

Application Requirements, Criteria, and Document Submission Instructions

Requirements to Apply

GPA:

- 3.0 cumulative or in the last 60 units
- 3.5 cumulative in completed prerequisite courses

Prerequisites: 3 of the 4 science, foundation, and health studies courses must be complete at the time of application (9 out of 12 classes total) each with a C or higher. The remaining courses can be in progress. Prerequisites cannot be planned.

Casper test must be completed with the test version for the application year.

Emotional & Physical Requirements: Applicants must have sufficient emotional stability to perform under stress produced by both rigorous academic study and the necessity of performing nursing care in real patient situations while being observed by the instructors and other healthcare personnel. Students must meet minimum physical requirements to perform safe patient care. Reasonable accommodations will be made whenever possible. For specific concerns, please contact us directly.

Admissions Considerations

Local Preference- up to 30%

Preference for both students from Chico State local service area -15% and for students who have completed 30 or more units at Chico State – 15% at the time of application. Students can be awarded preference for both categories.

Local service area information can be found here: <https://www.csuchico.edu/academics/college/natural-sciences/departments/school-nursing/bsn.shtml>

Work or Volunteer Experience- up to 30%

Work or volunteer experience is considered for the following categories:

- 200 volunteer hours in at 501c3 non-profit or healthcare agency in the last 2 years at the time of application – 10%
- CNA, EMT, CMA with 6 months work experience in the last 2 years at the time of application – 20%
- LVN, Corpsman, Paramedic, Respiratory Therapist with 6 months work experience in the last 2 years at the time of application – 30%

Work experience must match certification type. Categories are weighted differently. Applicants cannot receive credit for multiple categories. For example, applicants who have CNA work and volunteer work will only have their CNA work considered.

Second Language – up to 5%

Both intermediate and oral fluency are considered

Military Veteran – 5%

Preference is given to veterans with a DD-214 honorable discharge.

Casper Test – up to 30%

Scores on the Casper test are considered for admissions decisions.

Prerequisite Course Information

Prerequisites

Foundation:

- *Oral Communication
- *Written Communication
- Critical Thinking
- Statistics

**Oral Communication and Written Communication may be waived for applicants who already have a bachelor's degree in incidences where these courses were not required for graduation.*

Sciences:

- Anatomy
- Physiology
- Chemistry
- Microbiology

Sciences courses must be at least 4 semester or 5 quarter units, be taken with a lab, and cannot be survey or introductory courses. We generally do not accept combined general, organic and biochemistry courses.

Health Studies:

- Basic Nutrition
- Child or Human Development or Life Span Psychology
- Principles of Psychology
- Principles of Sociology or Cultural Human Diversity

Additional Prerequisite Information and Requirements

- At the time of application, completion of all science prerequisites, as well as Statistics (including AP Statistics), must be in progress or completed within the last seven years.
- A grade of C or higher is required for all prerequisite courses. Only courses complete at the time of application can be used to meet minimum GPA requirements

Course Equivalency: To check equivalence of prerequisite courses taken at a California College, go to <http://www.assist.org>. If a course is not listed, or was taken outside of the California College system, email a copy of the catalog course description, course syllabus (if available), along with college attended to prenursadvisor@csuchico.edu for evaluation.

Online versions of transferable courses are accepted. For science courses, the theory portion of the course as well as the lab can be online.

AP Credit is accepted. AP scores will not be used to calculate GPA.

Repeated Courses, Academic Renewal, and Grade Forgiveness

Course Repeat Policy: If a prerequisite or co-requisite course has been repeated, we will consider the highest grade to establish eligibility to apply.

Documentation Submission Instructions

All documents must be received by the application deadline to be considered.

Local Preference: Students do not need to submit anything to document local or Chico State student preference.

Work or Volunteer Experience

For volunteer work, upload the form linked to verify hours into the document section of the NursingCAS application. All volunteer forms should be combined into a single file. Only hours completed in the last two years are eligible. Volunteer forms with experiences dates beyond two years will not be considered.

https://www.csuchico.edu/_assets/documents/office/nsci/volunteer-form.pdf

For work experience, upload proof of current certificate/active license and letter from employer into the document section of NursingCAS. Letters must be on employer letterhead, dated, verify dates of employment, describe duties, include position title, and be officially signed. Electronic signatures are accepted. Military positions must provide military transcript.

Second Language

Students must provide proof by oral evaluation by an instructor of the language. This includes American Sign Language with visual evaluation. Applicants must use the form linked to verify proficiency level

https://www.csuchico.edu/_assets/documents/office/nsci/language-form.pdf or attach official certification from <https://www.languagetesting.com/> It must say language instructor on the form and not simply “instructor.”

A seal of biliteracy dated within the last three years, will be accepted as fluency.

We will not accept documentation from other schools. All second language documentation must be uploaded into the documents section of the NursingCAS application to be considered.

Military Veteran

Students must upload a DD-214 noting honorable discharge into the documents section of the NursingCAS application.

Casper Test

Results must be distributed by the posted application deadline. Test distributions will be accepted after the deadline to accommodate processing time; however, prospective students must have registered for their test and selected Chico State prior to the deadline.

[Casper](#) is an online, open-response situational judgment test that takes 65-85 minutes to complete.

Frequently Asked Questions

* Do you accept other types of healthcare work experience?

No, we do not consider any positions other than those specifically listed with the possible exception of military based medical positions.

Should I upload letters of recommendation?

No, we do not consider letters of recommendation.

I don't have work experience. Should I upload my CNA license? What about BLS?

Licenses/certifications without experience should not be uploaded.

I worked as a CNA for 3 months. Can I get partial points?

No, you must work the full 6 months at the time of application to be awarded points.

I'm planning on completing one of the health studies over the summer/winter after the application period. Can I still apply?

We do not accept planned prerequisites.

Can I retake the Casper test to get a better score?

The Casper test can only be taken once per annual cycle. The annual cycle starts in May and ends in April of the following year.

I requested my transcripts before the deadline, but my school took a while to send my transcripts and they arrived after the deadline. Can I still be considered?

All documents including transcripts must be received by the deadline. We do not consider the date they were requested.

I'm a current Chico State student. Do I need to send transcripts?

Chico State students must send transcripts to NursingCAS including their Chico State transcript. They do not need to send them to Chico State.

I already sent my transcripts to Chico State. Do they communicate with NursingCAS?

Transfer students must send transcripts to both Chico State and NursingCAS.

Do you require the TEAS test?

We do not use the TEAS test as part of our admission criteria.