

NURSING, LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2021-2022 CATALOG



DESCRIPTION

The Cuesta College Licensed Vocational Nursing Program (LVN) is approved by the California Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT). The purpose of the nursing program is to prepare students for entry level vocational nursing positions in a variety of health care settings. Graduates of this 12-month, fast-track program are eligible to take the National Council for Licensure Examination (NCLEX-VN), and upon successful completion, become licensed as a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) in the State of California.

ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

An Associate Degree, depending on the focus of study, is designed to prepare students for transfer into upper division course work in a bachelor's degree program, or, to prepare students to enter the workforce in a particular vocational field. To qualify for an Associate's Degree, a student must: (1) complete each major-specific course required for the degree with at least a "C" grade or better, (2) complete all Cuesta College general education, graduation and residency requirements, and (3) achieve an overall grade point average of 2.0 for all courses attempted (major, general education, elective).

A Certificate Program is designed for students who desire specific training to meet an immediate occupational or personal goal, or for promotion or lateral transfer within their existing field of employment. To qualify for a Certificate of Achievement or a Certificate of Specialization, a student must 1) complete all courses required for the Certificate with an overall grade point average of 2.0.

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Associate in Science (A.S.)
- Certificate of Achievement (C.A.)
- Certificate of Specialization (C.S.)

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

- Correctional Facilities
- Home Health
- Long-term Care Facilities
- Medical Offices
- Schools
- Transitional Care Facilities

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**LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSE (LVN) PROGRAM
ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Admission into the LVN program is by application only.

These LVN Degree and Certificate options are available:

1. Licensed Vocational Nursing Associate in Science Degree earned by completing all required prerequisite coursework, all nursing program coursework and all college associate degree requirements. This degree option can be earned at any time and is not required to be accomplished before or during the LVN certificate program.
2. Nursing, Licensed Vocational Nurse Certificate of Achievement earned by completing all required prerequisite coursework and all nursing program coursework. All students who satisfactorily complete the LVN Program are awarded a Certificate of Achievement.
3. Licensed Vocational Nurse, Basic Intravenous Therapy, Blood Administration, And Phlebotomy Certificate of Specialization earned by LVNs completing theory and skills lab hours. This course is available to students who have completed the curriculum and prepares the LVN for IV insertion, IV infusion, blood products and blood withdrawal certification by the California State Board of Vocational Nurses and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT).

Comprehensive information about required preparation for the LVN program is available on the Cuesta College Nursing website, <https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/scimath/nah/index.html> Students are also strongly encouraged to attend an LVN Information Session (dates posted on website) and to visit an Academic Counselor for detailed program information.

Academic prerequisite coursework to be completed prior to application for program entry.

NAST 148 Nursing Assistant.	3
and NAST 148L Nursing Assistant Lab	2
OR California Certified Nursing Assistant certification	
BIO 212 Human Biology*	3
BIO 212L Human Biology Lab*	1
ENGL 156 College Reading and Writing*	4
MATH 127 Intermediate Applied Algebra*	5
OR	
MATH 128 Applied Algebra*	(6)
Total Credits:	18-19

Additional Associate Degree General Education requirements to earn a Licensed Vocational Nursing Associate in Science Degree are listed on the Cuesta College website at <https://www.cuesta.edu/academics/GeneralEducationPatterns.html>.

TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES:

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine: www.ASSIST.org
 CSU System Information: www2.calstate.edu

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information: www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid

ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

The courses listed below are open only to students who have been admitted to Cuesta’s Licensed Vocational Nursing program through the application process. All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Licensed Vocational Nursing — Associate in Science

This degree is earned by completing all required prerequisite coursework, all nursing program coursework, and all college associate degree coursework.

Required Courses (50 credits)

LVN 101	Theory I: Fundamentals, Perioperative And Acute Adult	7
LVN 101A	Skills Theory I: Adult, Perioperative, And Medication Administration	7
LVN 101AL . . .	Skills Lab I: Basic Care, Adult, Perioperative, Medication Administration	2.5
LVN 101B	Clinical I: Medication Administration, Basic Care	5
LVN 102	Theory II: Maternal/Newborn, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease	7
LVN 102A	Skills Theory II: Maternal/Newborn, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease	7
LVN 102AL . . .	Skills Lab II: Maternal/Newborn, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease	2.5
LVN 102B	Clinical II: Adult Acute, Mother/Baby, Pediatric Care . . .	5
LVN 103	Theory III: Community And Mental Health Nursing & Leadership.	2
LVN 103A	Skills Theory III: Community And Mental Health Nursing & Leadership.	2
LVN 103B	Clinical III: Mental Health, Team Leading, Preceptorship.	3
Total Credits:		50

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

The courses listed below are open only to students who have been admitted to Cuesta’s Licensed Vocational Nursing program through the application process. All courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.

Nursing, Licensed Vocational Nurse — Certificate of Achievement

This certificate is earned by completing all required prerequisite coursework and all nursing program coursework.

Required Courses (50 credits)

LVN 101	Theory I: Fundamentals, Perioperative And Acute Adult	7
LVN 101A	Skills Theory I: Adult, Perioperative, And Medication Administration	7
LVN 101AL	Skills Lab I: Basic Care, Adult, Perioperative, Medication Administration	2.5
LVN 101B	Clinical I: Medication Administration, Basic Care	5
LVN 102	Theory II: Maternal/Newborn, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease	7
LVN 102A	Skills Theory II: Maternal/Newborn, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease	7
LVN 102AL	Skills Lab II: Maternal/Newborn, Pediatrics, Chronic Disease	2.5
LVN 102B	Clinical II: Adult Acute, Mother/Baby, Pediatric Care	5
LVN 103	Theory III: Community And Mental Health Nursing & Leadership.	2
LVN 103A	Skills Theory III: Community And Mental Health Nursing & Leadership.	2
LVN 103B	Clinical III: Mental Health, Team Leading, Preceptorship	3
Total Credits:		50

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Licensed Vocational Nurse, Basic Intravenous Therapy, Blood Administration, And Phlebotomy — Certificate of Specialization

Student must successfully complete LVN 103B or its equivalent to be eligible for admittance to this program.

Required Courses (2 credits)

LVN 104	Basic Intravenous Therapy, Blood Administration, And Phlebotomy.	1.5
LVN 104L	Basic Intravenous Therapy, Blood Administration And Phlebotomy Lab	0.5
Total Credits:		2

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