



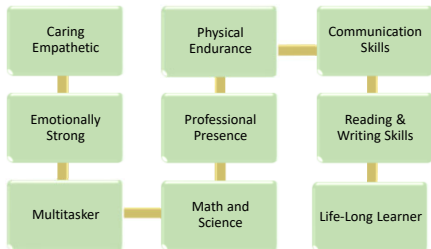
Licensed Vocational Nursing Program (LVN)

Information Session
March 10, 2022

Agenda

- Welcome & introductions
- Characteristics of a nurse
- What is an LVN?
- Cuesta College LVN program specifics
- Prerequisite requirements
- Application process
- Selection criteria
- Final admission criteria
- Estimated cost
- Plan for success
- Questions & answers

Do you have what it takes to be a nurse?



What is a LVN?

Licensed Vocational Nurses (CA & TX) are called Practical Nurses in the other 48 states (PN)

- LVNs and PNs are nurses that care for patients and administer medications under the direction of an RN or MD within their scope of practice
- Work in long term care, clinics, dialysis units, schools, surgery centers, and more

The Cuesta College LVN Program

- Strong reputation & community support
- Faculty & staff with experience and who care
- High pass rates on National Licensure Exam (NCLEX-PN)
- Local employment opportunities
- State-of-the-art technology:
 - ✓ Simulation lab
 - ✓ Equipment for skills practice

LVN Licensure

Cuesta College LVN curriculum –

- Prepares LVN students to take the NCLEX-PN
 - National Council Licensure Exam (LVN license)
- During the final semester students apply to California BVNPT to take NCLEX-PN
 - Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (BVNPT)
- LVN license is issued by BVNPT once NCLEX-PN is passed
- License is renewed every two years through BVNPT
 - Continued education hours and fee

Certificate of Achievement & Associate Degree Option

- Certificate of Achievement is earned by all students upon completion
- Associate Degree option requires additional General Education courses:
 - English 201A or higher level course
 - American Institutions
 - Cultural Diversity
 - Completion of 60 credits with grade 'C' or higher in all courses
 - Fine Arts/Humanities
 - Social Institutions
 - Health Education
- Associate Degree may be earned at any time and is not required to be accomplished before or during the LVN program

Refer to the Cuesta College Catalog or schedule appt with Academic Counseling

LVN Program Timeline & Schedule

- Effective 2021 is now an 18-month, 3-semester program with summer off
- Admissions will rotate Fall-Spring-Fall or Spring-Fall-Spring, 18-month cycle
- Full-time program
- Based on the North County/Paso Robles campus (NCC)
- Clinical focus is long term care/geriatrics
- Tuesday through Saturday
 - Lecture on Tuesday and Wednesday
 - Skills lab on Thursday
 - Clinical on Friday & Saturday
 - Templeton, Morro Bay, San Luis Obispo, Arroyo Grande & Santa Maria locations

Snapshot of LVN Weekly Schedule

- **Lecture:** 14 hours each week (Tuesday & Wednesday)
- **Skills Lab:** 7.5 hours each week (Thursday)
- **Clinical:** 18 hours each week (Friday & Saturday)
- **Independent Clinical Preparation:** 4+ hours each week (Thursday after class)
- **Individual Study Time:** 28 hours (2 hours of study for every 1 hour of lecture per week)
- **Study Groups:** minimum 4 hours per week
- **Sleep:** 8 hours per night x 7 days = 56 hours per week

*The above totals 131.5+ hours in a week; there are only 168 hours in a week!
This leaves you less than 40 hours for commuting, self care, family, work & personal time!*

LVN Prerequisite Coursework

<p>Bio 212 & 212L Human Biology with Lab or completion of a higher level course</p>	<p>Math 127 (5 units) Intermediate Algebra Math 128 (6 units) Applied Algebra or higher level math course - STATS</p>	<p>English 156* or English 180 Intro to ENG Comp. (4 units) or completion of a higher level course <i>*no longer offered</i></p>	<p>Current California CNA Certificate</p>
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- Medical terminology is strongly encouraged
- Prerequisite coursework should be current - content has changed over the years and LVN curriculum builds on this knowledge
- Heads up – the RN program prerequisites are not the same – see the program website or a nursing counselor

Prerequisite equivalency evaluation For Courses NOT taken at Cuesta

- This is only for coursework NOT taken at Cuesta College
- Recommended to avoid surprises and/or disappointment
- Submit transcripts to the Cuesta College Records Department
- Then request evaluation of these transcripts
- If you have questions make an appointment with a counselor online on counseling webpage, or by calling 805-546-3138 (SLO) or 805-591-6225 (NCC)

Program Start Timeline / COVID affects on the Program

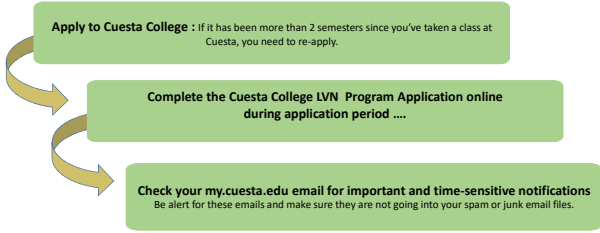
- Most recent grads -- 14th class -- completed in November 2020 (Covid delay from August 2020)
- Current class -- 15th class -- applied in January 2020 with start date in August 2020, but program start was delayed one year until August 2021 and will complete in December 2022
- Next incoming class -- 16th class - applied January 2022, and on target to begin January 2023, and complete may 2024

- Next applications - 17th class - will be January 2024, start August 2024, completing in December 2025

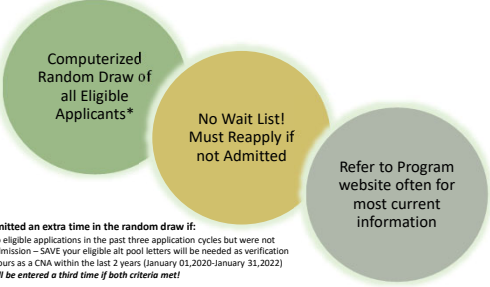
Application Timeline

- Future application cycle will be announced on the program website
- Applications are submitted online only
 - No paper applications accepted
- All notifications are sent through your my.cuesta.edu student email
 - Examples: Eligibility notification and Admission status
- It is the applicant's responsibility to check their my.cuesta.edu email for these time-sensitive notifications

Application Process



Selection Criteria



*Name is submitted an extra time in the random draw if:
 > Submitted two eligible applications in the past three application cycles but were not selected for admission – SAVE your eligible all pool letters will be needed as verification
 > Worked 500 hours as a CNA within the last 2 years (January 01,2020-January 31,2022)
 Your name will be entered a third time if both criteria met!

Heads up on Final Admission Criteria For admitted students ONLY

Instructions & forms distributed at Incoming Student Orientation to complete:

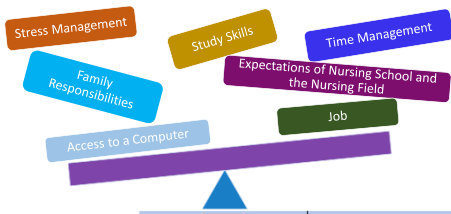
- Physical examination
- Proof of Immunity - lab titers and/or documentation
 - MMR x 2, Varicella x 2, Hep B, Tdap, Covid-19 and booster, TB screening
 - Influenza (Flu) vaccination required each Fall semester
- Background check & drug screen
- AHA healthcare provider CPR certification card

Estimated Costs & Financial Aid Tips

- Cost estimated at \$5000-\$6000
 - ✓ Includes tuition, books & supplies, parking permits, uniform, etc.
 - ✓ Estimated costs per semester can be found on the program website.
- Financial Aid and Scholarships are available!
 - ✓ Contact the Financial Aid office
 - ✓ Apply for Cuesta College Scholarships!
- Helpful tips
 - ✓ Remember to factor in the loss of income while not working (as much) during the program
 - ✓ Apply for Financial Aid EARLY before you find out if you are accepted into the program
 - ✓ Reliable transportation to both the Paso Robles campus and clinical sites is necessary

Plan Ahead for Success

Visit the Student Success Center for resources, courses and workshops available to help you achieve success.



How to begin...

- **Make an appointment with the Counseling Department by calling 805-546-3138 (SLO) or 805-591-6225 (NCC) or by using the link on their website**
- **Create an academic plan**
 - ✓ Evaluate coursework taken so far
 - ✓ Determine remaining pre-program requirements
 - ✓ Plan when to take remaining requirements
- **College transcripts & course descriptions will be requested to be sent ahead of the appointment**

Thank you for being with us today!



Do you have Nursing in your future?
