CSU, Chico School of Nursing
Admission Criteria

I. Course Requirements
To check equivalence of courses taken at California Community Colleges, go to http://www.assist.org. If a required course is not listed on Assist.org or was taken outside of the California Community College system, for transfer evaluation, email a copy of the catalog course description to prenursadvisor@csuchico.edu. Be sure to include the course title, number of units, which college attended and semester/quarter taken.

II. Prerequisites
Four science and four foundation (Area A) courses are required for admission to the CSU, Chico nursing program. At the time of application, a minimum of two science courses and two foundation courses must be completed. Any remaining prerequisite science and/or foundation courses must be in progress during the application period and reflected on the official transcript submitted to NursingCAS. Prerequisite courses in progress must be completed before entering the nursing program.

The four science prerequisites are: Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Microbiology; all with a lab.
- Science pre-requisites cannot be introductory courses; they must be for majors or for allied health. Be sure to check the course descriptions for Introduction to Chemistry courses to determine they are noted as CSU transferable.
- Science courses must be either four semester units or five quarter units and include an in-person lab.
- Organic chemistry is highly recommended. However, General Chemistry, Integrated Chemistry and Inorganic Chemistry are accepted. At CSU, Chico, chemistry must be completed prior to enrolling in microbiology.

The four foundation prerequisites are: Oral Communication (GE A1), Written Communication (GE A2), Critical Thinking (GE A3), Statistics (GE A4).

III. Co-Requisites
Co-requisite courses can be in-progress during the application period. However, it is highly recommended that all co-requisite courses be completed prior to entering the nursing program. Any co-requisite courses in-progress or not taken, must be completed by the end of the first semester in the nursing program to progress to the next semester.

The four co-requisites are:
- Nutrition
- Child Development or Human Development or Human Life Span Psychology
- Principles of Psychology
- Principles of Sociology or Cultural Anthropology

IV. Additional Course Criteria
- All prerequisite and co-requisite courses must be completed with a grade of “C” or better.
- Completion of all science prerequisites, plus statistics, must be within the last seven years.
- Pre-requisite and co-requisite courses taken for AP credit must be documented by verification of a passing test score of three or higher. The test score must be uploaded to the NursingCAS application.
- If more than two courses have been completed in the prerequisite science or foundation courses, the two highest grades for each will be used to calculate admission points.
- If a student received a failing grade in a prerequisite course, the course must be repeated for a passing grade, it cannot be in-progress.
• If a course has been taken more than once, all grades for that course will be averaged. There are three exceptions:
  • **Oral Communication** – You can take either small group or public speaking for oral communication, and the higher grade of the two courses will be counted.
  • **Chemistry** – You can take general chemistry, integrated chemistry, inorganic chemistry or organic chemistry. If you repeat the same type of chemistry course, those grades will be averaged. If you take a different type of chemistry course for the repeat, the higher grade will be counted.
  • **Seven year recency** – If a course must be retaken due to fulfilling the seven year recency requirement, the new course grade will be counted with no averaging of grades.
• Web based courses will be reviewed for acceptance on a case by case basis. The theory portion of the course can be online, but the lab must be in-person and taken with the theory in the same semester. For questions regarding on-line course acceptance, please email a copy of the catalog course description to prenursadvisor@csuchico.edu. Be sure to include the course title, number of units, which college attended and semester/quarter taken.
• Applicants who re-apply must update their official transcripts with NursingCAS during the Academic Update process.

V. **GPA Requirements**
The CSU, Chico School of Nursing requires a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (Cum GPA) for the following:
• All transferrable college-level work (overall) or in the last 60 academic units.*
• All eight nursing prerequisites, once completed.
• The two science courses and the two foundation courses selected for points.

*If a Cum GPA for college-level work does not compute to a minimum of 3.0 GPA overall, a recalculation using the applicant’s last 60 academic units will be conducted to determine if a minimum of 3.0 can be reached.

VI. **Academic Forgiveness**
For applicants whose total GPA compiled by NursingCAS is negatively affected by a failed course repeated for forgiveness, applicants may request that the CSU, Chico School of Nursing override the NursingCAS GPA calculation and accept the Cum GPA identified on the official transcript.

VII. **TEAS (Test of Essential Academic Skills)**
The ATI TEAS is the required entrance exam used for admission to CSU, Chico School of Nursing. We are currently only accepting scores for Version VI.
• Applicants must achieve a minimum level of 80% **Adjusted Individual Total Score** on the test to be eligible to apply. Please do not send TEAS scores below 80% (79.9 or below) to the School of Nursing, as your application will be ineligible and not reviewed.
• Though some testing sites may limit the number of times they will offer the TEAS to you, for the CSU, Chico School of Nursing, the TEAS can be taken any number of times, at any testing facility.
• TEAS Results must be ordered from ATI and e-mailed by ATI directly to the CSU, Chico School of Nursing. For the spring application period, results must reach the School of Nursing by October 1. For the fall application period, results must reach the School of Nursing by March 1.
• TEAS results are accepted for two years from the date taken.
• Previous applicants need not resubmit TEAS scores they have already sent to the School of Nursing.

More information on the ATI TEAS and testing locations can be found at [https://www.atitesting.com](https://www.atitesting.com).
VIII. Emotional Requirements
The student must have sufficient emotional stability to perform under stress produced by both academic study and the necessity of performing nursing care in real patient situations while being observed by the instructors and other health care personnel.

IX. Physical Requirements
In order to participate in CSU, Chico’s Nursing Program, students are required to travel to agencies and hospitals, and to homes with unpredictable environments. Students need to have the endurance to adapt to a physically and emotionally demanding program. The following physical requirements are necessary to participate in the clinical application courses in nursing:

1. **Strength**: Sufficient strength to lift, move and transfer most patients; to restrain and carry children; to move and carry equipment; and to perform CPR, which requires sufficient body weight and adequate lung expansion.

2. **Mobility**: Sufficient to bend, stoop, get down on the floor; combination of strength, dexterity, mobility and coordination to assist patients; ability to move around rapidly.

3. **Fine Motor Movements**: Necessary to manipulate syringes and IVs; to assist patients with feeding and hygiene; to write in charts; to perform sterile procedures and other skilled procedures.

4. **Speech**: Ability to speak clearly in order to communicate with staff, physicians and patients; needs to be understood on the telephone.

5. **Vision**: Sufficient to make physical assessments of patients and equipment; able to read.

6. **Hearing**: Sufficient to accurately hear when using the telephone, to be able to hear through the stethoscope to discriminate sounds.

7. **Touch**: Ability to palpate both superficially and deeply and to discriminate tactile sensations.

8. **Health**: Nursing is considered to be a high-risk profession for exposure to Hepatitis B and other contagious diseases. Immunizations required by the School of Nursing reduce this risk for nursing students, but do not eliminate it entirely. Pregnant students need to be evaluated by their obstetrical health care provider to determine what if any immunizations are contraindicated during the pregnancy as well as any other limitations which should be put in place for the student to participate in the nursing program during the pregnancy. Students with impaired or deficient immune systems may be at risk for contracting serious diseases. Such students must have physician approval for participation in clinical courses, and must discuss their situation with the clinical instructor.

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