California State University, Chico  
School of Nursing  

RN-to-BSN Admission Policies  

Thank you for your interest in the CSU Chico RN to BSN Program. Applications to the RN-to-BSN Program are accepted from those who meet the following admission criteria:

- Completion of all course Pre-requisites, Co-Requisites, and Lower Division GE demonstrated with official college transcripts (As described in the RN to BSN Program Description)
- A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 in all college level work completed (the most recent 60 units will be used if higher)
- California Residency
- A California RN license (exception for new those who are graduating from their A.D.N. program in Spring of the year admission to the RN to BSN is anticipated-they will be required to have a GPA of 3.0 in their first 3 semesters of their A.D.N. program and will have to show proof of their RN license prior to the commencement of the Fall semester of the RN to BSN Program)
- Attendance at an RN to BSN Advising Session (On campus or virtual)

Applications are due February 15th for the cohort which starts in June of that same year. Forty students are selected for admission each year.

Selection Criteria

Because of a history of having more applicants than can be accommodated, supplemental selection criteria (points) are used to determine selection of the students who will be admitted to the upcoming cohort. Applicants with the highest number of points are selected for admission.

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 RN to BSN application).

Points:

- **Residence in one of these under-served, northern California, counties:** Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba- 5 points
- **Employment as an RN in one of these under-served counties:** Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba- 5 points
- **Graduate from one of the CSU, Chico feeder community college nursing programs** of Butte, College of the Siskiyou, Shasta, and Yuba -(or in final semester) 5 points (Note: Due to the CSU Humboldt nursing program closure, this courtesy will be extended to A.D.N. students from Mendocino College and College of the Redwoods)
- **GPA in A.D.N. Nursing courses** (1st 3 semesters will be used for those in their final semester) - 2 points for 3.25-3.49; 4 points for 3.5 and above.
- **Cumulative GPA**-2points for 3.25-3.49; 4 points for 3.5 and above.
Process

The invitations to join the upcoming RN to BSN Cohort are issued in the spring of each calendar year following the February 15 application deadline. A prioritized list will be created using the point system described above for all qualified applicants who have submitted their application by the deadline.

Applicants not invited to join the cohort by June 1st who wish to be considered for the following year, should resubmit their application for the following year before the February 15th deadline of the next year. Applications will not carry over from year to year.

Applicants invited to join the 2014 Cohort who were advised that they could “defer to the 2015 cohort” will be first on the list to join the 2015 cohort. There will not be a deferral process in subsequent years.

Note: Formal application to California State University, Chico only takes place following an invitation to join the upcoming RN to BSN Cohort.

Approved at the September 5, 2014 Faculty Meeting for implementation with the admission of the June, 2015 Cohort.