

ASSOCIATE DEGREE IN NURSING

About This Program

Carrington College'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).¹

Careers in Registered Nursing²

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:³

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

Knowledge and Skills

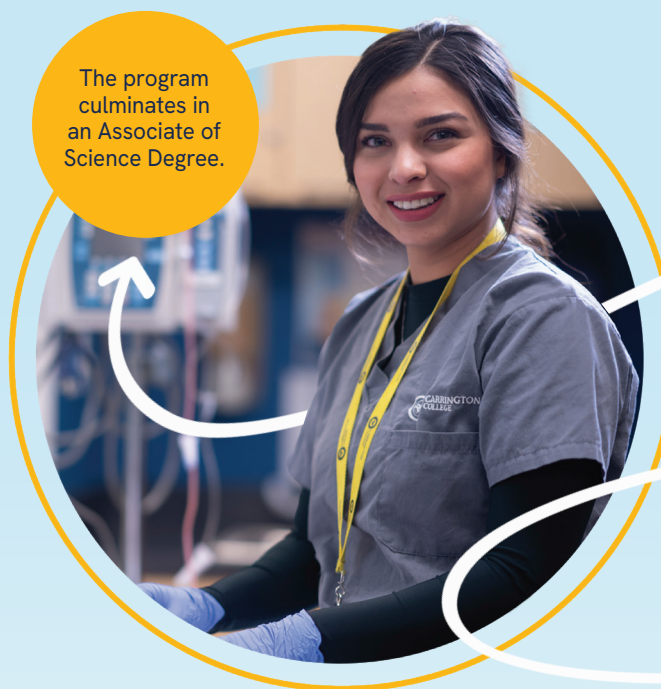
Upon completion of the Associate Degree in Nursing program, graduates will be able to:

- 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



¹ 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.

² 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.

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

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Campus Based: Ontario, Rancho Mirage, and Visalia

Program Requirements

TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATIONS COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
BIO121 ²	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO124 ²	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO205 ²	Microbiology with Lab	45	30	0	4
ENG101 ¹	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
HUM200 ¹	Ethics in Contemporary Society	45	0	0	3
MAT151 ¹	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
SOC101 ¹	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
SPH205 ¹	Interpersonal Communications	45	0	0	3
PSY101 ¹	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
RN10	Fundamentals of Nursing - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN10.1L	Fundamentals of Nursing - Clinical	0	0	180	4
RN12	Nursing Seminar 1: Pathophysiology	30	0	0	2
RN22	Nursing Seminar 2: Pharmacology	30	0	0	2
RN23.1	Maternal Newborn Nursing - Theory	22.5	0	0	1.5
RN23.1L	Maternal Newborn Nursing - Clinical	0	0	45	1
RN24	Beginning Medical / Surgical Nursing - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN24L	Beginning Medical / Surgical Nursing - Clinical	0	0	135	3
RN30	Gerontology / Community Health Nursing - Theory	15	0	0	1
RN30L	Gerontology / Community Health Nursing - Clinical	0	0	45	1
RN35	Intermediate Medical / Surgical Nursing - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN35L	Intermediate Medical / Surgical Nursing - Clinical	0	0	135	3
RN36.1	Health Assessment	15	0	0	1
RN37.1	Pediatrics - Theory	22.5	0	0	1.5
RN37.1L	Pediatrics - Clinical	0	0	45	1
RN43	Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN43L	Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing - Clinical	0	0	90	2
RN44	Leadership	45	0	0	3
RN46	Advanced Medical / Surgical Nursing - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN46L	Advanced Medical / Surgical Nursing - Clinical	0	0	180	4
RN50 ³	Work Study	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FOR DEGREE		810	90	855	76

¹Online general education course ²Science-based general education course

³This course is not a degree requirement; students will be enrolled at the discretion of the Program Director

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

Technical Coursework

Carrington College'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 College's academic catalog, available at 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, 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. For comprehensive information on Carrington College's accreditation and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

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