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.

**Important! Apply to CSU, Chico first!** – You must first apply to the University via CSU Mentor during the filing period indicated below:

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

**To apply to the School of Nursing** – Review the NursingCAS instructions on the School of Nursing website.

**When to apply to the School of Nursing**

- **Spring semester:** The supplemental online application for the School of Nursing can be found on the NursingCAS website the first week of August and all materials must be submitted by **October 1**
- **Fall semester:** The supplemental online application for the School of Nursing can be found on the NursingCAS website in early January and all materials must be submitted by **March 1, 2017**.

- **Please note:** You do not directly enter the nursing program, it takes approximately 4-5 college/university semesters to complete the requirement to apply to the nursing program.

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<td>The University application is available online. Access the electronic application at <a href="https://www.csuchico.edu">CSUMentor</a>.</td>
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<td>An application for the School of Nursing is required after you have applied to the university. The application is available at <a href="https://www.NursingCAS.org">www.NursingCAS.org</a>. Only students who meet the university application deadline above (or who are currently enrolled at CSU, Chico), and have met the application requirements, are eligible to submit the supplemental nursing application.</td>
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<td>If applying to the School of Nursing for Fall semester, the application is due on <strong>March 1</strong> of the same year. Incomplete applications will not be processed by NursingCAS.</td>
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<td>Emails of acceptance into the CSU, Chico nursing program, or denial of entrance is sent every applicant.</td>
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Attend a Pre-Nursing Advising Session - The pre-nursing advisor will discuss admission criteria and the point system used to determine eligibility into the nursing program. You will have an opportunity to ask questions. Both virtual sessions and on-campus sessions are available. Dates and times of sessions are available at: http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs/prospective/advising.shtml. Additional information can be found at the School of Nursing website: http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs

Licensing Disclosure
Admission into programs leading to licensure and credentialing does not guarantee that students will obtain a license or credential. Licensure and credentialing requirements are set by agencies that are not controlled by or affiliated with the CSU and requirements can change at any time. For example, licensure or credentialing requirements can include evidence of the right to work in the United States (e.g., social security number or tax payer identification number) or successfully passing a criminal background check. Students are responsible for determining whether they can meet licensure or credentialing requirements. The CSU will not refund tuition, fees, or any associated costs, to students who determine subsequent to admission that they cannot meet licensure or credentialing requirements. Information concerning licensure and credentialing requirements are available from California State University, Chico, School of Nursing, 400 West 1st St, Chico, CA 95929-0200, 530-898-5891.

Acceptance into the Nursing Program
Acceptance into the nursing program is provisional until all transcripts have been reviewed for meeting minimum GPA in all areas and prerequisite course completion. Furthermore, any student accepted into the nursing program must receive a clear drug screen and background check for acceptance into the nursing program.

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).

- 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.
- Applications from California residents and students eligible to pay in-state tuition are considered prior to non-resident applications.

Requirements
1. All prerequisite and co-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
2. The following courses must be completed within the last 7-years. Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Microbiology, and Statistics.
3. The cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all college-level work must be 1) a minimum of 3.0 overall or 2) a minimum of 3.0 in the last 60 academic units.
4. To check equivalence of courses taken at other California colleges and universities, go to http://www.assist.org
5. Prerequisites - Four foundation (Area A) and four science prerequisites courses are required for admission to the nursing program. They are as follows:

   Science Prerequisites
   Foundation Prerequisites
Anatomy with a lab    Oral Communication (GE-A1)
Physiology with a lab    Written Communication (GE-A2)
Chemistry with a lab    Critical Thinking (GE-A3)
Microbiology with a lab    Statistics (GE-A4)

- At the time of application, a minimum of two prerequisites from the foundation courses and a minimum of two prerequisite science courses must be completed.
- Any remaining prerequisite science and foundation courses must be in progress during the application period and completed before entering the nursing program.
- All science prerequisites must be at least 4 semester or 5 quarter units with a lab. They cannot be introductory courses; they must be for majors or for allied health. Web-based courses will be reviewed on an individual case by case but must have a face-to-face lab.
- Organic chemistry is highly recommended. However we will accept General Chemistry, Integrated Chemistry, and Inorganic Chemistry. At CSU, Chico, chemistry must be completed prior to enrolling in microbiology.
- If more than two courses have been completed in the prerequisite science or foundation courses, the two highest grades of each will be used to calculate admission points.
- If accepted in the nursing program, official transcripts of the courses that were “in progress” must be submitted to the nursing office a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the program.
- The cumulative grade point average (GPA) for the two science courses and the two foundation courses must be a minimum of 3.0
- The cumulative grade point average (GPA) for all eight nursing prerequisites, once completed must be a minimum of 3.0
- If a course has been taken more than once, all grades for that course will be averaged. There are two exceptions 1) Oral Communication and 2) Chemistry. For oral communication, if a student takes small group and public speaking—the higher grade of the two courses will be counted. For chemistry, a student can take general chemistry, integrated chemistry, inorganic chemistry or organic chemistry. If a student takes different types of chemistry, the highest grade will be counted. If the same type of chemistry course is repeated, the grades will be averaged.
- If a student received a failing grade in a prerequisite course, the course must be repeated and completed with a passing grade at the time of application.

6. Co-Requisites - There are four co-requisite courses that must be completed prior to the end of the first semester of the nursing program to progress. It is highly recommended that all these courses be completed prior to entering the nursing program. The four co-requisites are:
- Nutrition
- Child Development, Human Development, of Human Life Span
- Principles of Psychology
- Principles of Sociology or Cultural Anthropology

7. 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. We will continue to accept scores from version V, taken within the last two years, for Fall 2017 admissions. Beginning with Spring 2018 admissions, we will only accept TEAS VI.

The TEAS can be taken at any time, any number of times, and at any testing facility. 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 **October 1** of the prior year.

More information on the TEAS can be found at the ATI website. It is highly recommended that you purchase a TEAS study guide. They are available from [http://www.atitesting.com](http://www.atitesting.com)

**POINT SYSTEM - Used to Determine Eligibility for Admission**

Applicants will be awarded points based on the following:

1) **Two Foundation and Two Science Courses – 60 points possible**

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If more than 2 courses have been completed in the science courses or Foundation courses, the two highest grades of each will be used to calculate admission points.

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

NOTE: You must achieve a minimum level of 80% (Adjusted Individual Total Score) to be eligible to apply to the School of Nursing. TEAS scores below 80% will render your application as ineligible

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3) **Cumulative GPA - 3 points possible**

- 3.25 – 3.49 1 point
- 3.50 – 3.74 2 points
- 3.75 or higher-3 points

4) **Science GPA – 3 points possible**

All four pre-requisite science courses must be completed at the time of the application to be eligible for these points.

- 3.25 – 3.49 1 point
- 3.50 – 3.74 2 points
- 3.75 or higher- 3 points

5) **Foreign Language – 4 points possible**

Fluency in priority languages will be given the highest award. Priority languages include: Spanish, Southeast Asian languages, Filipino/Tagalog, Indian languages, Native American languages, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and American Sign Language.

Attach documentation of your fluency, in the form of a verification letter from a language teacher. The verification letter should indicate that you are a native speaker or you have the ability to converse with native speakers at a normal conversational level. The word “Fluency” needs to be on the documentation.

4 points

Intermediate level proficiency in a priority language is verified by written verification from a language professor (the words “intermediate proficiency” need to be on the documentation), or college transcripts (at least two years of a language or by high school transcripts (at least three years). The last language course must be completed within 5 years of application to the School of Nursing. 3 points

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

6) **Volunteer Experience – 1 point**

Volunteer, 60 hours or more experience documented does not need to be health care related.

7) **Work Experience – 4 points possible**

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 by the Nursing Admissions Committee. Decisions of the Committee are final.

1 point—Health-related employment requiring less than six months’ training

Certified Nurse’s Aide (CNA) – current certificate
Home Health Aide (HHA) or Medical Assistant
Lifeguard with current work experience
Phlebotomist
Lab Technician
Veterinary Technologist/Technician
Ward Clerk
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I –current certification
Pharmacy Technician – current certification
EKG Technician
Hemodialysis Technician
2 points—Health-related employment with 6 months or more work experience  
CNA or HHA  
Ward clerk  
Lab Technician  
Pharmacy Technician  
Medical Assistant  
Phlebotomist  
Hemodialysis Technician  
EKG Technician  
EMT 1  
Certified Veterinary Technician/Technologist (or 2 years or more experience performing paramedical tasks for domestic animals in a veterinary office or animal shelter)

3-points--Health-related employment with less than 12 months experience  
(Transcript or current certification required)  
Paramedic or EMT II  
Corpsman

4 points— Health-related employment with 12 months experience or more  
Paramedic or EMT II  
Corpsman

Other Health-related professions may be awarded up to 4 points based on committee decision.

8) Veteran with honorable discharge – 1 point  
Must submit DD Form 214, Member 2 or 4.

9) Completion of Co-requisites – 4 points possible  
One point will be given for each course completed by the time of application. All four must be completed by the end of the first semester in the nursing program.
  
  Nutrition  
  Child or Human Development  
  Principles of Psychology  
  Principles of Sociology or Cultural Anthropology

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