

CERTIFICATE/ASSOCIATE DEGREE*

VOCATIONAL NURSING

Give Your Career a Shot in the Arm.

Vocational nurses have many responsibilities. They work in nursing homes, physicians offices and in patients' homes. Vocational nurses' responsibilities include administering medications, evaluating patients' or residents' needs, and assisting in the development of care plans. They may also have some office-related duties, or help prepare meals and assist with feeding patients.

Our Vocational Nursing program at Carrington College® prepares students for entry-level positions under the supervision of a registered nurse or a licensed physician. The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or an Associate of Science degree in Vocational Nursing. This program prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN):†

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of LVNs/LPNs is expected to grow 22% from 2012-2022.‡



Duties May Include:

- Providing basic bedside care
- Measuring and recording patients' vital signs
- Preparing and giving injections
- Supervising the care provided by nursing assistants
- Assisting with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene
- Collecting samples for testing

Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Residential care facilities
- Nursing homes
- Doctor's offices and clinics
- Home health care

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* Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of printing. For the most updated information, visit carrington.edu.

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‡ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)

Note: Admission to or graduation from the Vocational Nursing program at Carrington College does not guarantee obtaining a license to practice nursing. Licensure requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians.



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Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the Vocational Nursing program, graduates will be able to:

- Implement the nursing process in providing care for patients in a variety of clinical settings.
- Demonstrate academic preparedness to take the NCLEX-PN* examination for licensure as a vocational nurse.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking, information management, personal and professional development, communication skills, respect and responsibility.

Note: Completion of the Vocational Nursing Associate of Science degree requirements does not guarantee acceptance into the Carrington Registered Nursing LVN to RN program.

Additional Admission Requirements

Transfer coursework must have been completed within the previous five years. In addition, candidates for admission must:

- Provide evidence of good physical and mental health as determined by a medical exam prior to enrollment.
- Provide proof of an up-to-date immunization record and negative TB skin test results or negative chest X-ray prior to the start of clinical rotations.
- Undergo a background check and pass a drug screen prior to program start.
- Pass the HESI A2 entrance exam.
- Submit two letters of recommendation from former employers or professors.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Pleasant Hill, Sacramento, San Jose

| Vocational Nursing Courses | | Lecture Hours | Lab Hours | Practical Hours | Semester Credit Hours |
|--|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| VN 101 | Introduction to Anatomy & Physiology | 52 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| VN 102 | Foundations of Nursing 1 | 66 | 50 | 48 | 5 |
| VN 103 | Foundations of Nursing 2 | 66 | 80 | 144 | 8 |
| VN 104 | Mental Health Nursing Care | 35 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| VN 201 | Medical Surgical Nursing 1 | 96 | 32 | 240 | 12 |
| VN 202 | Health Data Collection | 50 | 48 | 0 | 3 |
| VN 203 | Concepts in Clinical Pharmacology | 54 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| VN 301 | Introduction to Maternity and Pediatric Nursing | 44 | 48 | 40 | 5 |
| VN 302 | Medical Surgical Nursing 2 | 113 | 80 | 144 | 11 |
| VN 303 | NCLEX-PN Review (Requirement of Graduation) | 30 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Total for Certificate | | 606 | 338 | 616 | 54 [†] |
| Non-science Degree Emphasis | | | | | |
| ENG 101 | English Writing and Composition [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MAT 101 | Principles of Mathematics [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MAT 151 | College Algebra [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| HUM 250 | Introduction to Humanities [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| PSY 101 | Introduction to Psychology [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| SOC 101 | Introduction to Sociology [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| CLT 100 | Computer Literacy [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| General Education | | 315 | 0 | 0 | 21 |
| Total for Degree | | 921 | 338 | 616 | 75 |
| Science Degree Emphasis (Sacramento and San Jose campuses only) | | | | | |
| BIO 14 | Microbiology with Lab§ | 48 | 30 | 0 | 4 |
| BIO 25 | Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 with Lab§ | 48 | 30 | 0 | 4 |
| BIO 26 | Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 with Lab§ | 48 | 30 | 0 | 4 |
| CHEM 6 | General Chemistry with Lab§ | 48 | 30 | 0 | 4 |
| ENG 101 | English Writing and Composition [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MAT 101 | Principles of Mathematics [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MAT 151 | College Algebra [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| MAT 201 | Intermediate College Algebra [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| PSY 101 | Introduction to Psychology [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| PSY 155 | Human Development Across the Lifespan ^{1‡} | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| SPH 205 | Interpersonal Communication [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| SOC 101 | Introduction to Sociology [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| CLT 100 | Computer Literacy [‡] | 45 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| General Education | | 597 | 120 | 0 | 43 |
| Total for Degree | | 1203 | 458 | 616 | 97# |

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[†] 1560 Clock Hours

[‡] General education course

[§] Science-based general education course

[#] Semester credit hours for the degree vary depending on degree options selected.

Approximate time to complete the certificate program: 48 weeks (not including breaks)

Approximate time to complete the non-science emphasis associate degree program: 72 weeks (not including breaks)

Approximate time to complete the science emphasis associate degree program: 112 weeks (not including breaks)