

**CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO  
SCHOOL OF NURSING**



**Preparing for Admission**

**Thank you for your interest in the CSU Chico School of Nursing.  
We have an exceptional five-semester program leading to a bachelor's degree.  
We admit 40 students each fall and spring semester.**

**Attend a Pre-Nursing Advising Session** – The pre-nursing advisor will provide an overview of our program and will give you an opportunity to ask questions. (No registration required) Dates and times of sessions are available here: <http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs/prospective/advising.shtml>

**First: Apply to CSU Chico** - If you are not a student at CSU, Chico, you must apply to the University (online) during the initial filing period indicated below **prior** to applying to the School of Nursing.

- Coming to CSU, Chico Fall semester: Apply to the university Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 the preceding year.
- Coming to CSU, Chico Spring semester: Apply to the university August 1 - 31 the preceding year.

**Then Apply to the School of Nursing** – Spring semester: The supplemental application for the School of Nursing can be found on the School of Nursing website the first week of September and will be due November 1. Fall semester: The application for the School of Nursing will be available on the School of Nursing website the first week of January and will be due March 1.

<b>University Timelines</b>	<b>Apply to the School of Nursing for fall semester</b>	<b>Apply to the School of Nursing for Spring</b>
The University application is available online. Access the electronic application at <a href="#">CSUMentor</a> .	Apply to the university between Oct. 1 – Nov. 30 of the previous year.	Apply to the university between Aug. 1 – 31 of the previous year.
<b>Nursing application</b> available online, <a href="http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs">www.csuchico.edu/nurs</a> Only students who meet the university application deadline above (or who are currently enrolled at CSU, Chico), <b>and</b> have met the nursing application requirements, are eligible to submit the supplemental nursing application.	The nursing application will be posted on the School of Nursing website the first week of January.	The nursing application will be posted on the School of Nursing website the first week of Sept.
Supplemental nursing applications are due in the School of Nursing Office, along with official transcripts, verification of courses in progress, and all other pertinent information attached.	If applying to the School of Nursing for Fall, the application is due on March 1.	If applying to the School of Nursing for Spring, the application is due on November 1.
Letters of acceptance or denial into are mailed to every applicant.	Letters will be mailed by April 15	Letters will be mailed by December 15

## Selection Criteria

Because of a long history of having many more applicants than can be accommodated, admission to the CSU, Chico School of Nursing is impacted, and supplemental selection criteria (points) are used to determine eligibility for admission.

Applicants with the highest number of points are selected for admission. 100 points total are possible (60% grades, 20% TEAS, 20% other).

California non-resident applications are considered only when program spaces are not filled by California residents.

Priority is given to **California veterans** who meet the application requirements, and who have been honorably discharged. This priority is given only in relation to applicants with the same point total. (Veterans: Please submit a DD Form 214, Member 2 or 4, with the supplemental nursing application).

CSU Chico students and new transfer students have equal consideration in terms of admission to the nursing program.

## Requirements

**1) Four Area A courses and four science prerequisites** are required for admission to the nursing program. At the time of application, a minimum of two prerequisite courses from Area A and a minimum of two prerequisite science courses must be completed with grades of "C-" or better. You must have a minimum 3.0 GPA in the two Area A courses and the two science courses that you are using for application purposes. Any remaining prerequisite science and Area A courses must be in progress during the application period and completed before entering the nursing program. **Official transcripts must be received at the School of Nursing office a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the program.**

### ***Area A Prerequisites***

\*Oral Communication (GE Area A1)  
English 1 (GE Area A2)  
Critical Thinking (GE Area A3)  
Statistics (required as of Fall 2012, GE Area A4)

### ***Science Prerequisites***

Anatomy with a lab  
Physiology with a lab  
Microbiology with a lab  
\*\*Organic Chemistry with a lab

\*If you take a different course to meet a requirement, for example, take small group communication instead of oral communication, the higher grade of the two courses will be counted.

\*\**If students have a good background in chemistry from high school, take CSU Chico's Chem 108 without Chem 107 as a prerequisite. If not, or if you need to refresh your chemistry knowledge, take Chem 107 first. Chemistry 110 from Coastline Community College is not acceptable unless you have completed a college level inorganic chemistry course with a lab.*

**Note:** Students who choose to take **Microbiology** at CSUC are required to take a college level chemistry course first. Therefore, complete your organic chemistry pre-requisite before taking microbiology.

***To check equivalence of courses taken at California community colleges, go to [www.assist.org](http://www.assist.org)***

If more than 2 courses have been completed in the prerequisite science or Area A courses, **the two highest grades of each will be used** to calculate admission points. If a course has been taken more than once, **all grades for that course will be averaged**.

**2) A 3.0 GPA is required for all eight required science and Area A prerequisite courses**. This is a separate requirement from the 3.0 requirement for the four courses to calculate admission points. **Should your cumulative average in the 8 courses fall below 3.0, you cannot be admitted to the nursing program, even if you have received a conditional acceptance letter from the School of Nursing.**

**3) The cumulative GPA for all college level work must be a minimum of 3.0** to be considered for admission to the nursing program.

**4) TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)** - The TEAS is the **required test** used for admission to CSU, Chico School of Nursing. Students must achieve a **minimum level of 80%** (Adjusted Individual Total Score) on the test to be eligible to apply to CSU, Chico's School of Nursing. All versions of the TEAS are acceptable.

The TEAS can be taken at any time, any number of times, and at any testing facility. If taking the test at CSU, Chico, a copy of the test will be automatically e-mailed from ATI directly to the School of Nursing. If the test is taken at another ATI testing site, results must be ordered from ATI and e-mailed by ATI directly to the CSU, Chico School of Nursing.

The results of the TEAS must be received in the School of Nursing office by the application deadline date. If applying to the School of Nursing for fall, the deadline date is March 1 of the same year; if applying to the Nursing School for spring, the deadline is November 1 of the prior year.

A TEAS study guide is available from **[www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)**.

## Point System

Applicants will be awarded points based on the following:

### 1. Two Area A and Two Science Courses – 60 points possible

#### **Area A Prerequisites**

Oral Communication (GE Area A1)  
 English 1 (GE Area A2)  
 Critical Thinking (GE Area A3)  
 Statistics (required as of Fall 2012, GE Area A4)

#### **Science Prerequisites**

Anatomy with a lab  
 Physiology with a lab  
 Microbiology with a lab  
 Organic Chemistry with a lab

Grade point equivalents are:

Grade points	Science grade points (x 5)	Area A grade points (x 2.5)
A = 4.0	20.00	10.00
A- = 3.7	18.50	9.25
B+ = 3.3	16.50	8.25
B = 3.0	15.00	7.50
B- = 2.7	13.50	6.75
C+ = 2.3	11.50	5.75
C = 2.0	10.00	5.00
C- = 1.7	8.50	4.25

(Multiply each of the two science grades by 5; multiply each of the two Area A grades by 2.5)

If a course has been taken more than once, all grades for that course will be averaged.

#### Example of GPA calculations for four 'A' grades:

Anatomy	A	=	4.0 x 5	=	20 points
Chemistry	A	=	4.0 x 5	=	20 points
English	A	=	4.0 x 2.5	=	10 points
Speech	A	=	4.0 x 2.5	=	<u>10 points</u>
Total Possible				=	60 points

### 2) TEAS – The Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS) is required – 20 points possible

The student must achieve a **minimum level of 80% (Adjusted Individual Total Score)**.

#### TEAS Scores = CSU, Chico School of Nursing Admission Points

TEAS SCORE (%)	Points
>90.0	20
89.0-89.9	19
88.0-88.9	18
87.0-87.9	17
86.0-86.9	16
85.0-85.9	15
84.0-84.9	14
83.0-83.9	13
82.0-82.9	12
81.0-81.9	11
80.0-80.9	10

**3) Cumulative GPA – 2 points possible**

3.25 -3.49      1 point

3.5 or higher    2 points

**4) Science GPA – 2 points possible – All four pre-requisite science courses must be completed at the time of application to receive these points.**

3.25 – 3.49      1 point

3.5 or higher    2 points

**5) Foreign language proficiency – 4 points possible**

Fluency in priority languages will be given the highest awards. Priority languages include: Spanish, Southeast Asian languages, Filipino/Tagalog, East Indian languages, California Indian languages, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and American Sign Language. Attach documentation of your proficiency level, in the form of a verification letter from a language teacher, or a professional member of your community who is fluent in the language. The verification letter should indicate your ability to converse with native speakers at a normal conversational level. 4 points possible

Intermediate level proficiency in a priority language (see list above) verified by college transcripts (at least two years of a foreign language), by high school transcripts (at least three years), or by written verification from a language teacher or professional member of the community who is fluent in the language. 3 points possible

Non-priority languages (those not listed above) will be considered. Proficiency should be documented as in the categories above. 1 point possible

**6) Health-related experience – 4 points possible** (*Note: You will receive points from only one category below. Points will be awarded from the category that results in the highest point value.*)

The following are *examples* of how points are typically allocated in this category, although final point allocations are determined on a case-by-case basis by the Nursing Admissions Committee. Decisions of the Nursing Admissions committee are final.

1 point - Volunteer or work experience

Volunteer, 60 hours or more experience, documented

Health-related employment requiring less than six months' training

Certified nurse's aide (CNA) certificate, no experience

Home Health Aide (HHA) or medical assistant, no work experience

Lifeguard with work experience

Phlebotomist with work experience

Lab Tech with work experience

Vet Tech with work experience

Ward clerk with work experience

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I – certification but no work experience

Pharmacy Technician – certification but no work experience

EKG technician experience

Hemodialysis Technician, but no work experience

## 6) Health-related experience, continued

2 points - Health-related employment with 6 months or more work experience

CNA or HHA	Medical Assistant
Certified Animal Health Tech	Hemodialysis Technician
Pharmacy Technician	EMT I

3 points - Health-related employment with 6-12 months or more work experience (transcript or certificate required)

EMT II certification  
Corpsman certification

4 points - Other health-related professions which offer a degree (based on committee decision)

## 7) Economic Disadvantage - 2 points

Evidence of financial hardship requiring student to work 20 or more hours per week in the 6 months immediately preceding the supplemental nursing application due date. Verification is required in the form of a narrative statement by applicant and a verification letter from employer. The verification letter needs to be on official business letterhead with an original signature.

## 8) Permanent rural residence in under-served counties - 2 points possible

Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, Yuba

## 9) Completion of Co-Requisites - 4 points possible

The following four co-requisites must be completed by the end of the first semester in the nursing program with grades of "C-" or better. However, it is best to take these courses before starting the nursing program, as it is difficult to fit them in with the nursing courses. These courses may be taken at a community college prior to transferring to CSU, Chico. One point will be given for each course completed at the time the supplemental nursing application is due.

Nutrition  
Child Development or Human Development  
Introduction to Psychology  
Principles of Sociology or Cultural Anthropology