

COLLEGE SUCCESS STUDIES

ASSOCIATE DEGREE & CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

2023-2024 CATALOG

DESCRIPTION

The mission of CSS is to prepare students for success at Cuesta College. Through the instruction of pre-collegiate, basic skills, and transfer-level coursework emphasizing college readiness, CSS effectively supports students in their efforts to improve foundational and college-readiness skills. CSS courses and curriculum are designed to provide dynamic and challenging learning opportunities that encourage critical and creative thinking strategies. Our courses support students working toward a variety of educational goals, including transferring to four year institutions, earning certificates or associate degrees and advancing in the workforce. Finally, the CSS department plays a vital role in college-wide professional development activities to encourage student success and retention strategies across the curriculum.

The variety of courses offered all have a distance education option. They include:

- basic skills reading, writing, and grammar strategies
- learning skills
- college success strategies and personal development
- tutor training
- major and career exploration

CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

A noncredit **Certificate of Competency** means a document confirming that a student enrolled in a noncredit educational program of noncredit courses has demonstrated achievement in a set of competencies that prepares students to progress in a career path or to undertake degree-applicable or non-degree-applicable credit courses.

A noncredit **Certificate of Completion** means a document confirming that a student has completed a noncredit educational program of noncredit courses that prepares students to progress in a career path or to take degree-applicable credit courses.

DEGREES, CERTIFICATES & AWARDS

- Certificate of Competency (C.C.)
- Certificate of Completion (C.C.)

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CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS

Academic Skills Bridge to College Credit — Certificate of Completion

This is a noncredit certificate that consists of completing two College Success studies courses: CSS 725: College Learning Strategies and CSS 754: Major and Career Exploration. Upon completion of this certificate, students will be better prepared to transition to credit coursework at the college.

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

CSS 725	College Learning Strategies	108
CSS 754	Major And Career Exploration	54
Total Hours:		162

[Click Here For Program Student Learning Outcomes](#)

Noncredit Reading, Writing, And Grammar — Certificate of Competency

This is a noncredit basic skills certificate that consists of completing two college success studies courses: CSS 758: Grammar Strategies and CSS 789: Integrated Reading and Writing. Upon completion of this certificate, students will be better prepared for college level coursework in reading and writing.

Required Courses (0.0 credits)

CSS 758	Grammar Strategies	36
CSS 789	Integrated Reading And Writing	54 - 90
Total Hours:		90 - 126

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TRANSFER PREPARATION

Courses that fulfill major requirements for an associate degree may differ from those needed to prepare to transfer. Students who plan to transfer to a four-year college or university should schedule an appointment with a Cuesta College counselor to develop a student education plan (SEP) before beginning their program.

TRANSFER RESOURCES:

CSU and UC Articulation Agreements and Majors Search Engine:
www.ASSIST.org
 CSU System Information:
www2.calstate.edu

FINANCIAL AID

Paying for the cost of a college education requires a partnership among parents, students and the college. As the cost of higher education continues to rise we want you to know that Cuesta College offers a full array of financial aid programs—grants, work study, scholarships, federal loan programs, and fee waivers. These programs are available to both full-and part-time students who are seeking a degree or certificate. For those who qualify, financial aid is available to help with tuition, fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and childcare. Please log onto our website for additional information:
www.cuesta.edu/student/studentservices/finaid



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