

Cuesta College Registered Nursing Program

2021-2022 FAQs

- How many application cycles does Cuesta's Nursing Program have? **We accept applications once a year during October. More detailed application timeline information can be found [here](#).**
- How competitive is your program? **The most current application statistics can be found [here](#).**
- Do you have a waitlist? **No. Admittance is based on a point system where the highest scoring applicants are selected. If you are not admitted, you must reapply next year to be considered. Point allocation can be found [here](#).**
- Do prerequisites expire or have a recency policy? **No.**
- If I have a C or a B in one of my science prerequisites, can I retake them without a point deduction? How will you treat my new grade? **You can retake a science prerequisite (and your English or Math) if you have a C or higher without receiving a point deduction. On the nursing application you will enter your highest grade between the two classes. This is a common strategy used to improve application points.**
- If I have a B in Statistics but an A in intermediate algebra, can I use my A for my application? **Yes, please use your highest math (intermediate algebra or higher) grade for your application.**
- I have AP (Advanced Placement) scores for English and math, how will my scores be evaluated? **Currently we award grades as followed: 3=C, 4=B and 5=A.**
- I have an A in my critical thinking class or another English class. Can I use this on my application instead of my English composition? **No, you must use the grade you received in your English composition class.**
- Will my prerequisites be accepted that had an online lab during the COVID-19 pandemic? **Yes, if they were taking from a regionally accredited institution and articulate with our prerequisites. Request a transcript evaluation [here](#).**

- Can I apply to the program with any of the core prerequisites (English, Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology) still in progress? **No, these classes must be completed by August 31st of your application cycle.**
- I have a degree (associates or higher) from another accredited institution. Do I need to complete the pre-nursing degree in myCuesta Pathway to receive 10 points? **No.**
- If Cuesta College already has my most current transcripts, do I need to resend them for the nursing application? **No, if Cuesta College already has all of your most recent transcripts on file, there is no need to resend them again when submitting your nursing application.**
- If I have taken all my course work at Cuesta College, do I need to send in my transcripts? **No.**
- Does Cuesta College's Nursing Program offer the TEAS exam? **Yes. We offer the TEAS exam for all nursing applicants (taking the TEAS at Cuesta) free of charge. You will sign up for this exam during the application process and take the exam in the month of November.**
- Can I take the TEAS exam at another location? **You are welcome to take the TEAS exam at any verified proctored ATI location as long as we receive your results by December 1st of your application cycle. Unfortunately, we cannot consider applications with late TEAS scores.**
- How many times can I take the TEAS exam? **We will only accept your (first) score once a year between December 1, 20xx and November 30, 20xx of your application cycle.**
- What is considered a competitive TEAS score? **Recently the Average TEAS score has been 89.**
- How much does Cuesta College's Nursing program cost? **RN (Registered Nursing) program estimated costs can be found [here](#).**
- Are there any other ways to enter the RN program? **There is an advance placement LVN to RN option. This is a separate application process. More information can be found [here](#).**
- Does Cuesta College Nursing Program offer a BSN? **Yes. We have a BSN bridge program with California State University Monterey Bay. You do not need to leave San Luis Obispo to complete this BSN**

degree. Please speak with a counselor for more information on the requirements to be admitted into this program.

- More detailed program and application questions can be found on our [website](#).