Bachelor of Science in Nursing for RNs
HYBRID DEGREE COMPLETION PROGRAM

Advising Session
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Introduction to Chico State RN-BSN

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△ Session Goals
- Why Chico State
- RN-BSN Program Highlights
- Requirements
- How to Apply
- Answer your questions
Why Chico State

△ Quality

- High satisfaction ratings from graduates (100% recent group Satisfied/Very Satisfied)
- Reputation for nursing excellence
- National Accreditation- Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE)
- Regional Accreditation through California Board of Registered Nurses (BRN)
- PHN Certification Eligible
- Good prep for MSN & Advanced Practice Nursing Programs
Why Chico State (continued)

△ Affordability
  ▪ $12,450 + Books
  ▪ $9,960 + Books for 2nd Bachelor degree students

△ Flexibility
  ▪ Designed for working Nurses (and those about to graduate from their ADN program)
  ▪ All classes online except the Community Health Practicum
  ▪ Community Health Practicum is completed in or near your county of residence
Program Highlights (See Course Plan/MAP)

- Manageable for working Nurses – 75% of most recent graduates worked 36 or more hours per week while in the program
- Begins in June of one year
- Completes in August of the following year
- 7 Nursing Theory courses – all online
- 2 Upper Division GE courses (waived for 2nd Bachelor degree students) – both online
- 1 Clinical Course – Practicum in Community Health
- 20 units NCLEX credit issued in final semester at no cost
RN-BSN Course Sequencing

Summer Session #1
- NURS 300 RN to BSN Bridge Course  4 units
- NURS 310 Academic Writing for Nurses  2 units

Fall Semester
- NURS 316 Nursing Informatics  3 units
- NURS 342W Nursing Research  3 units
- RELS 332 World Religion & Global Issues* (Global Cultures)  3 units

*GE UD-D Social Sciences – Waived for 2nd Bacc. Students
Course Sequencing (Continued, See Course Plan/MAP)

△ Winter Session
- MCGS 310 LGBTQ Issues & Identities (US Diversity)*
  *GE UD-C Arts & Humanities – Waived for 2nd Bacc. Students
  3 units

△ Spring Semester
- NURS 420W* Leadership/Management & Professional Issues in Nursing
  4 units
- NURS 427 Nursing Professional Values & Ethics
  *GE UD-B Scientific Inquiry & Quantitative Reasoning – Required all students
  2 units

0-3 units

6 units
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### Course Sequencing *(Continued, See Course Plan/MAP)*

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<td>- Credit for passing NCLEX <em>(National Council Licensure Examination)</em></td>
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- Total Units in RN-BSN Program                                      | 50    |
- Units Transferred from Community College                            | 70    |
- Total Units for CSU, Chico BSN                                     | 120   |
Practicum in Community Health

- Total of 135 Clinical Hours:
  - Orientation – 5 hours
  - Agency with preceptor – Approximately 56 hours
    - 8 hour shift
    - 1 day/week
    - Usually a week day as opposed to a weekend day
  - Simulation in virtual environment - Approximately 24 hours
  - Community Project – 40 hours
  - Seminar – 10 hours
Orientations

△ On-campus orientations may be required (or a combination of in person, live Zoom session, and/or videos)
△ Details TBD – pending Pandemic/Covid 19 restrictions & guidelines
△ Early June each year (save the date June 1st orientation – details to follow)
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Additional Program Details

- Admit only 1 cohort per year
- Sequential program (not self-paced)
- Each course is taught only once each year
- Planned Educational Leave (PEL) Options
- Need a computer & reliable, high-speed internet access
- Self-support program; Administered through Regional & Continuing Education (RCE)
- Pay per unit
- State financial aid not available; Federal aid is available for those who qualify
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Time Commitment

- 72% most recent graduates reported studying between 20-30 hours/week
- Some said they studied more than 30 hours/week
- Some said they studied less than 20 hours/week
- In a 15 week semester, a 3 unit course is expected to have 9 hours of coursework per week
- Summer Sessions (10-12 weeks) and Winter Sessions (2.5-3 weeks)
- Students report it is helpful if you can reduce your work schedule in final summer of the program
New Graduate Requirements

- Must have a Nursing GPA of 3.0 or above
- Must pass NCLEX prior to starting classes in the Fall Semester
- Must have RN employment by September 1 or apply for the Rural California Preceptorship Winter Program
  - Information on the Chico State Nursing website
  - Additional cost to the student
Qualifications for Application

- Transfer Credit – Need 70 units of CSU transferable coursework. Most of the supporting courses for your ADN Program will transfer

- Specific Course Requirements – Prior to RN-BSN Application
  - Nursing Prerequisites
  - Lower Division GE Courses
  - Total of 70 CSU transferable units
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### Nursing Prerequisite Courses

- △ Chemistry (general, integrated, inorganic, or organic, at least 3 units, with associated lab if one was required where course was taken)
- △ Human Physiology with lab, 3-5 units
- △ Human Anatomy with lab, 4-5 units
- △ Microbiology with lab, 3-5 units
- △ Oral Communication (A1)
- △ Written Communication (A2)
- △ Critical Thinking (A3)
- △ Mathematics/Quantitative Reasoning (A4) – Statistics
### General Education Courses

- Arts (C1) – 1 course (Arts, Cinema, Dance, Music, Theatre)
- Humanities (C2) – 1 course (Literature, Philosophy, Foreign Languages)
- Social Sciences (D) – 2 courses (Recommend Intro Sociology & Intro Psychology)
- Learning for Life (E) – 1 course (Recommend Nutrition or Child Development)
- U.S. History – 1 course
- Political Science – US constitution/gov/local/CA state/national – 1 course
Admission Requirements/Application Process

- Official transcripts evaluated
- Grade of “C” or better needed in 8 nursing prerequisite courses
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above (or in most recent 60 units)
- New grads also need a Nursing GPA of 3.0 or above
- Advising Session & Quiz (or Video & Quiz)
- Transcript Evaluation reviewed/discussed with Advisor
- If Nursing prerequisites, lower division GE courses, have 70 units of CSU transferable units, AND eligible to receive the 20 units of NCLEX credit you will be provided with an application to complete.
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**20 Units of NCLEX Credit Details**

- 20 units of CSU transferable Nursing Units are required
- These 20 units are over and above the 70 units required for transfer
- Up to 16 Nursing Units, that are over and above the 20 described above, can be used as part of the 70 units for transfer
- Nursing Units above the 36 units described above cannot be used
- The NCLEX credits are issued in the final summer of the program
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Admission Process

- Applications from Qualified Candidates are scored for Admission
- Priority Points are given in the following areas:
  - Residence in (Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, or Yuba counties) - 5 points
  - Nursing Employment in above counties - 5 points
  - ADN program graduation in above counties - 5 points
  - Cumulative GPA and/or Nursing GPA of 3.5 or above - 4 points each
  - Cumulative GPA and/or Nursing GPA of 3.25-3.49 - 2 points each
  - UD GE Course Completion – 1 point each for RELS 332 or MCGS 310
  - Documented Veteran status is a tie breaker; other ties go to the earliest qualified
Admission Requirements

- Applications close February 15th each year
- Do not apply to the University until you have been accepted into the RN-BSN Program
- Acceptance emails sent after February 15th; have 1 week to accept your spot and apply to the University
- 50-60 are accepted each year
Admit Exceptions

⚠️ You can apply as an “Admit Exception” under the following circumstances:

- Meeting the GPA requirements for the program
- Demonstration of enrollment in the final courses needed, with completion prior to the June start
- Admission would be based on space availability after considering all fully qualified candidates
- Admission/continuation in the program would be contingent upon successful completion of Spring classes prior to the June start of the program
Jump Start for ADN Students (see Flyer)

- Informal Co-enrollment
- Take one or both UD GE courses while still in ADN program
  - RELS 332 World Religions & Global Issues
  - MCGS 310 LGBTQ Issues & Identities
- Admission Priority Points
- Eases workload while in RN-BSN Program
- Cheaper prior to RN-BSN enrollment
Ready to get started?

Follow these simple steps:

1. Email the Transcript Information Form to RN-BSN Advisor Melissa Cheatham: mcheatham@csuchico.edu
2. Submit Official Sealed College Transcripts as specified on our website
3. Complete the quick Advising Quiz

You will be notified by the program advisor with next steps when your Transcript Evaluation is complete.
More Information

- Chico State Nursing Webpage
- Scroll down to RN-BSN (Online) section
- Helpful website for determining GE approved courses: www.assist.org
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- Advising Quiz
Questions?

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