

# **GED Frequently Asked Questions**

## 1. How long does it take to earn a GED?

It depends on the individual and their learning capabilities, study habits, attendance, and dedication. Some students finish within a four-month semester, and others take a year or more. As soon as you earn a passing score on your GED Ready Practice Exam, you may schedule your official exam. Cuesta College offers many resources to support you during your studies to ensure success!

#### 2. What are the GED tests?

4 tests: Math, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies

#### 3. Can I take the GED exams in Spanish?

Yes, the GED exam is also offered in Spanish

#### 4. Where can I take the GED exams?

<u>Cuesta College North County Campus</u> 2800 Buena Vista Drive, Office N1109 Paso Robles, CA 93446

#### 5. What are the testing hours?

Open testing hours can be viewed when scheduling an exam on <a href="www.GED.com">www.GED.com</a>. Hours vary and are subject to change but are generally Monday-Thursday 9:30am-5:00pm.

\*Accommodations for testing outside of these hours can be discussed by calling (805) 591-6273.

### 6. Can I take the exam if I am not a Cuesta College GED student?

Yes. Test candidates must create an account on <a href="www.GED.com">www.GED.com</a> and schedule their tests at the Cuesta College site. If you are not in the program, you are responsible for the full cost of the exams

### 7. Can I earn my GED if I am under 18 years of age?

In California, you must either be 18 years of age or within 60 days of turning 18 to take the GED exam. Even if you pass, certificates of completion are not issued until you are 18 years of age.

Please visit the GED site for more information: <a href="https://ged.com/policies/california/">https://ged.com/policies/california/</a>. If you are

interested in enrolling in the Cuesta GED Prep classes and are under 18 years of age, you must obtain a permit to enroll which is signed by your high school principal, your parent or legal guardian, and yourself.

### 8. When do I receive my GED Certificate?

Once you pass all four exams, you will need to request your GED certificate on ged.com

# 9. Do I qualify for the Cuesta Promise?

Yes, if you earned your GED at Cuesta College or within SLO County you are eligible.

# 10. How do I apply for the Cuesta Promise?

File FAFSA/Dream Act and a Promise Scholarship Application.

https://www.cuesta.edu/admissionsaid/cuestapromise/index.html

### 11. When does the Cuesta Promise start?

In the Fall semester following the completion of your GED.

# 12. Who do I contact for academic support or questions?

Please contact our Academic Success Coaches.

Gladis Villalpando, 805-546-3941 or Jasmin Lopez, 805-592-9446.