

LVN to RN Program  
**INFORMATION SESSION**  
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**AGENDA**

- RN program overview
- RN licensure
- Prerequisite coursework
- Work experience
- Application instructions
- Application timeline
- Background & drug screen information
- Physical exam & immunization information
- How to prepare




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**Cuesta College RN Program**

- Began in 1967
- Strong reputation
- Proven curriculum
- Experienced faculty
- Sim and Skills lab
- Community support
- NCLEX pass rate
- Employment rate


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### LVN to RN Program Degree and Licensure

- Earns Associate Degree in Registered Nursing in 2 years (**ADN**)
- Approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (**BRN**)
- Prepares graduates to take the RN Licensure Exam (**NCLEX**)
- Graduates apply to the BRN to take NCLEX
- NCLEX testing occurs following graduation
- RN licensure issued by BRN *after* passing the NCLEX
- RN employment begins
- Continued education required every two years to renew

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### LVN to RN Student Selection Process

- ❖ Class Selection is determined through evaluation of the following to determine the most qualified applicants for program admission:
  - Academic Preparation
  - Work Experience
  - ATI TEAS Score
  - Personal Interview of Selected Students
- ❖ Admission reserved for up to 3 qualified applicants
  - alternates may be considered on space available basis
- ❖ No points and no waitlist associated with this application
- ❖ Applicants not selected are encouraged to reapply in a future application cycle

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### LVN to RN Program Time Commitment

- Enter into the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester of the RN program
- Complete 2nd, 3rd, and 4th semesters
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> semester begins in January
  - Summer off
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> semester starts in August
  - 4<sup>th</sup> and final semester begins the following January
- Full time program
- Monday through Friday
- Clinical sites from Arroyo Grande, SLO to Templeton
- Clinicals are completed in long term care, hospitals & clinics

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### LVN to RN Program Schedule (example)

• **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester:**

Monday & Tuesday - Lectures and skills lab morning and afternoon  
Tuesday - Clinical prep in afternoon & evening  
Wednesday & Thursday - Clinical **every week**  
Friday - open skills lab practice, homework, catch up, occasional class

• **3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Semester:**

Monday & Tuesday - Clinical  
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Semester Clinical is **every other week**  
- 4<sup>th</sup> semester Clinical is **every week**  
Wednesday and Thursday – Lecture & skills lab morning and afternoon  
Friday - open skills lab practice, occasional class meeting



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### Important Dates found on Page 1 of the Appl. Instructions !

**IMPORTANT DATES**

- April 1, 2022:** Application instruction packet emailed to eligible applicants
- May 31, 2022:** Online application link emailed to eligible applicants
- June 1-30, 2022:** Online applications
- June 15, 2022:** Deadline to complete prerequisite courses
- June 15, 2022:** Deadline to complete LVN work experience
- July 7, 2022:** ATI TEAS test at Cuesta. Deadline to submit ATI TEAS score if taken elsewhere.
- July 21, 2022:** Interview notifications emailed
- July 27, 2022:** Interviews of selected candidates
- August 1, 2022:** Notification of admission status emailed
- January 17, 2023:** Day 1 of the program



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### LVN to RN Program Eligibility Requirements

- ❖ Prerequisites, additionally required, and Cuesta's associate degree general education coursework
- ❖ Current California LVN License
- ❖ Minimum 6 months LVN work experience
- ❖ Professional resume showing LVN education and work experience
- ❖ Letters of recommendation are optional; should be on letterhead if submitting
- ❖ ATI TEAS assessment test
- ❖ Official transcripts from ALL colleges attended
- ❖ No in-progress coursework on transcripts
- ❖ Final admission requirements for selected students



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### LVN to RN Prerequisite Requirements

<b>BIO 204</b> Microbiology <i>with Lab</i>	<b>BIO 205</b> Human Anatomy <i>with Lab</i>	<b>BIO 206</b> Human Physiology <i>with Lab</i>	<b>ENGL 201</b> English Composition
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- Must be completed by June 15<sup>th</sup> the year you are applying
- Online science labs *cannot* be accepted. Exception: COVID semesters
- No recency requirement exists at Cuesta College
- Grades must be 'C' or higher
- ENGLISH is 201A or English Composition. Not critical Thinking/CSU Area A3
- A combined prerequisite science gpa of 2.5 or higher is required to be eligible

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### Coursework Equivalency Evaluation of External Courses (Courses NOT taken at Cuesta)

- Consult the [RN Prerequisite Course Equivalencies Chart](#)
- If your course is not on the chart, submit your transcript to the Cuesta College Records Department
- Apply to Cuesta
- Then request evaluation of these transcripts through counseling.
- If you have questions make an appointment with a counselor online or call **805-546-3138** (SLO) or **805-591-6225** (NCC)

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### Additional BRN & Associate Degree Coursework Required Before Program Start

BRN required:

1. General psychology
2. Introduction to sociology or cultural anthropology
3. Speech/communication (Public Speaking 201 and Small Group Comm 210)  
(Interpersonal Comm 230 will not fill CSU Area A1 for a BSN)

Associate degree required:

1. History/Poli Science (American Institutions)
2. Arts/Humanities
3. Intermediate Algebra or higher - Stats is recommended  
- Stats is required enrolling in a CSU BSN program

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### LVN License & Work Experience

- Recent patient care experience is important
- Enter 2<sup>nd</sup> semester without instruction on 1<sup>st</sup> semester skills
  - Examples: Med administration, organization, sterile technique, NG tube insertion and feeding, wound care
- 3 day orientation in January will review 1<sup>st</sup> semester skills

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### Assessment Test Score - ATI TEAS Test

- Test of Essential Academic Skills
- Version 7 is the only version that can be accepted
- Score of 62% or higher is required for eligibility, however competitive scores are typically above 80%
- Must test, or retest, with each application cycle
- Only the first test in 12 months (July 8, 2021-July 7, 2022) can be accepted
- One complimentary test is offered at Cuesta College for eligible applicants in July 2022
  - Date will be announced in the Application Instructions
  - Version 7 will be the required version this year

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### Assessment Test Score - ATI TEAS Test

- If you test at Cuesta, we receive your scores
- If you do not test at Cuesta, request ATI to submit your TEAS transcripts to Cuesta College.
  - We cannot do this for you!
- Remediation is required for scores below 62%
  - Email [nursingsuccess@cuesta.edu](mailto:nursingsuccess@cuesta.edu) if this pertains to you
- TEAS Assessment Test Policy and Test Day Information
  - Cuesta College specific information is on our nursing website
  - ATI specific information can be found on their website under *What is the ATI TEAS?*

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### Transcripts

- Transcripts are required from ALL colleges attended
  - If courses were taken at Cuesta College, you do not need to submit
  - Courses must be from a regionally accredited US college or university
  - Foreign transcripts must be evaluated
- Submit current official transcripts to the Cuesta College Records Office:
  - Request electronic delivery by asking the other institution to send directly to Cuesta College
  - Or by US mail in original sealed school envelope to the Cuesta College Records Office
    - The envelope must arrive unopened to be official
    - Do not send to the nursing office

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### Final Admission Criteria (for admitted students only)

Instructions & forms will be provided at an Incoming Student Orientation  
 All requirements will be due in December prior to admission

- Physical Examination
- Proof of Immunity
  - ✓ Lab titers and/or documentation of MMR x 2, Varicella x 2, Hep B, Tdap
  - ✓ TB screening
  - ✓ Influenza vaccination required during Fall semester
  - ✓ COVID plus booster
- Background Check & Drug Screen
- AHA Healthcare Provider CPR Card

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### Ineligible Applicant Situations

- Combined science prerequisite GPA less than 2.5
- Not submitting all transcripts from all schools attended
- Transcripts are not from regionally accredited college or university
- Transcripts with in-progress courses
  - Resubmit if you previously submitted transcripts with an in-progress course
- Not meeting assessment test requirements
- Not meeting deadlines
- Online science labs (exception during pandemic)

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

- Your my.cuesta email address is assigned after you apply to Cuesta
- Check your *my.cuesta* email 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 instructions
- If we cannot contact you, or you do not see the email, time sensitive responses may be missed and your application turns ineligible
  - email nursing [nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu](mailto:nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu) with contact information changes




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**Check your myCuesta email for the Important Dates listed on Page 1 of the Application Instructions**

- Missed deadlines due to non-receipt of emails cannot be accommodated.
- If Important Date email notifications have not arrived in your my.cuesta.edu mailbox by the dates in the application instructions, you must email: [nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu](mailto:nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu) within 2 days
- **July 21, 2022** - An invitation to interview at Cuesta College on July 27, 2022, will be emailed to *selected candidates*. Non-selected candidates will also be notified.
- **August 1, 2022** - Notification of admission status will be emailed to all applicants.




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**Financial Aid and Scholarship Information**

- Financial aid and scholarships are available for nursing students.
- *In order to meet college deadlines, applicants will apply for financial aid and/or scholarships prior to hearing if they have been admitted.*
- Contact the Financial Aid Office at 805-546-3143 or go to the [Financial Aid webpage](#).
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) from Cuesta's financial aid website.
- Complete a Cuesta College Scholarship application on Cuesta's financial aid website.
- Estimated program costs: An estimated program cost sheet can be viewed on the RN Information webpage. [RN Estimated Costs](#)




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### Estimated Costs & Financial Tips

- Cost estimated at \$6000
  - ✓ Includes tuition, books & supplies, parking permits, uniform, etc.
  - ✓ Estimated costs per semester can be found on the program website.
- Helpful tips
  - ✓ Apply for Financial Aid before admission notifications are sent
  - ✓ Reliable transportation to the San Luis Obispo campus and clinical sites will be necessary
  - ✓ Lots of computer paper and ink will be used

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### Plan For Success!

#### 1) Get Experience

- Recent experience in the patient care, staff nurse role
- Expectation will be to know theory and skills learned in 1st semester
- Med administration, NGT insertion and feeding, injections, wound care, priming IV lines, etc
- Three - day orientation in January before entry reviews this content
- Helpful but does not reteach

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### Plan For Success!

#### 2) Plan your budget

- 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

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### Begin Your Journey

- Program and program requirement questions should go to [nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu](mailto:nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu)
  - Background questions
- Academic pathway, prerequisite evaluation and course equivalency questions go to the Counseling Department
  - Make an appointment online or by calling 805-546-3138 (SLO) or 805-591-6225 (NCC)
  - Phone or zoom appointments are available
  - College transcripts & course descriptions will be needed
  - Need to enroll to be a student at Cuesta College

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Thank you for being with us today!  
Do you have Nursing in your future?



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