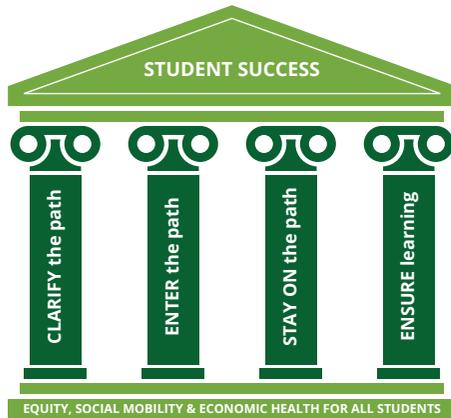


THE FOUR PILLARS OF GUIDED PATHWAYS

1. Create clear curricular pathways to employment and further education (ex. Program Maps).
2. Help students choose and enter a path (ex. career exploration, Areas of Study & Counseling).
3. Help students stay on their path (ex. support services, early faculty intervention, proactive & embedded counseling, robust tutoring, access to grades early and throughout the semester).
4. Ensure learning is happening (ex. continuing to assess our programs, updating coursework and curriculum regularly and conduct, early assessments).



ENGAGING STUDENTS

It is important to engage students in Guided Pathways. Some methods that we are using are:

- Involving students in GPIT taskforces
- Training students on how to be involved
- Utilizing focus groups, surveys, and student panels
- Collaborating with Cougar PALS to generate student engagement and a continuous student connection and feedback
- Creating events for students to engage with faculty and staff in Areas of Study



GUIDED PATHWAYS IMPLEMENTATION TEAM (GPIT)

The Guided Pathways Implementation Team (GPIT) includes faculty, staff, administrators, and students who are working together to direct the Guided Pathways transformation at Cuesta College. The GPIT co-chairs regularly attend statewide and regional workshops to learn about Guided Pathways best-practices as well as successes and struggles of other California Community Colleges.

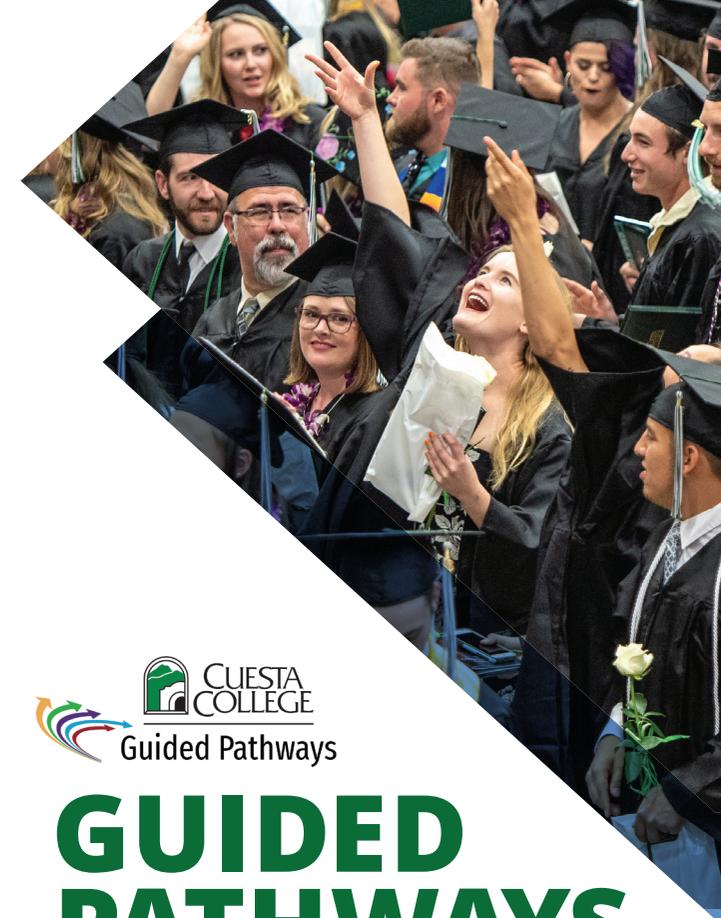
The GPIT meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month at 9:00–10:30AM in the PDC (3134) with PolyCom to N3213. All are welcome to attend! If you would like to receive calendar invitations, please email us at GuidedPathways@cuesta.edu.

CUESTA COLLEGE MISSION

Cuesta College is an inclusive institution that inspires a diverse student population to achieve their educational goals.

We effectively support students in their efforts to improve foundational skills, earn certificates or associate degrees, transfer to four-year institutions, and advance in the workforce.

Through innovative and challenging learning opportunities, Cuesta College enhances lives by promoting cultural, intellectual, personal, and professional growth. We prepare students to become engaged citizens in our increasingly complex communities and world.



GUIDED PATHWAYS AT CUESTA COLLEGE

SPRING 2020

At Cuesta College, we are committed to helping students graduate as quickly as possible, without unnecessary units, and with less debt. Through Guided Pathways we will provide all students with clear course-taking patterns that promote better enrollment decisions and prepare students for their futures. We also aim to reduce equity gaps by making services clearer to students and bringing services to them where and when they need them most.

PROGRAM MAPPING

Counseling and instructional faculty have collaborated to develop the first round of program maps, which provide students an opportunity to view a comprehensive suggested sequencing of courses to obtain a degree or certificate. The current Associate Degree maps provide a 2-year sequence including the 'core' major-specific courses as well as the general education areas.

COMPLETED MAPS:

- Associates Degrees for Transfer
- Cuesta Associate Degrees
- Cuesta Certificates of Achievement

MAPS TO BE COMPLETED:

- IGETC General Ed for UC transfer
- Cal Poly & common transfer institutions
- 3- and 4-year maps

SAMPLE PROGRAM MAP

1 st YEAR	2 nd YEAR	3 rd YEAR	4 th YEAR
GEOL 229A 1.0 units GEOLOGICAL SCIENCE FIELD STUDIES	GEOL 229 3.0 units GEOLOGY OF CALIFORNIA	GEOL 212 or GEOL 229 3.0 units Choose a course	Geology Major Course List 0.0 units Choose a course
GEOL 210 4.0 units PHYSICAL GEOLOGY	GEOL 229B 1.0 unit GEOLOGICAL SCIENCE FIELD STUDIES	OCEAN 210 3.0 units OCEANOGRAPHY	OCEAN 210L 1.0 unit OCEANOGRAPHY LABORATORY
Cuesta HEED Requirement 3.0 units Choose a course	Cuesta GE for Associates Degree: D-2 Analytical Thinking 3.0 units Choose a course	Cuesta GE for Associates Degree: B Social and Behavioral Studies 3.0 units Choose a course	Cuesta DIVERSITY Requirement 0.0 units Choose a course
Written Communication 1.0 units Choose a course from Area A.2	Cuesta GE for Associates Degree: C Arts and Humanities 3.0 units Choose a course	Cuesta GE for Associates Degree: E American Institutions 3.0 units Choose a course	Cuesta Degree Applicable Electives 3.0 units Choose a course
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Be on the lookout for these in the next year.

Thank you to all faculty, staff, and administration who have supported this work in bringing this valuable tool to our students!

META-MAJORS/AREAS OF STUDY

Areas of Study (generically known as meta-majors) are groups of programs that have related courses or similar employment outcomes. New Cuesta students will be able to select an Area of Study, rather than being required to choose a specific major, as is currently the case. This will give them the option of guided exploration early in their college careers. Areas of Study will also help current students by providing specialized support services and community-building events to help them feel connected.



PROPOSED AREAS OF STUDY

- Business, Agriculture, Hospitality, and Legal
Business from the Ground Up
- Creative Arts and Communication
Expression and Performance
- Education and Information
Teaching and Research
- ESL and Adult Education
Foundational Studies
- Health and Wellness
Nutrition, Healthcare, and Movement Science
- Skilled Trades and Technology
Hands-On Building and Design
- Social, Behavior, and Human Sciences
People, Culture, and Society
- Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM)
How Things Work: Earth, Life, and the Universe

FUTURE GOALS

Guided Pathways involves multiple avenues to improve the student experience. Here are a few of the major plans that are currently being investigated:

- Engage students more in Guided Pathways planning and development
- Embed Areas of Study into outreach activities, such as Cougar Welcome Days, Connect@Cuesta, and Promise Day
- Create Areas of Study Success Communities
- Develop Career Connections in association with Areas of Study
- Integrate Pathways-related processes into regular Cuesta business

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Guided Pathways is a team effort and we could use your help! If you would like to get involved, please send us an email at GuidedPathways@cuesta.edu. Here are some ways that you can contribute:

FACULTY

- Review program maps
- Serve on Area of Study panels at outreach activities: Cougar Welcome Days, Connect@Cuesta, Promise Day, Preview Day
- Become an Area of Study Faculty Lead (watch for information to be sent later)

ALL EMPLOYEES

- Assist with outreach activities
- Participate in Area of Study events
- Attend Guided Pathways Town Halls
- Welcome students to campus
 - Ask if they need help finding something
 - Ask how their classes are going