

REGISTERED NURSING - LVN TO RN BRIDGE

About This Program

The Registered Nursing - LVN to RN Bridge program is designed for Licensed Vocational Nurses who want to take the next step in their medical career. This program allows currently licensed Vocational Nurses to transfer credits from their LVN studies to the required coursework needed for the Registered Nursing program. Students will be prepared to work as a Registered Nurse within the healthcare delivery system. Graduates are trained as providers and managers of care, communicators, and collaborators, and client advocates and educators. Students learn medical-surgical nursing, geriatric and pediatric care, obstetric and neonatal nursing, and mental healthcare. The Registered Nursing - LVN to RN Bridge program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN).

The Registered Nursing - LVN to RN Bridge program is delivered over the course of two 20-week terms of nursing coursework. At the end of the program students will participate in a 3-day live review with ATI and a final proctored comprehensive exam. The program culminates in an Associate of Science Degree. Graduates are eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing 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.

Employment positions determined to be in field, to calculate the graduate employment rates required by the state of California, for graduates of the Registered Nursing program are: Health Education Specialists (21-1091.00) and Registered Nurses (29-1141.00). More information on these careers may be found at <https://www.onetonline.org/crosswalk/> using the career title or the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) number.

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Assist individuals from diverse backgrounds to achieve optimal health utilizing the knowledge gained from biological, social, and nursing sciences.
- Formulate a comprehensive plan of care that minimizes risk and optimizes safety using the nursing process.
- Integrate the role of professional nursing into clinical practice.
- Apply psychological, social, and cultural knowledge to nursing practice.
- Use inter- and intra-professional communication and collaboration skills to deliver evidence-based, patient-centered care.
- Assume the role of advocate to improve healthcare delivery by communicating and acting according to the expressed needs of the individual.
- Interpret data and apply evidence to support clinical judgment.
- Develop and implement patient education based on identification need and in collaboration with the patient.
- Utilize a variety of resources, including electronic media and medical technology to provide safe, quality care of the patient and family.
- Provide leadership, manage resources, delegate and supervise members of the healthcare team.
- Relate and apply concepts of communication, reasoning, critical analysis, ethical behavior, and appropriate interpersonal interaction to situations in their career and personal life.

The program culminates in an Associate of Science Degree.



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.

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Campus Based: Ontario, Rancho Mirage, and Visalia

Registered Nursing LVN to RN Bridge Program Requirements

TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATIONS COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
RN28	Basic Medical Surgical Nursing Concepts	45	45	0	4
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
RN43	Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN43L	Mental Health Psychiatric Nursing - Clinical	0	0	90	2
RN34	Maternal / Child Nursing - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN34L	Maternal / Child Nursing - Clinical	0	0	90	2
RN44	Leadership	45	0	0	3
RN45	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing - Theory	45	0	0	3
RN45L	Advanced Medical Surgical Nursing - Clinical	0	0	135	3
TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS		285	45	495	31
MINIMUM TOTAL PREREQUISITE CREDITS		0	0	0	34
CREDIT FOR CALIFORNIA VOCATIONAL NURSING LICENSE		0	0	0	6
TOTAL FOR DEGREE		285	45	495	71

Approximate time to complete degree program: 40 weeks (not including breaks)

Registered Nursing Certificate Option

The Registered Nursing (RN) Certificate program is available to California licensed Vocational Nurses. In accordance with the Board of Registered Nursing (section 1435.5), this program is commonly referred to as the "30-unit option" and prepares the student to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)* but does not award an Associate of Science Degree. Non-degree applicants will be considered on a space available basis only and if program resources allow.

The program prepares students to work as a Registered Nurse within the healthcare delivery system. Graduates are trained as providers and managers of care, communicators, and collaborators, and client advocates and educators. Students learn medical-surgical nursing, geriatric and pediatric care, obstetric and neonatal nursing, and mental healthcare. The RN program is approved by the California Board of Registered Nursing (BRN). The RN Certificate program is delivered over the course of three 20-week terms of nursing coursework. At the end of the program students will participate in a 3-day live review with ATI and a final proctored comprehensive exam. The program culminates in a Certificate of Completion. Graduates are eligible to apply to the California Board of Registered Nursing to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)¹. 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.

Visit 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.



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