



California State University **Chico**
School of Nursing

RN to BSN Admission Policy

Thank you for your interest in the CSU Chico RN to BSN Program. Applications are due February 15th for the cohort which starts in June of that same year. Approximately forty students are selected for admission each year.

Applications to the RN-BSN Program are accepted from those who meet the following admission criteria:

1. Completion of all course prerequisites, corequisites, and lower division GE demonstrated with official college transcripts
2. Meet qualification of enough transferrable college units and nursing units to receive the 20 units of NCLEX credit given in final semester of the RN-BSN Program as demonstrated on the Transcript Evaluation Form
3. A cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher in all college level work completed (the most recent 60 units will be used if higher)
4. California Residency
5. A California RN license (will have to show proof of RN license prior to the start of the fall semester of the RN-BSN Program)
6. Attendance at an RN-BSN Advising Session (On campus or virtual)

Selection Criteria:

When the number of students applying is higher than can be accommodated in the program, supplemental selection criteria (points) are used to determine selection of the students who will be admitted. Applicants with the highest number of points are selected for admission.

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 RN-BSN application).

Additional Priority Points for the following Criteria:

1. Residence in an underserved, northern California county*: 5 points
2. Employment as an RN in an underserved northern California county*: 5 points
3. Graduate from one of the CSU, Chico feeder community college nursing programs of Butte College, College of the Redwoods, College of the Siskiyous, Mendocino College, Shasta College, and Yuba College.
4. Completion of one or both of the Upper Division GE courses (RELS 332 or MCGS 310) prior to applying to the RN-BSN Program: 1 point
5. Those with a first Bachelor's degree: 2 points

6. GPA in A.D.N. Nursing courses (1st three semesters will be used for those in their final semester). GPA 3.25-3.49: 2 points; 3.5+: 4 points
7. Cumulative GPA 3.25-3.49: 2 points; 3.5+ 4 points

*Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba

Process:

The invitation to join the upcoming RN-BSN cohort are issued in the spring of each calendar year following the February 15th application deadline. A prioritized list will be created using the point system described above for all qualified applicants who have submitted their application by the deadline.

Applicants not invited to join the cohort by June 1st who wish to be considered for the following year, should resubmit their application for the following year before the February 15th deadline of the next year. Applications will not carry over from year to year.

Please Note: The formal application to California State University, Chico using Cal State Apply online only takes place following an invitation to join the upcoming RN-BSN Cohort. Please do not apply to Chico State until you have been accepted to the RN-BSN program first.