Advanced Placement
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
Cuesta College LVN to RN Pathway

- Program website: www.cuesta.edu, Nursing, Registered (RN/ADN) under the Academics tab
- 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

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

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
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 within past 12 months and
  - Only the first score in the past 12 months can be accepted

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

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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

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
### Associate Degree
#### GE Requirement Course Examples

- **American Institutions**
  - HIST 207A or HIST 207B  History of the US
  - POLS 202  US Government & Politics

- **Cultural Diversity**
  - HEED 203  Women's Health Issues
  - HEED 208  Multicultural Health

- **Fine/Arts/Humanities**
  - ART 200  Art Appreciation
  - MUS 235  Music Appreciation - Classical
  - ENGL 237  Intro to Film
  - SPAN 201  Spanish I
  - PHIL 205  Introduction to the Bible

- **Health Education**
  - HEED 202 or 210  Intro to Public Health
  - HEED 203 or 208  Multicultural Health

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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
Application Timeline & Instructions

- Attend Mandatory Information Session
- 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

Application Timeline & Instructions, continued

- Take ATI TEAS assessment test and submit by deadline listed in application instructions (July 10 for June 2019 applicants)
- Complimentary test date for Cuesta LVN to RN applicants will be offered and listed in application instructions (July 10, 2019)
- Selected applicants will be interviewed in July
- Notification of admission status emailed in July/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
  - No longer requires an employer letter, but form must be verified and signed by your supervisor
  - Letters of recommendation are optional

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

- mycuesta 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
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 required
- 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
  - 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 $5,500 - $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
- Don’t forget to factor in the financial hit due to 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...

1st and 2nd Semester:
Monday & Tuesday - Lectures and skills lab morning and afternoon
Tuesday - Clinical prep in afternoon & evening
Wednesday & Thursday - Clinical
  - 1st Semester Clinical is every other week
  - 2nd semester Clinical is 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
Plan for Success!
Prepare for these potential barriers to success:

- Get first-hand experience of the nursing field/expectations of RN program
- Need to work
- Financial issues
- Transportation issues
- Access to computer/other tech devices
- Lack of family and/or peer support
- Family responsibilities
- Stress management
- Time management
- Study skills

Plan your budget now. Talk to family members. Be realistic about the demands of a full-time nursing program.

Go to a Cuesta College Student Success Center and get help now!

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

Questions?