

PRE-NURSING

Pre-professional pathway | Health Professions Advising

PREPARE FOR A CAREER IN NURSING

Nursing combines science, critical thinking, communication, and compassionate patient care. At Chadron State College, Pre-Nursing helps students build a strong academic foundation while preparing to apply to a professional nursing program.

With employment for registered nurses projected to grow 5 percent nationwide from 2025 to 2035, nursing continues to offer strong opportunities across a wide range of health care settings. Nursing may be a good fit for students who are compassionate, adaptable, detail-oriented, strong communicators, and comfortable working closely with patients and health care teams.

FAST FACTS

Program Type

Pre-professional pathway

Pathway

Begin at CSC, then continue to a professional nursing program

Why CSC?

Personalized faculty advising and mentoring

Real-World Connections

Connect with health professionals, rural hospitals, and health care communities across Nebraska

Next Step

Apply to Chadron State College

WHERE THIS PATHWAY CAN LEAD

CAREERS

Registered Nurse
Critical Care Nurse
Emergency Room Nurse
Pediatric and NICU Nurse
Labor and Delivery Nurse
Public Health Nurse
Home Health and Hospice Nurse

WHERE YOU COULD WORK

Hospitals
Medical clinics
Rural health facilities
Long-term care facilities
Public health agencies
Schools and community settings

YOUR CSC EXPERIENCE

Personalized faculty advising
Health Professions Club
Pre-health student organizations
Mentoring and peer connections
Professional-school exploration

RURAL HEALTH OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM

For eligible rural Nebraska students, RHOP offers a nursing pathway from Chadron State College to the UNMC College of Nursing in Scottsbluff. Students complete approximately two years at CSC before advancing to UNMC. Benefits may include full tuition for two years at CSC, assured admission to the applicable UNMC program upon successful completion of RHOP requirements, faculty advising, professional development, sponsored visits, and meeting their entrance requirements.

PLAN YOUR PATH WITH A FACULTY ADVISOR

No single course plan fits every future nursing student. Nursing programs establish their own prerequisite courses, admission standards, application requirements, and timelines, and those requirements may change. Your faculty advisor will help you navigate these.

Your CSC faculty advisors can help you identify the nursing programs you are considering, understand their prerequisites, explore possible pathways, and develop an academic plan for your next steps.

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