


Associate Degree Nursing (RN) Program
INFORMATION SESSION
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AGENDA

- RN program overview
- RN licensure
- Class selection
- Point system
- Prepare to be successful
- Application instructions
- Application requirements
- Prerequisite coursework
- Background & drug screen information
- Physical exam & immunization information
- Enrollment statistics



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**)
- Students apply to the BRN during the final semester to take NCLEX
- NCLEX testing occurs following graduation
- RN licensure issued by BRN *after* passing the NCLEX
- RN employment begins
- License is renewed every two years through the BRN
 - Continued education hours and fee



RN Program Time Commitment

- Time Commitment
 - 2 years = 4 semesters with summer off
 - Full time program
 - Monday through Friday
 - Clinical sites from Arroyo Grande, San Luis Obispo, Atascadero and Templeton
 - Clinicals are completed in long term care, hospitals & clinics



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Program Eligibility Requirements

1. Prerequisite coursework
2. Assessment test (ATI TEAS)
3. Transcript submission
4. Additional BRN and Cuesta associate degree coursework
5. Final admission criteria (for admitted students only) will be required after notification of admission status

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RN Prerequisite Coursework Requirements

BIO 204 Microbiology with Lab	BIO 205 Human Anatomy with Lab	BIO 206 Human Physiology with Lab	ENGL 201 English Composition
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- Online science labs cannot be accepted Exception: COVID semesters
- No recency requirement exists at Cuesta College
- Grades must be 'C' or higher
- 3 or more prerequisites with substandard grades (C- or lower) or drops result in ineligibility
- Prerequisites with substandard grades (C- or lower) or drops result in a 5 point deduction
- ENGLISH is 201A or English Composition. Not critical Thinking/CSU Area A3
- A combined science GPA of 2.5 or higher is required to be eligible Please use the GPA calculator located on the website to confirm

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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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Assessment Test Score – ATI TEAS Test

- Score of 62% or higher is required for eligibility,
- Competitive scores are typically above 80%
- **Must test, or retest, with each application cycle**
- Only the first test in 12 months can be accepted
- One complimentary test is offered at Cuesta College for eligible applicants
 - Testing takes place during the month of **October**
 - A link to register for your test date will arrive *after* submitting your application
 - Contact nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu within 2 days if you do not receive this link.
 - Don't wait! Requests after the deadlines cannot be accommodated.

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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, you MUST request ATI to submit your TEAS transcripts to Cuesta College.
 - We cannot do this for you!
- **Remediation is required** for scores below 62%
 - You will receive an Email and a phone call or you may email nursingsuccess@cuesta.edu for help.
- 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
 - 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 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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BRN and Associate Degree Coursework

BRN required with C or higher:

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 (C or higher required to transfer to another institution for higher degree such as BSN, MSN, FNP):

1. History/Poli Science (American Institutions)
2. Arts/Humanities
3. Intermediate Algebra or higher

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Application Instructions Provide Essential Information to Submit Your Application

- Ensure you have the current application
- Criteria changes year to year for the application process and awarding of points.
- Applications from previous years do not roll over
- You must apply each application cycle

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Where to look for the most current information & application instructions
 RN Program Website at www.cuesta.edu → Academics → Registered Nursing

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Pathway to RN Applicant Information and Instructions
www.cuesta.edu → Academics → Registered Nursing → RN Applicant Information

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RN Program Website – Application Instructions
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General Application Timeline

- **May/June:** Updated application instructions and requirements posted on website
- **March - September:** Appeal, work and volunteer experience review may be requested – instructions on website
- **August 31:** Deadline to complete prerequisite coursework
- **September:** Online application opens
 - Access link on program website September 1 - 30
 - Application questions, email nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu or call (805)592-9426

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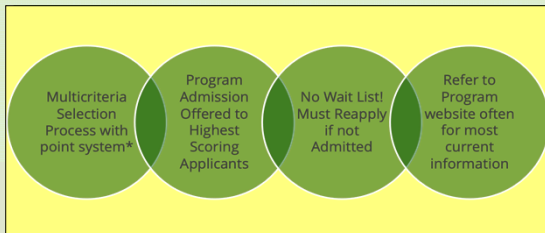


General Application Timeline

- **October:** Complimentary TEAS testing at Cuesta
- **October 31:** Deadline to submit TEAS taken elsewhere
- **February:** Email notification of eligibility status and point allocation
 - **Please note** - you will be given a short window/deadline to dispute points after which point no changes can be made this application cycle, *even if we made an error*, because applicants will be ranked and changes not possible.
- **March:** Email notification of admission status
- **April-July:** Admit off alternate list if selected applicant declines
- **July 31:** Additional BRN and degree coursework deadline
- **August:** Program begins



Student Selection



Estimated Costs & Financial Aid Tips

- Cost estimated at \$6000 to \$8000
 - ✓ Includes tuition, books & supplies, parking permits, uniform, etc.
 - ✓ Estimated costs per semester can be found on the program website.
- Financial Aid is available!
 - ✓ Contact the Financial Aid office.
 - ✓ Apply for scholarships *even if you don't think you would receive one*
- Helpful tips
 - ✓ Apply for Financial Aid before admission notifications are sent

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Multi-Criteria Selection Process

- Follows California Education Code 78261
- Points are awarded in:
 - academic preparation
 - work or volunteer experience
 - proficiency in a language other than English
 - life experiences or special circumstances
 - diagnostic assessment test

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Point Allocations: Education

Education: Degree, license or certificate in healthcare
MAX = 10 point

Degree, License or Certificate	
Associate Degree or higher	10 points
Licensed Health Care Worker (LVN, Psych Tech, Paramedic...)	8 points
Certified Nurse Assistant Incentive-Certification PLUS CNA work experience (500 hours in past 2 years*)	8 points
Certificated Health Care Worker (Nurse Asst., Medical Asst., EMT...)	6 points



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Point Allocation: Combined Science GPA

Combined Science Prerequisite GPA
MAX = 40 points

- Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology
- GPA of 2.50 or higher is required (no rounding)
- Calculate points by multiplying combined GPA by 10
- For example: a combined GPA of $3.64 \times 10 = 36.4$ pts
- GPA Calculator
<https://www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/counseling/tools.html>

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Point Allocation: Math & English GPA

Combined English and Math GPA
MAX = 10 points

- Calculate points by multiplying *combined* GPA by 2.50
- Points are rounded to the nearest tenth
- Example: a combined GPA of $3.64 \times 2.5 = 9.1$ pts
- Must have both courses to earn points in this category
- AP tests may satisfy requirements

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Point Allocation: Ineligibility and Point Deduction for Prerequisite Substandard Grades

Repeats Due to Substandard Grades in Science or English prerequisite courses

- 1 repeat = 5 point deduction
- 2 repeats = 10 point deduction
- 3 repeats = **Not eligible**
- Repeats include grades of C-, D, F, I, U, W, FW

Appeal Situations - applicants with individual extenuating circumstances may choose to:

1. Appeal their ineligible status for 3 or more repeats AND/OR
2. Appeal point deductions for 1 or 2 repeats
3. Appeals may be submitted for both of the above situations if applicable
4. Reference Application Instructions on program website for details and Forms

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Point Allocation: Work Experience

Work Experience in Healthcare
5.0 points

- A minimum of 200 hours is required within the most recent two years
- Direct supervisor verification & job description are required
- Employment must be with a company or business (not a private caregiving arrangement)
- Work Experience Form and details are found in the RN Application Instructions
- *An opportunity to submit work experience to know if it will qualify for points before applying to the program exists – details are in the Application Instructions*

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Point Allocation: Volunteer Experience

Volunteer Experience in Healthcare or Non-Profit Organization
2.5 points

- Need a minimum of 200 hours within the most recent two years
- Instructions and Form are found in the RN Application Instructions
 - **Take the Form with you each time to obtain supervisor signature**
 - Multiple Form pages will likely be needed and uploaded when you apply
 - *An opportunity to submit for approval before applying exists*
- Examples of volunteer experiences: hospital or health clinic, senior organizations, Hospice, Alzheimer's, Special Olympics, Family Care Network, BBBS,

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Point Allocation: Life Experiences

Life Experiences or Circumstances
MAX = 2.5 points

- Disabilities (i.e. DSPS)
- Family income
- First generation to attend college
- Need to work while completing prerequisites
- Disadvantaged social or educational environment
- Difficult personal and family situation
- Veteran
- Refugee status

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Point Allocation: Language Proficiency

Proficiency in language other than English
2.5 points

- Ability to speak, interpret, and write at a conversational level
- Translate during a medical emergency
- The person verifying language ability may not be a family member or relative
- You may be asked to verify proficiency through assessment testing
- Coursework alone will not meet this requirement

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Point Allocation: TEAS Assessment Test

Diagnostic Assessment Tool: ATI TEAS
MAX = 30 points

- Overall Score between 92% and 100% will receive the maximum score of 30 points
- 62 is subtracted from the Overall Score to calculate points between 66 and 91
Example - Overall Score of 90% = 28 points (90-62=28)
- Overall Score between 62% and 65% will receive the minimum score of 3 points
- Overall scores below 62% will become ineligible and must complete a remediation plan to become eligible to apply in a future application cycle
- Must test with each application cycle
- **Only the first TEAS score in 12 months can be accepted**

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Persistence Bonus Points

Applicants receive persistence points for 4th eligible application within 5 years
8 points

- Keep your letters of eligibility from each application cycle
- Letters from previous application cycles verifying that you were an eligible applicant will be required to be uploaded with the application in which you are requesting bonus points
 - Eligible applicant placed on alternate pool roster
- The college and nursing office are not able to keep, retrieve, or track eligible alternate pool letters for you.

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

- You must be a Cuesta College Student to receive a myCuesta email account.
- Check your myCuesta frequently for information that is time sensitive
 - Email notification dates are provided in the application instructions
 - Without timely responses your application may become ineligible
 - Email nursing nursingadmissions@cuesta.edu with contact information changes

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Ineligible Applicant Situations

- Combined GPA less than 2.5 in science prerequisites
- Three or more repeats in prerequisite coursework due to grades of C- or below, incomplete, or dropping a course
- **Not submitting all transcripts from all schools attended**
- Transcripts are not from regionally accredited college or university
- Not meeting assessment test requirements
- Not meeting deadlines
- Online science labs (exception during pandemic)

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Plan For Success!

Plan your budget now

Talk to family members so they can help you with your success.
Be aware of the demands of returning to school full time

Things to consider:

- Financials
- Transportation
- Technology needs to help you with your courses
- Family responsibilities (ask for help)

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Begin Your Journey

- Program and program requirement questions should go to 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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Enrollment Statistics

	Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023
Applied	283	283	322
Admitted	42	42	41
Point Range	87.0-97.5	87.2-103.15	88.53-97.50
Point Range Average	91.28	91.60	92.98
Sci Average GPA	3.80	3.76	3.80
Eng/Math Average GPA	3.57	36.4	3.69
TEAS Average	89.0 (82.0-96.0)	89.8 (82.7-98.0)	90.88 (84.7-97.3)
Alternates accepted	3	4	5



Final Admission Criteria (for admitted students only)

Instructions & forms will be provided at an incoming Student Orientation
All requirements will be due in July 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
- Background Check & Drug Screen
- AHA Healthcare Provider CPR Card

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BSN Degree

Bachelor's Degree in Nursing (BSN)


ADN to BSN programs provide efficient pathways

- Many hybrid and fully online programs exist
- CSU Monterey Bay - Cuesta College Collaborative Program
 - Local -- all classes in SLO
 - BSN 12 months after ADN
 - Work while taking classes

ADN to BSN Education Fairs scheduled annually to provide info to students



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BSN Transfer Information


To matriculate into the CSUMB - Cuesta Collaborative Program and most BSN programs, the following GE requirements will be required

- A1: Oral Communication
- A2: Written Communication
- A3: Critical Thinking
- B4: Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning

Please meet with the nursing counselor while completing your prerequisites and general education requirements.



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

