

NURSING BRIDGE

About This Program

Licensed practical nurses ready for a bigger challenge will find it with Carrington College's Nursing Bridge program. It provides theoretical content and clinical experience in nursing and incorporates knowledge from related disciplines. Graduates of the Nursing Bridge program earn an Associate of Science degree and are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, or 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:

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

Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Nursing Bridge 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

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: Boise

Nursing Bridge Campus-Based Program Requirements

TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATIONS COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
NUR224	Professional Nursing Throughout the Life Span	30	0	0	2
NUR222	Transition LPN/RN - Professional Nursing Health Assessment	15	30	0	2
AP103 ²	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology	45	30	0	4
ENG101 ¹	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
BIO205 ²	Microbiology with Lab	45	30	0	4
NUR259	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	45	0	90	5
NUR208	Nutrition	45	0	0	3
NUR206	Pharmacology	45	0	0	3
PSY101 ¹	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
MAT151 ¹	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
SOC101 ¹	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
NUR263	Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	45	0	90	5
NUR265	NCLEX-RN Review	0	60	0	2
SPH205 ¹	Interpersonal Communications	45	0	0	3
TOTAL FOR NURSING BRIDGE COURSEWORK		540	150	180	45
TRANSFERRED FROM PRACTICAL NURSING PROGRAM					27
TOTAL FOR DEGREE					72

¹Online general education course

²Science-based general education course

Approximate time to complete Nursing Bridge coursework: 48 weeks (not including breaks)

Technical Coursework

Carrington College's Nursing Bridge program trains licensed vocational nurses to become qualified to perform advanced functions such as devising patient care plans, starting intravenous drips and dispensing certain types of medication.

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

Carrington'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, 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.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

Visit carrington.edu/sci 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.