Early Start Program (ESP)

Who is required to participate in the Early Start Program?
- Students whose English Placement Test (EPT) score is less than 138.
- Students whose Entry Level Math Test (ELM) score is less than 50.¹

If you plan to attend CSU, Chico this fall
registration for Early Start courses can be completed in a few simple steps:

- **Step 1** Submit an Intent to Enroll (IE) decision and $200 non-refundable enrollment confirmation deposit, unless exempt, to CSU, Chico on or before the May 1st deadline [https://portal.csuchico.edu/](https://portal.csuchico.edu/).

- **Step 2** Go to [www.csusuccess.org/earlystart](http://www.csusuccess.org/earlystart) to explore your ESP English or ESP Math course options. You can choose to take an ESP course(s) through CSU, Chico or another CSU campus.²

- **Step 3** Complete your “Smart Page” which informs us where you will meet your ESP requirement. You will receive an email to your CSU, Chico WildcatMail account at the end of April with instructions how to access the “Smart Page” beginning May 2.

- **Step 4** Register for ESP course(s). You will receive an email from CSU, Chico with instructions how to register through the CSU, Chico Student Center. If you’ve elected to complete your Early Start requirement at another CSU campus, you will receive registration information directly from that campus.

- **Step 5** Submit payment to complete your ESP registration. Payments can be submitted through the Student Center. Fee waivers are available for students with an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) of $5,000 or less. You will be notified if you are eligible for a fee waiver via a message in your Student Center.

**CSU, Chico ESP Fees**

- 1 ESP English course or 1 ESP Math course= $184
- 1 ESP English course and 1 ESP Math course= $366

**Students who wish to take Early Start Courses at CSU, Chico should register for the following sessions:**

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¹Students whose ELM score was 42-48 will be contacted about the Invitational ELM Workshop held at CSU, Chico. Enrollment in this workshop will satisfy the ESP requirement. Contact CSU, Chico’s Center for Regional and Continuing Education at (530)-898-6105 for registration information.

²Students may also fulfill the Early Start requirement at a community college, a private institution, or at an institution in another state. Students who select this option must remember to fax transcripts of their completed work to CSU, Chico Office of Admissions (530)-898-6456.

³Course material fees may also apply. Students who choose to re-take the ELM test upon completion of their ESP Math course will be charged $18. The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by The Board of Trustees.