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VISION

Cuesta College is a premier community college providing accessible, high-quality education that focuses on student success, lifelong learning, and community vitality.

Vision: Cuesta College es un colegio universitario que provee educación de alta calidad para asegurar el éxito estudiantil, aprendizaje de toda la vida, y vitalidad comunitaria.

MISSION

Cuesta College makes lifelong learning happen. We enable students to achieve their academic, transfer, workforce preparation, career advancement, and personal goals. Building on our tradition of excellence, we serve our community by providing programs and services that produce students who can succeed in a diverse and rapidly changing society, participate effectively in their local communities, and live responsible and rewarding lives. As a learning college, we provide a supportive environment for students and employees, assess student and institutional outcomes, improve performance, forge strategic partnerships, and maximize opportunities for learning.

Mision: La misión de Cuesta College es asistir a nuestros estudiantes a lograr sus metas académicas y personales, trasladarse a universidades de cuatro años, adquirir técnicas de trabajo, y avanzar en sus carreras. En base a nuestra tradición de excelencia, ofrecemos programas que preparan a nuestros estudiantes para triunfar en una sociedad diversa, tomar parte activa en sus comunidades, y conducir vidas responsables. Asimismo, proveemos un ambiente de apoyo a estudiantes y trabajadores, asesoramos a nuestros estudiantes y nuestros logros institucionales, mejoramos nuestro rendimiento, facilitamos la formación de asociaciones y oportunidades de aprendizaje.

VALUES

Excellence — We pride ourselves on providing high-quality faculty and staff who create relevant and innovative programs and services that result in desired student learning outcomes.

Integrity — We strive to maintain public trust by being responsible, honest, and trustworthy with our students, staff, and community.

Diversity — We embrace diversity by respecting the dignity of every individual, accepting differences, and striving to be inclusive.

Responsiveness — We respond to the changing needs of our students and communities through open access, flexible learning options, and adapting to change.

Caring — We provide a safe, supportive, and participative environment that treats everyone respectfully and fairly and allows students and employees to recognize their strengths, clarify their goals, achieve success, and enrich their lives.

Collaboration — We are committed to creating an internal environment that fosters a sense of community and to achieving success through collaboration with business, community, and educational partners.

VALORES

Excelencia — Nuestro profesorado y trabajadores ofrecen servicios de alta calidad para asegurar el éxito estudiantil.

Integridad — Procuramos mantener la confianza del público siendo responsables y honrados en nuestras relaciones con los estudiantes, trabajadores, y la comunidad.

Diversidad — Respetamos la dignidad de cada individuo y aceptamos sus diferencias.

Sensibilidad para Responder — Respondemos a las necesidades de nuestros estudiantes y nuestras comunidades en forma abierta y flexible y adaptando a cambios.

Dedicación — Proveemos un ambiente de apoyo y tratamos a todos de manera respetuosa permitiendo a nuestros estudiantes que reconozcan sus habilidades, clarifiquen sus metas, y logren una vida exitosa.

Colaboración — Nos comprometemos a crear un ambiente interno que acoge un sentido de comunidad y lograr éxito a través de la colaboración de negocios, la comunidad y otras instituciones educativas.

LOCATION

Cuesta College, the “home” college of San Luis Obispo County, operates two campuses within the San Luis Obispo County Community College District and offers an evening program of course work at off-campus centers in the district, including the Arroyo Grande Center at Arroyo Grande High School and the Nipomo Center at Nipomo High School.

The San Luis Obispo Campus is located in the Chorro Valley between the cities of San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay on California’s beautiful, coast-hugging Highway One. Here the college has a permanent campus on 150 district-owned acres, leased facilities on adjacent California National Guard property, and a 75-acre field campus.

The North County Campus sits on 105 acres among the rolling hills of Paso Robles on Buena Vista Drive near the junction of Highway 101 and Highway 46 East.

San Luis Obispo County is well known for its outstanding recreational features such as stream, lake, and ocean sports and an extensive park system.

OVERVIEW

HISTORY

The original junior or community college in San Luis Obispo County was initiated as a postgraduate division of San Luis Obispo High School in 1916 and remained in operation until the United States entered into World War I. In 1936, the San Luis Obispo High School District again formed a junior college, which remained in operation until June 1959.

On April 16, 1963, San Luis Obispo County voters approved the formation of a countywide junior college district, serving seven public high school districts. The newly-formed San Luis Obispo County Junior College District served the Arroyo Grande Union High School District, Atascadero Union High School District, Coast Joint Union High School District, Paso Robles Joint Union High School District, San Luis Obispo Union High School District, Shandon Joint Union School District and Templeton Union High School District.

During the 1964-65 college year, the San Luis Obispo County Junior

College District offered a limited evening division program with 463 students registering for the fall semester and 696 enrolling for the spring semester. Temporary quarters were established at Camp San Luis Obispo, a California National Guard facility located halfway between San Luis Obispo and Morro Bay. Classes and offices were situated in refurbished barracks, recreation rooms, and mess halls.

Despite the District's modest beginnings, 917 day students and 991 evening students were enrolled in classes by the fall of 1965. Evening division classes also were conducted at three other locations in the county - Arroyo Grande, Atascadero, and Paso Robles. On October 4, 1965, the Board of Trustees of the San Luis Obispo County Junior College District named the new college "Cuesta College." In 1971, the "junior" college district was renamed to "community college."

In 1970, ground was broken for the college's first permanent buildings, located on a 150-acre campus west of Camp San Luis Obispo. During the following 35 years, classroom buildings, a library, observatory, student center, art and music lab building, art gallery, high tech learning center, children's center, and offices were constructed on the San Luis Obispo campus. The new performing arts building is under construction and is anticipated for completion in spring 2009. By spring 2008, the student population on the San Luis Obispo Campus grew to more than 8,500 students.

Cuesta College has a long history, which dates back to the late 1960s. It is a history of teaching at off-campus instructional sites. Through the years, Cuesta has taught in Cambria, Atascadero, Paso Robles, Templeton, Arroyo Grande, and Nipomo.

In fall 1998, the college opened the North County Campus on its 105-acre site in Paso Robles. The campus was, built almost exclusively with private gift support, has grown from 1,200 students the first semester to over 3,000 day and evening students in spring 2008. The site began with modular buildings to be used until permanent buildings were approved by the state. In the summer of 2005, the first permanent building opened to students: The Fox Family Building. This building houses Allied Health, Math, and Science. The college anticipates breaking ground for two additional permanent buildings in 2008-09: The North County Campus Learning Resource Center and the Trades and Technology Complex.

The South County Centers are off-campus evening instructional sites at Arroyo Grande High School and Nipomo High School, provided in cooperation with the Lucia Mar Unified School District. During the spring 2008 semester, more than 800 evening students were served at these sites.

Cuesta College now serves more than 13,000 students at all college locations. The college has become a center for community use by individuals, families, and community groups on an extended-day and year-round basis.

Historia: La universidad comunitaria del Condado de San Luis Obispo se formó inicialmente como una extensión de la Escuela Secundaria de San Luis Obispo en 1916 y permaneció abierta hasta que los Estados Unidos entró en la Primera Guerra Mundial. En 1936, el Distrito de la Escuela Secundaria de San Luis Obispo formó otra vez el colegio universitario, el cual se mantuvo en operación hasta junio de 1959.

El 16 de abril de 1963, el Condado de San Luis Obispo aprobó la formación de una universidad comunitaria para servir a siete escuelas secundarias públicas del distrito. El Distrito del Colegio Universitario de San Luis Obispo sirvió los Distritos de la Escuela Secundaria de Arroyo Grande, de Atascadero, de Coast Joint Union, de Paso Robles, de San Luis Obispo, de Shandon y de Templeton.

Durante el año académico 1964-65, el Distrito del Colegio Universitario de San Luis Obispo ofreció un programa nocturno con 463 estudiantes inscritos en el semestre del otoño y 696 en el de la primavera. La sede temporaria fue establecida en el Campamento de San Luis Obispo, la Guardia Nacional de California, localizada entre San Luis Obispo y Morro Bay. Esta sede modesta sirvió a 917 estudiantes diurnos y 991 estudiantes nocturnos durante el semestre del otoño de 1965. Además, se ofrecieron clases nocturnas en Arroyo Grande, Atascadero y Paso Robles, El 4 de octubre de 1965, el Patronato del Distrito del Colegio Universitario nombró a la universidad nueva "Cuesta College." En 1971, el colegio universitario fue renombrado "universidad comunitaria."

En 1970, se inició la construcción de los edificios permanentes, sobre un área de 150 acres, al oeste del Campamento de San Luis Obispo. Durante el transcurso de 30 años, se construyeron aulas, una biblioteca, un observatorio, un centro estudiantil, un laboratorio de arte y música, una galería de arte, un centro de aprendizaje tecnológico, un centro de cuidado de niños, y oficinas en la ciudad universitaria de San Luis Obispo. Actualmente, el edificio de Bellas Artes está siendo construido; se anticipa que estará terminado en la primavera del 2009. En la primavera del 2008, el número de estudiantes aumentó a 8500 en San Luis Obispo.

La historia de Cuesta College se remonta a los finales del año de 1960. Es una historia de enseñanza en diferentes sitios educacionales. Durante muchos años, Cuesta ha provisto educación en Cambria, Atascadero, Paso Robles, Templeton, Arroyo Grande, y Nipomo.

En el otoño de 1998, se abrieron las puertas del Condado Norte, en un terreno de 105 acres en Paso Robles. La universidad, construida casi exclusivamente con fondos de donaciones privadas, empezó con 1200 estudiantes el primer semestre. En la primavera del 2008, el número de estudiantes aumentó a 3000 estudiantes diurnos y nocturnos. La localidad inició con edificios modulares, en espera de que edificios permanentes fuesen aprobados y patrocinados por el estado. En el verano del 2005, el primer edificio permanente fue inaugurado: el edificio Fox, el cual sirve como centro de Matemáticas, Ciencias, y Salud. La universidad comunitaria anticipa dar comienzo a la construcción de dos edificios permanentes durante el año 2008-2009: el Centro de Recursos de Aprendizaje del Condado Norte y el Complejo de Comercio y Tecnología.

Los Centros del Condado Sur proveen educación nocturna en la Escuela Secundaria de Arroyo Grande y Nipomo, en colaboración con el Distrito Escolar de Lucia Mar. Durante la primavera del 2008, mas de 800 estudiantes nocturnos recibieron educación en estas localidades.

Actualmente, Cuesta College sirve como centro educacional universitario para mas de 13000 estudiantes. La universidad se ha convertido en un centro de servicio para la comunidad, personas particulares, familias, y grupos comunitarios. Los servicios ofrecidos están disponibles todo el año.

ACCREDITATION

Cuesta College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges [10 Commercial Blvd., Suite S04, Novato, CA 94949 (415) 506-0234]. All courses and curricula have been approved by the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges. Cuesta College is fully authorized to offer courses which parallel the first two years of the California State University and the University of California curricula and which qualify a student for transfer to these and other accredited colleges and universities throughout the United States.

The Licensed Vocational Nursing Program is fully accredited by the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians. LVN courses are offered at the North County Campus.

The Associate Degree Registered Nursing program at Cuesta College has been approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing.

The Psychiatric Technician program has been approved by the California Board of Vocational Nurse and Psychiatric Technician Examiners.

The Paramedic Program is pending accreditation from the Committee on Accreditation of Education Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professional.

EVENING CLASSES

A varied schedule of college credit and non-credit classes is provided in the evening. In addition to classes housed in the regular facilities on the San Luis Obispo and North County campuses, evening classes are offered at Arroyo Grande High School, Nipomo High School, Paso Robles High School and other common locations. These classes parallel all other Cuesta College classes in college credit value, prerequisites, standards, content, time devoted to preparation of assignment, and examination. Attendance and withdrawal rules, scholarship standards, and requirements for graduation with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree are the same as for a regular semester but deadlines are based on the evening class schedule.

WEEKEND COLLEGE

College credit and non-credit courses are offered on weekends (Friday evenings and/or Saturdays) during the regular semester. Students who attend Weekend College can complete certificate and degree requirements in addition to general education courses for transfer.

SUMMER SESSION

The summer session offers a varied schedule of classes. Attendance and withdrawal rules, scholarship standards, and requirements for graduation with an Associate in Arts or Associate in Science degree are the same as for a regular semester but deadlines are based on the shorter summer schedule.

NON-CREDIT

Cuesta College offers a growing variety of non-credit classes in five areas:

1. Short-term vocational classes designed for upgrading job skills;
2. Wellness classes designed to enhance an individual's physical fitness;
3. English as a Second Language classes designed for community members whose native language is not English;
4. Citizenship classes designed for community members seeking to become U.S. citizens; and
5. Emeritus College classes designed for community members over the age of 55. These courses were created at Cuesta to meet local community needs and are designed for the adult learner whose goals are personal enrichment.
6. Approved high school coursework offered to help students meet the requirements for a high school diploma.

LIBRARIES

The Cuesta College Libraries on the San Luis Obispo Campus and the North County Campus support the educational program of the college. Books, periodical subscriptions and audiovisual materials are closely coordinated with curriculum offerings. Holdings include general education and vocational education materials, and other resources for updating and increasing skills and knowledge.

Through an electronic information system, students can search the Cuesta College library catalog to determine what is owned and whether it is

checked out. In addition, students can search indexes of periodicals, some of which include full text of the articles, and use the Internet to connect to catalogs of other libraries and other sources of information wherever they may be located. Remote searches of the Cuesta College library catalog can be performed over the Internet using Netscape or Internet Explorer at <http://library.cuesta.edu>. Currently-enrolled students may also use this portal to gain remote access to full-text periodical articles and e-books.

To assist students and community residents with their informational and research needs, librarians are available at the information desk on the San Luis Obispo Campus whenever the library is open and designated hours at the North County Campus and the Arroyo Grande Center. College librarians hold advanced degrees and as part of the college faculty teach research skills and help students locate the best resources for their educational needs.

Library facilities include areas for studying, photocopying, computer use and library instruction. Comfortable surroundings invite leisurely browsing, reading and viewing, and provide a quiet place for contemplation and learning.

To borrow library materials, students must show photo identification. Community residents must show a current I.D. with local street address to use a courtesy library card.

Open computer labs on the San Luis Obispo and the North County campuses are provided for academic use only. Workstations are equipped with most software taught at Cuesta so that students can work on class projects outside scheduled lecture and lab times for their courses. One lab on each campus is adjacent to or in the Library. Smaller and more specialized labs are also available on the San Luis Campus on a more limited basis.