



Cuesta College Associate Degree Nursing (RN) Program Multi-Criteria Point Allocation

Effective for Fall 2023 Program Entry ONLY – Subject to Change in Future Applications

1. Academic degree, license or relevant certificate held by applicant. *Points are awarded in ONE of the following categories only. Maximum points = 10*

Degree, License or Certificate	Points	Required Documentation
1a. Associate's degree or higher	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities, with degree awarded by the application due date. Cuesta transcripts do not need to be submitted. Transcripts must show degree awarded if points are to be applied in this category.
1b. Licensed Health Care Worker: (LVN, Psych Tech, Paramedic)	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of current California license with license number, date issued, and expiration date. Expired or out of state licenses cannot be accepted.
1c. Certified Nurse Assistant Certification plus CNA work experience (500 hours in past 2 years)	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of 1) current California CNA certificate with certificate number, date issued, and expiration date, 2) "Work Experience in Healthcare Verification" form and 3) Employer Letter.
1d. Certificated Health Care Worker: (Nurse Assistant, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomist, EMT)	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of current California certificate with certificate number, date issued, and expiration date. Expired or out of state licenses cannot be accepted.

2. Grade point average in relevant coursework. GPA cannot be rounded. *Maximum points 2a and 2b = 50*

Coursework	Points	Required Documentation
<p>2a. Combined Prerequisite Science GPA: (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Minimum 2.50 <i>combined</i> GPA required and no less than a "C" in any course (GPA cannot be rounded). ➤ Points are calculated by multiplying the combined GPA by 10: i.e. a combined GPA of 3.64 x 10 = 36.4 pts. ➤ Spring 2020-Spring 2022 only, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, online sciences will be accepted ➤ Spring 2020 only, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, grades of "Pass/ No Pass" will be excluded from this formula. 	<p>Combined Science GPA of 2.50 or higher x 10</p> <p>2a. Maximum 40 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official, current, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities, showing course completion by the due date. <p>GPA calculator: http://www.cuesta.edu/student/counseling/tools.html</p>

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<p>2b. Combined English <u>AND</u> Math GPA: (English Composition and Associate Degree Math requirement*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ No less than a "C" in either course. ➤ Points are calculated by multiplying the <i>combined</i> GPA by 2.5. i.e. a combined GPA of 3.64 x 2.5 = 9.1 pts. ➤ Because this category requires a <i>combined</i> English and Math GPA, applicants who have successfully completed English, but have not met the math requirement will not earn points in this category. <p>*The current Associate's Degree math requirement may vary depending on catalog year. A higher level of math is also accepted.</p> <p>Applicants waiving the associate degree math requirement based on having a bachelor's degree and no equivalent math course, or applicants with P/NP grades taken during the Spring 2020 semester only, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, will use the following conversion:</p> <p>TEAS ≥95% = 4.0 GPA TEAS ≥85% = 3.5 GPA TEAS ≥75% = 3.0 GPA TEAS ≥62% = 2.5 GPA</p>	<p>Combined GPA of 2.00 or higher x 2.5</p> <p>2b. Maximum 10 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities showing course completion by the due date. <p>AND/OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official, AP Scores for accepted courses Advanced Placement (AP) test scores of 3, 4 or 5 for the following courses will be accepted in lieu of coursework: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - AP English Language & Composition - AP Calculus AB - AP Calculus BC - AP Statistics <p>AP Score 5 = 4.0 GPA AP Score 4 = 3.0 GPA AP Score 3 = 2.0 GPA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GPA calculator: http://www.cuesta.edu/student/counseling/tools.html
Prerequisite Repeats	Points	Required Documentation
<p>2c. Point deduction for repeats in Science or English prerequisite courses earning substandard grades of C-, D, F, I, U, W & FW in prerequisite courses:</p> <p style="text-align: right;"> 1 repeat 2 repeats 3 repeats </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-5 -10 Ineligible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ineligibility Due to Excessive Repeats and/or Point Deduction Appeal Form • In ineligibility situations, both Ineligibility and Point Deduction Appeal Forms should be submitted • Your approved appeal decision letter from the September 2021 application cycle must be uploaded with this application to be considered. Appeals prior to September 2021 are no longer valid. • Refer to Appeal Situations on Page 5 of this instruction packet. • Appeal decision letters are to be saved by the applicant to be considered in future application cycles. The nursing department cannot save these for you.

3. Work or volunteer experience. *Maximum points = 5*

Work or Volunteer Experience	Points	Required Documentation
<p>3a. 200 hours or more working in healthcare, within the last 2 years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">5.0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Experience in Healthcare Verification Form • All work experience must be submitted on the current form with this application to be considered.
<p>3b. 200 hours or more volunteering in healthcare or a nonprofit organization, within the last 2 years</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteer Experience in Health Care or a Nonprofit Organization Verification Form • All volunteer experience must be submitted on the current form to be considered. • Hours volunteered and signed on the September 2021 volunteer form will be accepted as long as they were completed during the required timeframe.

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4. Life experiences or special circumstances. While more than one of the following criteria may apply, only 2.5 points can be awarded in this category. Maximum points = 2.5

Life Experience or Circumstance	Points	Required Documentation
4a. Disability	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of eligibility for Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS). Your name must be on document.
4b. Family income	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of eligibility or receipt of financial aid under a program that may include but is not limited to: a fee waiver from the Board of Governors, Cal Grant Program, Federal Pell Grant program; or Cal Works. Your name must be on document.
4c. First generation to attend college	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal written statement explaining how you meet this category with your name, student id number, and signature.
4d. Need to work - student worked at least part-time while completing RN prerequisite course(s).	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One paycheck stub from the semester you worked while enrolled in RN prerequisite course(s), or a letter from your employer verifying employment on official letterhead. Your name must be on document.
4e. Disadvantaged social or educational environment	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proof of participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS). Your name must be on document.
4f. Difficult personal or family situation or circumstances	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal written statement describing your difficult situation that has occurred within the past 5 years including your name, student id number, and signature. Supporting documentation may be requested to verify what has happened.
4g. Veteran status	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copy of form DD214. Your name must be on document.
4h. Refugee status	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation or letter from USCIS. Your name must be on document.

5. Proficiency in languages other than English. Applicant may be proficient in more than one additional language but only 2.5 points can be awarded in this category. Maximum points = 2.5

Proficiency in languages other than English*	Points	Required Documentation
<p><i>Credit awarded for languages as identified by the Chancellor's Office, not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ American Sign Language ➤ Arabic ➤ Chinese ➤ Farsi ➤ Russian ➤ Spanish ➤ Tagalog ➤ Languages of Indian Subcontinent & Southeast Asia 	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verification of Proficiency in a Language Other than English Form • Previous language points are no longer valid. The verification form must be submitted on the current form with this application to be considered. <p>* Coursework does not equate to proficiency. Applicant must have the ability to speak, interpret, and write in the language at a conversational level as well as be able to translate in the healthcare setting. The person verifying language ability may not be a relative or family member. Applicants claiming proficiency may be asked to verify this through assessment testing at Cuesta College.</p>

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6. Diagnostic assessment tool (ATI TEAS). *Minimum points = 3, Maximum points = 30*

Test of Essential Academic Skills (ATI TEAS)	Points	Required Documentation
<p>ATI TEAS Assessment Point Allocation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 62% is the minimum accepted score. Applicants with a Total Score below 62% will become ineligible and must meet with the Cuesta College RN Success Specialist to complete a remediation plan to become eligible to apply in a future application cycle. Applicants with an Overall Score between 62% and 65% will receive the minimum score of 3 points in this category. Applicants with an Overall Score between 92% and 100% will receive the maximum score of 30 points in this category. All other applicants will subtract 62 from their Overall Score to calculate their points, i.e. an Overall Score of 90% = 28 points awarded (90-62=28). 	<p>Overall Score - 62 = Points Awarded</p> <p>Minimum of 3 points; Maximum of 30 points</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATI TEAS assessment test transcript (score) See page 4 for detailed instructions on submitting your TEAS transcript. Note: The ATI TEAS (Version 7) is the required version for this application cycle.

7. Additional points for previous applicants not selected for admission: *Maximum points = 8*

Previous Eligible Applicant Credit	Points	Required Documentation
<p>7a. An additional 8 points will be awarded to <i>eligible</i> applicants who have previously submitted 3 or more <i>eligible</i> RN program applications within the past 5 years <i>without being admitted</i>. The current application does not count toward these points as eligibility has not yet been determined.</p>	<p>8</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 RN alternate pool eligible status letters within the past 5 years. Eligible applications for these points include October 2017, October 2018, October 2019, September 2020, or September 2021. The current application does not count toward these points as eligibility has not yet been determined. Applicants must save their eligible alternate pool letters to resubmit in future applications to receive these points. We are unable to save these for you.