

Choose Your Educational Pathway



This orientation booklet has been designed to provide important information to help you achieve a Great Start for your first semester at Cuesta College.

Which educational pathway is right for you? You will be asked to decide which group best suits your educational goals. Below you'll find an overview of each group:

Vocational Certificate or Associate Degree Pathway

Vocational and or technical training courses are designed to increase your **skills for employment**. You can obtain a certificate in more than **70 fields** at Cuesta College. These certificates can be obtained in a short period of time (1 or 2 semesters); the courses focus on a specific vocational area.

You can obtain an Associate of Arts (A.A.) or Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at Cuesta College. More than **70 designated degrees** are offered. You'll learn about the general education and degree requirements for these majors in your group.

To view a list of degrees and certificates turn to the next page.



California State University (CSU) Transfer Pathway

The **23 CSU** campuses, including Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo are located throughout California. On **page 6** of this booklet, you will find a map with the locations of the campuses. If you plan to be an elementary school teacher, or want to major in business, interior/fashion design, criminal justice or kinesiology (physical education or pre-physical therapy), choose this group. If you're interested in a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), choose this group rather than the AA/AS group.



University of California (UC), Private or Out-of-State Transfer Pathway

The **9 UC** undergraduate campuses, including UC Santa Barbara, are shown on **page 6** of this booklet. The UC system is the most prestigious and competitive of the higher educational systems. As a California Community College transfer student, you will have top priority for admissions. If you are considering transfer to a UC campus, or an out-of-state or private college, this group will guide you in selecting your first semester classes. During your first semester, meet with a counselor to discuss requirements for the transfer university you want to attend.