California State University, Chico - School of Nursing  
Preparing for Admission to the Nursing Program

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. **There is a $45 first time application fee or $30 subsequent application fee if you have previously applied through the NursingCAS system.**

**When to apply to the School of Nursing**
- Spring semester: The supplemental online application for the School of Nursing can be found on the Nursing CAS 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 Nursing CAS website the first week of January and all materials must be submitted by March 1.

- **Please note:** Cannot 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 CSUMentor.</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="http://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>Supplemental nursing applications are due on the NursingCAS website, along with official transcripts, verification of courses in progress, and all other pertinent information attached.</td>
<td>If applying to the School of Nursing for Fall semester, the application is due on March 1 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 to every applicant.</td>
<td>Emails will be sent to the address of record in NursingCAS by May 15.</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

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

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.
   - 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 you can take small group or public speaking—the higher grade of the two courses will be counted. For chemistry you can take general chemistry, integrated chemistry, inorganic chemistry or organic chemistry. If you take different types of chemistry, the higher grade will be counted. If you repeat the same type of chemistry course, those grades will be averaged.
   - The university will not accept courses from the University of Phoenix.
   - To check equivalence of courses taken at California Community Colleges, go to http://www.assist.org
4. Co-Requisites - There are four co-requisite courses that must be completed prior to the end of the first semester to progress in the nursing program. 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
5. **Prerequisites** - Four foundation (Area A) courses and four science prerequisites are required for admission to the nursing program.
   - 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.
   - All science prerequisites must be at least 4 semester units with a lab. They cannot be introductory courses; they must be for majors or for allied health. They cannot be web-based courses.
   - 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.
   - Any remaining prerequisite science and foundation courses must be in progress during the application period and completed before entering the nursing program.
   - 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 uploaded to the NursingCAS website (http://www.NursingCAS.org) 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 prerequisite or co-requisite course has been taken more than once, all grades for that course will be averaged. There are two exceptions: Oral Communication and Chemistry. For oral communication, you can take small group or public speaking—the higher grade of the two courses will be counted. For chemistry you can take general chemistry, integrated chemistry, inorganic chemistry, or organic chemistry (all must have an in person lab) If you take different types of chemistry the grade will be counted. If you repeat the same type of chemistry course, those grades will be averaged.

6. **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 or 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 School of Nursing website, www.csuchico.edu.
   In the first group of links under the picture, see the link, TEAS Information for dates the TEAS will be given at CSU Chico, School of Nursing.
   It is highly recommended that you purchase a TEAS study guide. They is available from 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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<th>Foundation Prerequisites</th>
<th>Grade Point Equivalent</th>
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<td>Anatomy with a lab</td>
<td>Oral Communication (GE-A1)</td>
<td>A = 4.0</td>
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<td>Physiology with a lab</td>
<td>English 1 (GE-A2)</td>
<td>A- = 3.7</td>
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<td>Chemistry with a lab</td>
<td>Critical Thinking (GE-A3)</td>
<td>B+ = 3.3</td>
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<td>Microbiology with a lab</td>
<td>Statistics (GE-A4)</td>
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The average of the two best grades for the science courses is multiplied by 10 for a maximum of 40 points. The average of the two best grades for the two foundation courses is multiplied by 5 for a maximum of 20 points.

For Example: You received a “B” in a 4-unit chemistry course and an “A” in a 5-unit microbiology course.

**Step 1:** Figure your total earned points for each course

\[ B = 3 \text{ (grade points)} \times 4 \text{ (course units)} = 12 \]
\[ A = 4 \text{ (grade points)} \times 5 \text{ (course units)} = 20 \]

**Step 2:** Figure your combined points from each course

\[ 12 + 20 = 32. \]

**Step 3:** Divide above total by the total course units

\[ 32 \div 9 = 3.55 \]

**Step 4:** Multiple by factor 10.

\[ 3.55 \times 10 = 35.5 \text{ points for your top 2 science courses.} \]

For your top two foundation courses follow the same steps. When get to step 4 multiple by a factor of 5 for your total foundation points.
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, East Indian languages, California Indian 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 possible
   Intermediate level proficiency in a priority language is verified by written verification from a language professor (the word “proficiency needs to be on the documentation), or college transcripts (at least two years of a foreign language or by high school transcripts (at least three years). Course must be completed within 5 years of application to the School of Nursing. Your courses must progress to next level of 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) **Volunteer Experience – 1 point possible**  
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 Nursing Admissions committee are final.

1 point—Health-related employment requiring less than six months’ training  
Certified nurse’s aide (CNA) certificate (current), no work experience  
Home Health Aide (HHA) or medical assistant, no work experience  
Lifeguard with current work experience  
Phlebotomist with 6-months current work experience  
Lab Tech with 6-months current work experience  
Veterinary Technologist/Technician with 6-months current experience  
Ward clerk with 6-months current work experience  
Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I – certification (current), no work experience  
Pharmacy Technician – certification (current), no work experience  
EKG technician with 6-months experience  
Hemodialysis Technician, no work experience

2 points—Health-related employment with 6 months or more work experience  
CNA or HHA  
Pharmacy Technician  
Medical Assistant  
EMT 1  
Hemodialysis Technician  
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 12 months or more work experience (transcript or current certification required)  
Paramedic or EMT II certification  
Corpsman certification

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

8) **Veteran with honorable discharge – 1 point possible**  
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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