

CUESTA COLLEGE
LICENSED VOCATIONAL NURSING PROGRAM



STUDENT HANDBOOK
Class of 2019

NCLEX-PN (LICENSURE EXAM) PREPARATION

The LVN Program is currently using Kaplan Integrated Test NCLEX Preparation.

An NCLEX- PN integrated program is provided during the nursing program to assist with the goal of LVN licensure. Content review and computerized practice exams, using NCLEX style questions, are integrated into nursing courses. In addition, a two-day live content and test strategy review is provided upon completion of the LVN curriculum. This review covers content from all semesters of the nursing program.

- Integrated Tests can only be taken by students in a proctored classroom through advance arrangement with faculty. The integrated tests measure your knowledge at the end of courses as you progress through school. Your level of knowledge is compared with the national norm group. The exams selected by faculty will reflect the content that has been covered in this semester in your courses. Once you have taken the tests, you will be able to review your results and access remediation explanations for any of the questions at any time.
- There is no specific content to study in preparation for the integrated exams that are assigned by instructors.
- Focused Review Tests are provided and may be taken as often as desired. Faculty may assign focused review tests as homework.

HUMAN PATIENT SIMULATION LAB

The Cuesta College LVN simulation program began in Spring 2012. Currently simulation is incorporated into all three semesters of the program. Students participate in simulation during scheduled lab, open lab, and as part of their clinical rotations.

Simulation experiences provide the nursing student the opportunity to use clinical judgment and critical thinking while caring for a patient, without jeopardizing patient safety. Each experience encourages students to analyze their own actions as well as the clinical decisions of others. Scenarios increase in complexity as the student progresses through the program. The student nurse dress code is enforced during simulation. Students are required to prepare for simulation experiences in the same manner as their current clinical experience. Respect of classmates and a confidential environment that promotes a safe learning environment is a requirement to participate in simulation, and violations of either will prohibit participation.