

California State University, Chico – School of Nursing Application Point System

Local preference points: In accordance with the California State University Chancellor’s Office, the School of Nursing is mandated to provide priority to local applicants. Three priority points will be given to applicants who have graduated from a high school or completed a minimum of 30 transferable units at a community college within local admission area counties as defined in our [BSN Program Information and Statistics](#) page. Consequently, the total points possible for applicants eligible for local priority points is 103 points. Applicants who have completed a minimum of 30 units at CSU, Chico at the time of application will also be awarded three local preference points. Applicants who have already earned this advantage through their local admission area status are not eligible for additional points.

All eligible applications are reviewed for points. Applications of 85 points or higher will be ranked. The 40 applicants with the highest number of total points are selected for admission. To aid in estimating your total points, use our point evaluation tool at <https://apps.csuchico.edu/nursing>. Please note the Self Evaluation Points Calculator is for estimation purposes only.

Top Two Science Grades and Top Two Foundation Grades – 60 points possible

If more than two courses have been completed in the prerequisite science or foundation courses, the two highest grades of each category will be used to calculate admission points. Points cannot be applied to courses in progress.

- **Points for Science Course Grades** (Anatomy, Physiology, Chemistry, Microbiology). The two best science grades are each multiplied by 5 - maximum of **40 points**.
- **Points for Foundation Course Grades** (Oral Communication, Written Communication, Critical Thinking, Statistics). The two best foundation grades are each multiplied by 2.5 - maximum of **20 points**.

Grade points	Science grade points (x 5)	Foundation grade points (x 2.5)
A = 4.0	20.00	10.00
A- = 3.7	18.50	9.25
B+ = 3.3	16.50	8.25
B = 3.0	15.00	7.50
B- = 2.7	13.50	6.75
C+ = 2.3	11.50	5.75
C = 2.0	10.00	5.00

Completion of Co-requisites – 4 points possible

One point will be given for each co-requisite course completed with a passing grade reported on an official transcript at the time of application. Points cannot be applied to courses in progress. It is not necessary to attach unofficial transcripts to the documents section of your NursingCAS application to receive these points.

The four co-requisites are:

- 1) Nutrition
- 2) Child Development or Human Development or Human Life Span Psychology
- 3) Principles of Psychology
- 4) Principles of Sociology or Cultural Anthropology.

Cumulative GPA – 3 points possible

- 3.25 – 3.49 - 1 point
- 3.50 – 3.74 - 2 points
- 3.75 – 4.00 - 3 points

Science GPA – 3 points possible

To be eligible for these points, **all four** pre-requisite science courses must have a letter grade reported on an official transcript at the time of application.

- 3.25 – 3.49 - 1 point
- 3.50 – 3.74 - 2 points
- 3.75 – 4.00 - 3 points

TEAS – The Test of Essential Academic Skills – 20 points possible.

To be eligible, your TEAS score must reach the Chico State School of Nursing by the applicable deadline. This score must be provided by ATI at your request. Be sure to allow time for processing. Please self-report your score (unofficial score) in your NursingCAS application. You are not required to attach a copy of your TEAS test scores to your application.

Each applicant is awarded 10 points for an overall score of 80%. One point is earned for each one-percentage point up to 90%. A score of 90% or higher receives 20 points. Please do not submit your application until you obtain a minimum overall TEAS score of 80%.

TEAS Scores = CSU, Chico School of Nursing Admission Points

TEAS SCORE (%)	Points
>90.0	20
89.0-89.9	19
88.0-88.9	18
87.0-87.9	17
86.0-86.9	16
85.0-85.9	15
84.0-84.9	14
83.0-83.9	13
82.0-82.9	12
81.0-81.9	11
80.0-80.9	10

NOTE: To be considered for the following foreign language, volunteer, and work experience points, you must attach your verification documents to the DOCUMENTS section of your NursingCAS application. Absence of this attached documentation will result in zero points.

Foreign Language – Up to 4 points possible

All second languages (beyond English) are given equal consideration. This includes American Sign Language, Native American languages, and any foreign language.

Only one language may be used for points. To be considered for language points, **the last language course must be completed within five years** of application to the School of Nursing. Courses must reflect your consecutive progress to the next level of the language. Language courses in progress at the time of application will not be considered in the determination for points.

- Fluency (4 points).
For the language you speak, upload to your NursingCAS application an official language evaluation report or written letter from a high school, junior college or university language instructor. The evaluation report

or verification letter should be on official school/business letterhead, signed and dated. The verbiage of the document must indicate that, upon personal evaluation by the instructor, you are a native speaker of the language or have the ability to converse with native speakers at a normal conversational level. The word “fluent” must be in the documentation to describe your level of proficiency. Verifying your level of written ability is not required for these points.

- **Intermediate level proficiency (3 points):**

Upload to your NursingCAS application an official language evaluation report or a written verification letter from a high school, junior college or university language instructor. The evaluation report or verification letter should be on official school/business letterhead, signed and dated. The verbiage of the document must indicate that, upon personal evaluation by the instructor, you speak at an “intermediate level proficiency”; **or**

- 1) Attach a college transcript reflecting at least two years (four completed semesters) of a foreign language; **or**
- 2) Attach a high school transcript reflecting three years of a foreign language; **or**
- 3) Attach a combination of a high school transcript reflecting two years of a foreign language, and a college transcript reflecting one year (two semesters) of a progressively higher college level course in the same language.

Volunteer Experience – 1 point possible. Volunteer hours do not need to be healthcare related. Experience must be 60 or more hours of unpaid or non course-related service **within three years of application** to the School of Nursing. Document hours with a written letter on official school/business letterhead or an official agency record indicating the type and duration of the service (including total number of hours) and signed by a supervisor or representative of the entity who can attest to your hours. Your volunteer hours cannot be for a family member. Upload your document to the documents sections of your NursingCAS application.

Work Experience – 4 points possible.

You will receive points for only one category. Points will be awarded from the category listed below which results in the highest point value.

All point categories must be verified by current certification from certifying agency, if applicable, and/or letter from employer on letterhead. This certification must be attached to the **DOCUMENTS** section of your NursingCAS application. The review committee will not look up this information on your behalf.

The following are examples of how points are typically allocated, 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.

- **Health-related employment training/work experience, with or without certification, for one-six consecutive months (1 point)**

Work experience not requiring medical/agency certification:

Acute Care Transporters
Allied Health Training (High School ROP)
Lift Technician
Medical Office Assistant
Medical Scribe/Transcriptionist
Patient Monitors
Student Health Center student assistant
Unlicensed caregiver
Unit Secretary (Ward clerk)

Training requiring current medical/agency certification:

Certified Nurse's Aide (CNA)

EKG technician

Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)

Hemodialysis Technician

Home Health Aide (HHA)

Lab Technician

Lifeguard with verified work experience within the last year or two consecutive summers

Medical Assistant

Surgical Technologist

Pharmacy Technician

Phlebotomist - must be level CPT 1 or CPT 11; not Limited Phlebotomist Tech (LPT)

Veterinary Technologist/Technician

- **Health-related employment with six months or more work experience. (2 points)**

Current medical/agency certification with six months or more documented work experience; **or** performance of paramedical tasks for domestic animals in a veterinary office or animal shelter two years or more.

- **Health-related employment with less than 12 months of work experience. Transcript or current certification required – (3 points)**

Paramedic

Corpsman during military service as verified by transcript or DD Form 214

Dental Hygienist

Registered Dental Assistant

Licensed LVN

- **Health-related employment with 12 months or more work experience. Transcript or current certification required – (4 points)**

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Licensed LVN

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

Veteran with honorable discharge – 1 point possible

To be considered for this point, must attach DD Form 214, Member 2 or 4.