

CSU, CHICO RN-BSN PROGRAM SCHOOL OF NURSING

Admission Requirements

CSU, Chico has a 15 month RN to BSN program. RNs are admitted every summer. Program admission is contingent upon meeting minimum requirements and passing a drug screen and a background check. Students are encouraged to complete any needed general education courses prior to enrollment, but only the following pre-requisites courses are required for admission to the program (must be completed by Dec. 31 of the year preceding admission to the program).

- Oral Communication/Speech
- Written English Composition
- Critical Thinking/Logic
- Statistics

The application period for admission to the RN to BSN program ends January 20 each year. Applications will be processed and acceptance letters emailed to RNs in mid-February. DO NOT apply to the university until you have been accepted into the nursing program. In order to apply to the program, RNs must attend an on campus RN to BSN advising session. These sessions are held monthly during the academic year. Dates/times for each session during the semester are posted on the School of Nursing website <http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs/programs/rnbsn/index.shtml> Applications for admission to the program are accepted at advising sessions only. You cannot apply unless you have attended an advising session.

How do I apply?

Step 1: Mail **all** transcripts to the RN to BSN Advisor, Dr. Jenny Lillibridge, at least 3 weeks prior to the advising session you plan to attend and confirm your plans to attend a session with Dr. Lillibridge in advance:

Jenny Lillibridge, RN, PhD
School of Nursing, Holt 369
California State University, Chico
400 W 1st St.
Chico, CA 95929-0200

Step 2: Attend an advising session and submit an application to the program to the RN to BSN Advisor

Step 3: ONLY after acceptance into the program has been confirmed by an email from the RN-BSN Advisor, apply to the university on the following website: <http://www.csumentor.edu>

RNs accepted to the RN to BSN program must have:

- A current license as a Registered Nurse in California
- Completed at least 60 semester units of baccalaureate-level transferable college units. RNs may transfer 70 units to CSUC.
- Completed an AD or Diploma in nursing with a minimum of 30 semester units of nursing coursework with a grade of C or better in each course

- Completed nursing pre-requisites of English, Critical Thinking, Oral Communication, and Statistics with a grade of C- or better
- Gained admission to the university with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Met drug screening and background check requirements. Prior to the program start date students must provide proof of up to date immunizations as outlined by the School of Nursing (the specifics of this are provided to successful applicants along with a deadline date for completion).

University Graduation Requirements:

- Complete university General Education lower division requirements (48 units minimum including transferable General Education units)
- Complete university General Education upper division requirements (6 units that must be completed at CSU, Chico)
- Complete the major of 22 upper division nursing units
- Complete 24 units in the designated Nursing Portfolio units (Nursing Portfolio I, II, & III) to validate credit for prior nursing course work

Self-Support:

The RN to BSN program at CSU, Chico is a self-support program. This means the program is administered through Regional and Continuing Education (RCE) on campus and managed by the School of Nursing. All fees are paid through RCE and are unit based, (not part time or full time based as is the case for state support university students). For any questions regarding the RN to BSN program, including current fees, contact the RN to BSN Advisor.