

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

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**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
<b>1a. Associate's degree or higher</b>	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>Transcripts must show degree awarded if points are to be applied in this category.</li> </ul>
<b>1b. Licensed Health Care Worker:</b> (LVN, Psych Tech, Paramedic)	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of current California license with license number, date issued, and expiration date. Expired or out of state licenses cannot be accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>1c. Certified Nurse Assistant Certification plus CNA work experience</b> (500 hours in past 2 years)	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of current California CNA certificate with certificate number, date issued, and expiration date, PLUS "Work or Volunteer Experience in Healthcare Verification" form and Employer Letter. Expired or out of state licenses cannot be accepted.</li> </ul>
<b>1d. Certificated Health Care Worker:</b> (Nurse Assistant, Medical Assistant, Phlebotomist, EMT)	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of current California certificate with certificate number, date issued, and expiration date. Expired or out of state licenses cannot be accepted.</li> </ul>

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

Coursework	Points	Required Documentation
<p><b>2a. Combined Prerequisite Science GPA:</b> (Anatomy, Physiology, Microbiology)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Minimum 2.50 <i>combined</i> GPA required and no less than a "C" in any course (GPA cannot be rounded).</li> <li>➤ Points are calculated by multiplying the combined GPA by 10: i.e. a combined GPA of 3.64 x 10 = 36.4 pts.</li> </ul>	<p>Combined Science GPA of 2.50 or higher x 10</p> <p>(Maximum 40 points)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities, showing course completion by the due date.</li> <li>GPA calculator: <a href="http://www.cuesta.edu/student/counseling/tools.html">http://www.cuesta.edu/student/counseling/tools.html</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>2b. Combined English <u>AND</u> Math GPA:</b> (English Composition and Associate Degree Math requirement*)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ No less than a "C" in either course.</li> <li>➤ 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.</li> <li>➤ 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.</li> </ul> <p>*The current Associate's Degree math requirement is Intermediate Algebra, but may vary depending on catalog year. A higher level of math is also accepted.</p> <p>Applicants waiving the Associate's Degree math requirement based on having a Bachelor's Degree <b>and</b> no equivalent math course will use the following conversion:</p> <p>TEAS <math>\geq 95\%</math> = 4.0 GPA    TEAS <math>\geq 85\%</math> = 3.5 GPA TEAS <math>\geq 75\%</math> = 3.0 GPA    TEAS <math>\geq 62\%</math> = 2.5 GPA</p>	<p>Combined GPA of 2.00 or higher x 2.5</p> <p>(Maximum 10 points)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Official, sealed transcripts from regionally accredited U.S. colleges or universities showing course completion by the due date.</li> <li>AND/OR</li> <li>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"> <li>- AP English Language &amp; Composition</li> <li>- AP English Literature &amp; Composition</li> <li>- AP Calculus AB</li> <li>- AP Calculus BC</li> <li>- AP Statistics</li> </ul> </li> <li>AP Score 5 = 4.0 GPA AP Score 4 = 3.0 GPA AP Score 3 = 2.0 GPA</li> <li>GPA calculator: <a href="http://www.cuesta.edu/student/counseling/tools.html">http://www.cuesta.edu/student/counseling/tools.html</a></li> </ul>

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Prerequisite Repeats	Points	Required Documentation
<b>2c. Repeats in Science or English prerequisite coursework:</b> (Repeats include grades of C-, D, F, I, U, W, and FW)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In cases of extenuating circumstances, applicants may choose to:                             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appeal their ineligible status for 3 or more repeats OR</li> <li>Request a waiver of point deductions for 1 or 2 repeats</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><i>For either option, a detailed written statement of 500 words or less is required. Instructions are included in the online application.</i></p> <p><b>Not all appeals or petitions are granted. Appeals accepted only at time of application.</b></p>
1 repeat	-5	
2 repeats	-10	
3 repeats	Ineligible	

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

Work or Volunteer Experience	Points	Required Documentation
<b>3a. 200 hours or more working in healthcare, within the last 2 years</b> (October 1, 2017 through October 31, 2019)	5.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Work Experience in Healthcare Verification” form and cover letter. <b>(Refer to the Work Experience form included in this packet for updated criteria and instructions for 2019 applicants.)</b></li> </ul>
<b>3b. 200 hours or more volunteering in healthcare, within the last 2 years</b> (October 1, 2017 through October 31, 2019)	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Volunteer Experience in Healthcare Verification” form. <b>(Refer to the Volunteer Experience form included in this packet for new criteria and instructions for 2019 applicants)</b></li> </ul>

**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
<b>4a. Disability</b>	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of eligibility for Disabled Student Programs and Services (DSPS).</li> </ul>
<b>4b. Family income</b>	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> </ul>
<b>4c. First generation to attend college</b>	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal written statement.</li> </ul>
<b>4d. Need to work</b> - student worked at least part-time while completing RN prerequisite course(s).	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paycheck stub from the period of time you were enrolled in RN prerequisite courses, or a letter from employer (must be on organization letterhead) verifying employment was at least part-time while completing courses.</li> </ul>
<b>4e. Disadvantaged social or educational environment</b>	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Proof of participation or eligibility for Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS).</li> </ul>
<b>4f. Difficult personal or family situation or circumstances</b>	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Personal written statement.</li> </ul>
<b>4g. Veteran status</b>	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of form DD214.</li> </ul>
<b>4h. Refugee status</b>	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation or letter from USCIS.</li> </ul>

**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
Credit awarded for languages as identified by the Chancellor's Office, not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ American Sign Language</li> <li>➤ Arabic</li> <li>➤ Chinese</li> <li>➤ Farsi</li> <li>➤ Russian</li> <li>➤ Spanish</li> <li>➤ Tagalog</li> <li>➤ Languages of Indian Subcontinent &amp; Southeast Asia</li> </ul>	2.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“Verification of Proficiency in a Language Other than English” form.</li> </ul> <p>* <b>Coursework does not equate to proficiency.</b> Applicant must have the ability to speak, interpret, and write in the language at a conversational level as well as be able to translate during a medical emergency. 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><b>ATI TEAS Point Allocation:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 62% is the minimum accepted score.</li> <li>- Applicants with an Overall 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.</li> <li>- Applicants with an Overall Score between 62% and 65% will receive the minimum score of 3 points in this category.</li> <li>- Applicants with an Overall Score between 92% and 100% will receive the maximum score of 30 points in this category.</li> <li>- 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).</li> </ul>	<p>Overall Score - 62 = Points Awarded</p> <p>(Minimum of 3 points; Maximum of 30 points)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATI TEAS test transcript (score)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- If you test at Cuesta during the current application cycle, your ATI TEAS score is automatically received and no other documentation is required.</li> <li>- If you do not take the ATI TEAS at Cuesta in the current application cycle, you <b>must</b> request to have Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI) send your ATI TEAS transcript (score) to Cuesta by the December 2<sup>nd</sup> deadline. Only the first score within the past 12 months can be accepted.</li> <li>- To request that ATI send your official score to Cuesta, go to ATI's website at: <a href="http://www.atitesting.com">www.atitesting.com</a>. Only official ATI TEAS scores will be accepted, no unofficial copies.</li> <li>- Your first ATI Teas score within the past 12 months is the only score that can be accepted.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**Multi-Criteria Areas 1 – 6: Total possible points = 100 points**

**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 (2014 – 2018) <i>without being offered admission</i>.</p>	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A letter stating which three years you applied, were deemed eligible and were not selected for admission to the Cuesta College RN program.</li> <li>• For future planning: applicants will be required to submit copies of all three 'eligible applicant' notification letters they received from Cuesta with their application. Applicants must save copies of any 'eligible applicant' notification letters they receive to be awarded points in this category.</li> </ul>