Skills lab
- ❖ High fidelity simulation lab



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Cuesta College LVN to RN Pathway

- ❖ Program website:
www.cuesta.edu, Academics, Nursing, Registered (RN/ADN)
- ❖ Earns an Associate Degree in Registered Nursing (ADN)
- ❖ Prepares graduates to take the National RN licensure examination (NCLEX-RN)
- ❖ Students enter in the 2nd semester, and complete 3rd & 4th semesters
- ❖ Students apply to the BRN to take NCLEX-RN in the 4th semester of the program
- ❖ RN licensure is granted by the BRN *after* passing NCLEX

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Cuesta College LVN to RN Program

- ❖ Time Commitment
 - Full time, rigorous and demanding program
 - Monday through Friday
 - Clinical sites from Arroyo Grande, SLO to Templeton
 - Clinicals are long term care, hospitals & clinics
- ❖ ADN to BSN partnerships exist
 - CSU-Monterey Bay Collaborative
 - Earn BSN 12 months after completion of ADN

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Class Selection

- ❖ Class Selection is determined through:
 - Academic Preparation
 - Work Experience
 - ATI TEAS Score
 - Personal Interview of Selected Students
- ❖ Up to 3 candidates accepted, alternates considered on space available basis
- ❖ Applicants not admitted can reapply in a future application cycle
- ❖ Refer to program website often for most current information

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Program Requirements

- ❖ Current California LVN License
- ❖ Minimum 6 months LVN work experience
- ❖ Prerequisites & additionally required coursework (next slide)
- ❖ ATI TEAS assessment test
 - Cuesta AP LVN to RN applicants are offered one test onsite free of charge during application cycle/once a year
 - Testing deadline is stated in instruction packet
 - 62% or higher for program eligibility
 - Must test with each application cycle
 - Only the first score in the past 12 months can be accepted

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Prerequisite Coursework

- Must be complete by deadline in application instructions
- No online science labs can be accepted
- Combined science GPA must be >2.5 to be eligible

Human
Anatomy
with Lab
(4 credits)

Cuesta
Equivalent
Bio 205

Human
Physiology
with Lab
(4 credits)

Cuesta
Equivalent
Bio 206

Microbiology
with Lab
(4 credits)

Cuesta
Equivalent
Bio 204

English
Composition
(3 credits)

Cuesta
Equivalent
English 201A

Must complete with
C grade or higher

See a counselor if
science GPA <2.5 for
ways to increase

No recency exists,
but consider for
your success

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Additional Required Coursework

- ❖ Must be completed before program entry
- ❖ May complete after application is submitted but should be started before
- ❖ Transcripts must be submitted by date in the application

Required by BRN

- Into to
Sociology/Cultural
Anthropology
- General Psychology
- Speech/Communication

Required for Degree (by Cuesta)

- History/Political Science
(American Institutions)
- Arts/Humanities
- Intermediate Algebra

SB 1393 may waive
– if Bachelor Degree or higher

*Will need Statistics and General Chemistry (schools vary at level) if you plan on
getting your Bachelor's Degree in Nursing someday – plan/take now*

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Equivalency Evaluation of Courses

- ❖ For coursework not taken at Cuesta
- ❖ Refer to the RN Prerequisite Course Equivalencies Chart
- ❖ If course is not listed, use the Pre-RN Course Equivalency form
 - Transcripts and course description are necessary
 - Mail or submit electronically to counselling
 - Make an appointment with a counselor by calling
SLO (805) 546-3138
NCC (805) 591-6225
- ❖ Both forms found on the RN Application Information webpage

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Ineligible Applicants

- A combined prerequisite science GPA < 2.50
- Any hold on Cuesta student account
- Failure to meet any ATI TEAS requirement
- Failure to meet any deadlines or time-sensitive emails
- Failure to submit official transcripts of coursework from ALL colleges and universities attended

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Application Timeline & Instructions

- ❖ Attend Mandatory Information Session within 2 year timeframe
- ❖ Receive LVN to RN Application Instructions via email by May 1
- ❖ Receive link to online LVN to RN Application via email June 1
 - Important! Call the nursing office at (805) 546-3119 if either the Application Instructions or the link to the online application are not received by the dates above.
- ❖ Online Applications Accepted: June 1 - June 30 (by 4:00pm)
- ❖ Prerequisites and 6 months LVN work experience must be completed by June 15
- ❖ Official, sealed transcripts due dates listed in application (June 15)
 - Extended date into July if you took a Spring course

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Application Timeline & Instructions, continued

- ❖ Take ATI TEAS assessment test and submit by deadline listed in application instructions (in July)
- ❖ Complimentary test date for Cuesta LVN to RN applicants will be offered and listed in application instructions (July)
- ❖ Selected applicants will be interviewed in July
- ❖ Notification of admission status emailed in August
- ❖ Program begins in January (2nd semester of the RN program)
- ❖ Mandatory orientation for incoming students:
 - 1 day in Fall & 3 days in January
- ❖ Work Experience form:
 - Attach your professional resume and copy of your LVN license
 - Form must be signed by HR director or Director of Nursing with specific hours as requested on the form
 - Letters of recommendation are optional

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Important and Time Sensitive Communication will be sent to your myCuesta email account

- ❖ my.cuesta email will be sent to you after you apply to be a student at Cuesta
- ❖ Check your *my.cuesta* email inbox directly
 - do not rely on email forwarding to another account
 - adjust junk and spam filters to receive our emails
- ❖ Email notification dates are provided in the application
- ❖ If we cannot contact you, time sensitive responses may be missed and your application turns ineligible
 - email nursing nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu with contact information changes

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Final Admission Criteria

Instructions & forms distributed at the incoming student orientation

- ❖ Physical Exam
- ❖ Immunization records and/or lab titers
 - MMR x 2, Varicella x 2, Hepatitis B x 3, Tdap
 - TB skin test between June 1 and December 1 before program entry
 - Seasonal Flu vaccine - will be offered at no cost in 3rd semester
- ❖ American Heart Association Healthcare Provider CPR Certification
 - Completed between June 1 and November 1 before program entry
- ❖ Background Check & Drug Screen
 - Cleared by Cuesta prior to program
 - Cuesta's policy can be viewed at academic.cuesta.edu/nursing
 - Cleared by BRN upon completion of program/application for NCLEX
 - BRN policy can be viewed at www.rn.ca.gov
- ❖ Heads up – arrest and court documents are submitted with NCLEX application to the BRN during March/April of the 4th semester

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Estimated Cost of the RN Program

- ❖ Estimated cost of the RN program is \$6,000
 - Tuition, material fees, parking, books, stethoscope & watch, NCLEX fees
 - Will need reliable transportation and gas money
 - Cost breakdown is on the nursing program website
- ❖ Remember to factor in the loss of income for two years.
- ❖ Financial Aid and scholarships are available! Contact the Financial Aid office at <http://www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid/>
- ❖ Apply for Financial Aid *even if you have not received notification of acceptance*

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Schedule By the Week...

- 2nd Semester:**
Monday & Tuesday - Lectures and skills lab morning and afternoon
Tuesday - Clinical prep in afternoon & evening
Wednesday & Thursday - Clinical *every week*
Friday - open lab, homework, catch up, occasional class meeting
- 3rd and 4th Semester:**
Monday & Tuesday - Clinical
 - 3rd Semester Clinical is *every other week*
 - 4th semester Clinical is *every week*Wednesday and Thursday - Lecture
Friday - scheduled lab, occasional class meeting

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Plan for Success!

Prepare for these potential barriers to success:

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| Get Experience! | → | • Get first hand experience of the nursing field/expectations of RN program |
| Plan your budget now.
Talk to family members.
Be realistic about the demands of a full-time nursing program. | ⎵ | • Need to work
• Financial issues
• Transportation issues
• Access to computer/other tech devices
• Lack of family and/or peer support
• Family responsibilities |
| Go to a Cuesta College Student Success Center and get help now! | ⎵ | • Stress management
• Time management
• Study skills |

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Where to Begin

- ❖ Call the Counseling Department to schedule an appointment by calling (805) 546-3138 in SLO or (805) 591-6225 in North County
 - Evaluate coursework to date
 - Complete a Student Education Plan
 - Obtain evaluation of prerequisite coursework not taken at Cuesta (recommended, not mandatory)
 - Review RN website information before going to your counseling appointment
 - Complete the Cuesta On-line Student Orientation prior to your counseling appointment found on the MyCuesta portal
 - ✓ Student tab
 - ✓ Registration
 - ✓ Tools

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Questions?



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