

# ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

## About This Program

Carrington's Associate Degree in Nursing program trains future nurses to provide health care duties including taking medical histories, recording vital signs and symptoms, performing diagnostic tests, drawing blood, giving injections and more. Registered nurses (RNs) care for individuals, in conjunction with other health care professionals, through the use of the nursing process. Registered nurses work as patient advocates for the care and recovery of the sick and maintenance of their health. In their work as advocates, RNs plan, implement and evaluate nursing care of those who are ill or injured. Graduates are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).<sup>1</sup>

## Careers in Registered Nursing<sup>2</sup>

Registered nurses provide some of the most critical health care available to patients. Whether it's taking medical histories, recording vital signs and symptoms, performing diagnostic tests, drawing blood, giving injections or other tasks, they work in conjunction with other health care professionals to serve the sick or injured. They have a significantly expanded scope of practice, education and clinical education than do licensed practical nurses.

Registered nurses are employed in many different health care settings and perform an incredibly diverse assortment of tasks. Their career path can lead to employment in a variety of health care environments such as:<sup>3</sup>

- State, local and private hospitals
- Nursing care facilities
- Residential care facilities
- Physicians' offices
- Home healthcare services
- Schools

## Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Associate Degree in Nursing program, graduates will be able to:

- Justify a plan of care that provides safe, quality patient centered care to persons throughout the lifespan and across the health/wellness continuum that creates an environment promoting caring and professionalism with consideration for the patient's cultural/societal beliefs and practices.
- Apply scientific evidence-based knowledge to concepts in the care of patients throughout the lifespan and across the health/wellness continuum.
- Validate effective communication and behaviors with healthcare stakeholders that is consistent with the nursing scope of practice and adhering to legal and ethical frameworks.

## General Education Coursework

In this Carrington College degree program, students complete technical coursework as well as a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- Communication skills
- English Writing and Composition
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social sciences



<sup>1</sup> Carrington College prepares students to take appropriate certification and licensure exams related to their individual majors. The College does not guarantee students will successfully pass these exams or be certified or licensed as a result of completing the program. Credential preparation varies by location.

<sup>2</sup> Individuals seeking to enter this career field may be subject to screenings such as, but not limited to, criminal background checks and drug/alcohol testing prior to externship, to attain occupational licensure/certification or employment, and throughout their careers.

<sup>3</sup> Source: <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/registered-nurses.htm#tab-3>

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Campus Based: Albuquerque, Las Vegas, Mesa, Phoenix, Reno, and Tucson

## Associate Degree in Nursing Campus-Based Program Requirements

TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATIONS COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
ENG101 <sup>1</sup>	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT151 <sup>1</sup>	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
SOC101 <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Sociology (Arizona & New Mexico only)	45	0	0	3
PSY101 <sup>1</sup>	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
CHE110 <sup>2</sup>	Chemistry for Health Care Professionals	30	0	0	2
SPH205 <sup>1</sup>	Interpersonal Communications	45	0	0	3
GOV141 <sup>1</sup>	Nevada and US Constitutions (Nevada Only)	45	0	0	3
BIO121 <sup>2</sup>	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO124 <sup>2</sup>	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO205 <sup>2</sup>	Microbiology with Lab	45	30	0	4
NUR130	Fundamentals and Medical-Surgical Nursing I	60	60	90	8
NUR243	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	45	0	90	5
NUR140	Pharmacology I	45	0	0	3
NUR241	Pharmacology II	45	0	0	3
NUR209	Community and Mental Health Nursing	30	0	45	3
NUR247	Maternal Child Nursing	30	15	45	3.5
NUR251	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	45	0	90	5
NUR240	Pediatric Nursing	30	15	45	3.5
NUR261	Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	45	0	90	5
NUR266	NCLEX-RN Review	0	60	0	2
NUR262	Manager of Care	30	0	0	2
<b>TOTAL FOR DEGREE</b>		<b>795</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>495</b>	<b>72</b>

<sup>1</sup>Online general education course

<sup>2</sup>Science-based general education course

Approximate time to complete degree program: 96 weeks (not including breaks)

## Technical Coursework

Carrington's Associate Degree in Nursing program trains future nurses to provide health care duties including taking medical histories, recording vital signs and symptoms, performing diagnostic tests, drawing blood, giving injections and more.

Students also need to meet additional requirements, including drug screening and background check.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at [carrington.edu/catalog](http://carrington.edu/catalog), provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

## Accreditation and Disclosures

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 428 J Street, Suite 400, Sacramento, CA 95814, (415) 506-0234, an institutional accrediting body recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation and the U.S. Department of Education.

Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at [accjc.org](http://accjc.org).

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation and approvals, visit [carrington.edu/accreditation](http://carrington.edu/accreditation).

Visit [carrington.edu/student-consumer-info](http://carrington.edu/student-consumer-info) for important information on program outcomes.

Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).