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! – Before you apply to the School of Nursing, you must first apply to the University (online) during the filing period indicated below.

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

To apply – Prior to beginning the application process through NursingCAS, go to the School of Nursing website and review the step-by-step Online Application Instructions.

When to apply - Spring semester: The supplemental application for the School of Nursing can be found on the Nursing CAS website and will be due no later than November 1. Fall semester: The application for the School of Nursing will be available on the Nursing CAS website the first week of January and will be due March 1.

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

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<td>E-mails and letters of acceptance or denial into the CSU, Chico nursing program are e-mailed and mailed to 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 here: http://www.csuchico.edu/nurs/prospective/advising.shtml.

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).

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

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.

Requirements

1) Prerequisites - Four foundation courses and four science prerequisites are required for admission to the nursing program.

- The cumulative grade point average for all college-level work must be 1) a minimum of 3.0 overall or 2) a 3.0 in the last 60 academic units.
- The cumulative grade point average for the two science courses and the two Area A courses used to earn points on the nursing application must be a minimum of 3.0.
- The cumulative grade point average for all eight nursing prerequisites, once completed, must be a minimum of 3.0.
- ***All nursing prerequisites must be completed with grades of C or higher.
- At the time of application, at least two courses from Area A and at least two pre-requisite science courses must be completed, with the remaining courses in progress.

Official transcripts of the courses that were “in progress” must be uploaded to the Nursing CAS website (http://www.NursingCAS.org) a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the program.

Science Prerequisites
- Anatomy with a lab
- Physiology with a lab
- Microbiology with a lab
- Chemistry: general, inorganic, organic, or integrated; with associated lab (if applicable at the institution where the course was taken)

Note: Organic Chemistry is highly recommended

*If you need to repeat a course to meet the Area A1 requirement (for example, you take Small Group Communication to replace Public Speaking), the higher grade of the two courses will be counted.

** 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.

If more than 2 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 a course has been taken more than once, all grades for that course will be averaged.

2) GPA - A 3.0 GPA is required for all eight required science and foundation prerequisite courses. This is a separate requirement from the 3.0 requirement for the four courses to calculate admission points. Should your cumulative average in the 8 courses fall below 3.0, you cannot be admitted to the nursing program, even if you have received a conditional acceptance letter from the School of Nursing.

3) Cumulative GPA - The cumulative GPA for all college level work must be 1) a minimum of 3.0 to be considered for admission to the nursing program or 2) a 3.0 in the last 60 academic units.

4) 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. ATI has our e-mail address.

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 November 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 is given at CSU Chico, School of Nursing.

Applicants will be awarded points based on the following:

1. Two Foundation and Two Science Courses – 60 points possible

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<td>Microbiology with a lab</td>
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<td>Chemistry with a lab</td>
<td>Statistics (GE Area A4)</td>
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The GPA for the top two science courses is multiplied by 10 for a maximum of 40 points. The GPA for the top two foundation courses is multiplied by 5 for a maximum of 20 points.

If a course has been taken more than once, all grades for that course will be averaged.

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

The student must achieve a minimum level of 80% (Adjusted Individual Total Score).

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3) Cumulative GPA – 2 points possible
   - 3.25 - 3.49  1 point
   - 3.5 or higher  2 points

4) Science GPA – 2 points possible – All four pre-requisite science courses must be completed at the time of application to receive these points.
   - 3.25 – 3.49  1 point
   - 3.5 or higher  2 points
5) **Foreign language proficiency** – 4 points possible
Fluency in priority languages will be given the highest awards. Priority languages include: Spanish, Southeast Asian languages, Filipino/Tagalog, East Indian languages, California Indian languages, Japanese, Korean, Chinese, and American Sign Language.

Fluency should be documented in the form of a verification letter from a language teacher. The verification letter should indicate your ability to converse with native speakers at a normal conversational level. **4 points possible**

Intermediate level proficiency in a priority language (see list above) verified by unofficial college transcripts (at least two years of a foreign language), by unofficial high school transcripts (at least three years), or by written verification from a language teacher. **3 points possible**

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

6) **Volunteer or Health-related 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 basis by the Nursing Admissions Committee. Decisions of the Nursing Admissions committee are final.

**1 point** - Volunteer or work experience
- Volunteer, 60 hours or more experience, documented
- Health-related employment requiring less than six months’ training
- Certified nurse’s aide (CNA) certificate, no experience
- Home Health Aide (HHA) or medical assistant, no work experience
- Lifeguard with work experience
- Phlebotomist with work experience
- Lab Tech with work experience
- Veterinary Technologist/Technician with less than two years work experience
- Ward clerk with work experience
- Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) I – certification but no work experience
- Pharmacy Technician – certification but no work experience
- EKG technician experience
- Hemodialysis Technician, but 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 Technologist/Technician (or 2 years experience performing paramedical tasks for domestic animals in a veterinary office or animal shelter)

**3 points** - Health-related employment with 6-12 months or more work experience (transcript or certificate required)
- Paramedic or EMT II certification
- Corpsman certification

**4 points** - Other health-related professions, which offer a degree (based on committee decision)
7) **Requirement to Work** - 2 points
Verification that student works 20 or more hours per week for the last 6 months. This must be documented by a verification letter from employer. The verification letter needs to be on official business letterhead with an original signature.

8) **Permanent rural residence in one of these under-served counties** - 2 points
Verification of at least one-year permanent residency in the following counties: Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba. The verification form can be found in the application instructions on the School of Nursing website.

9) **Completion of Co-Prerequisites** - 4 points possible
***The following four co-prerequisites – with a grade of C or higher – must be completed by the end of the first semester in the nursing program, as it is difficult to fit them in with the nursing courses. These courses may be taken at a community college prior to transferring to CSU, Chico. One point will be given for each course completed.

- Nutrition
- Child Development or Human Development
- Principles of Psychology
- Principles of Sociology or Cultural Anthropology

***The grade requirement changed from C- to a C effective fall 2016.