

Bachelor of Science in Nursing for RNs

Chico State RN to BSN Program



Health care in California is becoming more complex and there is a growing need for more baccalaureate-prepared nurses to provide this care. Be part of the solution! Become a BSN-prepared nurse.

The **Chico State School of Nursing RN to BSN Program** is mostly-online, providing flexibility and convenience for the working nurse, including nurses in distant communities. The program can reach the most distant areas of our rural region, and meet the needs of nurses who have seven-day-a-week, around-the-clock, schedules.

After earning a BSN, nurses will benefit from: Higher salaries • Increased marketability • Increased advancement opportunities • Increased clinical skills • A step towards obtaining an MSN degree.

In fact, according to recent studies, out of 187,000 nursing jobs posted within a three-month period, BSN educated nurses were eligible for 88% of openings, while non-BSN nurses only were eligible for 51% of the same positions. *Source: nurse.org*

Clinical Requirements: Public health clinical in final summer. Effort is made to arrange a placement near the student's home county.

Theory Courses: All online

Program Requirements:

- Official transcript evaluation. Begin the evaluation process well before you want to start the program
- Advising session attendance; either on campus or virtually
- Cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better (most recent 60 units can be used)
- Nursing prerequisite courses completed with a grade of C or better
- Lower division General Education courses completed

Application Deadline: February 15 for potential start in June.

Admission Priority: Priority points will be given for residence/employment and/or graduation from one of the A.D.N. programs in the under-served, Northern California counties of Butte, Colusa, Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lassen, Mendocino, Lake, Modoc, Nevada, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama, Trinity, and Yuba. See the nursing website for details.

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www.csuchico.edu/nurs/programs/rn-bsn

PROGRAM AT A GLANCE



Delivery

- Hybrid program / Mostly online

Degree Completed

- Bachelor of Science in Nursing

Designed For

- Licensed RNs and A.D.N. students

Time Frame

- 15 months: June–August of the following year

Program Cost

- \$12,450 + Books
- \$9,960 + Books for those with Bachelor's Degree



RN-BSN Program graduate Alecia Tichava works as a full-time Psychiatric Emergency Services nurse for the County of Sonoma, CA.

The Future of Nursing: Campaign for Action is working to strengthen nursing on multiple fronts based on recommendations from the Institute of Medicine's *Future of Nursing* report. One aim of the Campaign is to increase the proportion of nurses with baccalaureate degrees to 80 % by 2020. www.campaignforaction.org



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The baccalaureate degree program in nursing at California State University, Chico is accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education. (www.ccnaccreditation.org)



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Chico State RN to BSN Program Jump Start Option

A.D.N. Students from Butte College, College of the Redwoods, College of the Siskiyous, Mendocino College, Yuba College and Shasta College are eligible for the Chico State RN to BSN Program Jump Start Option.

The Jump Start Option is for students who have completed the necessary coursework requirements for admission to the Chico State RN to BSN Program, meet the GPA requirements, and are achieving a 3.0 GPA in their A.D.N. program. See the Chico State **A.D.N. RN to BSN Transfer Worksheet** for your A.D.N. Program for the specifics. The worksheet is available at the School of Nursing website (below).

While still enrolled in their A.D.N. program, qualified students may take one or both of the two Upper Division GE classes—RELS 332-World Religions & Global Issues and MCGS 310/MCGS 310W-LGBTQ Issues & Identities—required for the RN to BSN Program. Registration for these online classes is through Chico State Regional & Continuing Education and admission to the University is not required.

- During fall & spring semesters, enroll through the Open University program at openu.csuchico.edu.
- During Summer or Winter Session, visit summer.csuchico.edu and winter.csuchico.edu for schedules and registration.

Completing one or both of these courses while still in the A.D.N. program ensures top priority points for admission to the RN to BSN Program (if all other admission requirements are met). This option provides an easier transition for New Graduates as they will only need two fall semester courses, instead of three, and get a winter break if they complete both courses. The Jump Start Option is the Chico State RN to BSN Program version of informal co-enrollment.

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*Graduate Christian Marano, RN to BSN Class of '17, greets a student at the Department of State Hospitals recruiting table at the November 2017 Chico State Career Fair.
Photo credit: Jessica Bartlett, CSU, Chico*



RN to BSN students gather during one of the orientations held on-campus at the beginning of each semester. Student Christian Marano “always looked forward to travelling to Chico not only to meet with faculty and fellow students, but also to walk the grounds and the halls of the school. It gave me a sense of pride and a feeling of belonging to a larger academic tradition.”



Student Diana Ayllon promotes the use of bicycle helmets to local youth, one of the RN to BSN Program's community outreach opportunities.



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