

PRACTICAL NURSING

About This Program

The Practical Nursing program is designed to help students acquire a command of the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue entry-level employment as a licensed practical nurse under the guidance of a registered nurse or a licensed physician or dentist. Graduates are able to provide care for clients experiencing common, well-defined health problems. The program provides a foundation for the continued learning necessary for success as a practical nurse. The program's combined academic and clinical training prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).¹

Careers in Practical Nursing²

Licensed practical nurses are generalists who care for patients and work in many health care areas. They provide basic bedside care, measure and record patients' vital signs and assist with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene in nursing homes, physicians' offices or in patients' homes. In nursing care facilities practical nurses can help evaluate residents' needs, develop care plans and supervise the care provided by nursing aides. In doctors' offices and clinics, their range of responsibilities may include office-related duties. In the home health care setting practical nurses often prepare meals, assist in feeding patients and teach family members simple nursing tasks.

Carrington College's Practical Nursing certificate program prepares students for entry-level employment under the guidance of a registered nurse or licensed physician/dentist in a variety of health care settings such as:

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

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Implement 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 knowledge to concepts in the care of patients throughout the lifespan and across the health/wellness continuum.
- Demonstrate effective communication and behaviors with healthcare stakeholders that is consistent with the practical nursing scope of practice and adhering to legal and ethical frameworks.



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: Albuquerque and Boise

Practical Nursing Program Requirements

TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATIONS COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
AP100 ¹	Basic Anatomy and Physiology	45	0	0	3
MATH104 ²	Math for Dosage Calculations	15	0	0	1
MEDT120 ²	Medical Terminology	15	0	0	1
NUR122	Medication Administration	15	0	0	2
NUR107.1	Fundamentals and Medical-Surgical Nursing	60	0	135	7
NUR108.1	Fundamentals and Medical-Surgical Nursing-Lab	0	60	0	2
NUR157.A	Maternal Child Nursing	30	0	45	3
NUR165.A	Pediatric Nursing	30	0	45	3
NUR158.1	Community and Mental Health Nursing	45	0	45	4
NUR159.1	Nursing Care of Specialized Populations Lab	0	30	0	1
NUR160	Concepts in Clinical Pharmacology	45	0	0	3
NUR215.A	Medical-Surgical Nursing	60	0	225	9
NUR232	NCLEX-PN Review	0	60	0	2
NUR234	Manager of Care for PN	15	0	0	1
NUR217.1	Medical-Surgical Nursing-Lab	0	30	0	1
TOTAL FOR CERTIFICATE		375	210	495	43

¹Science-based general education course

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

²General education course

Additional Information

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.

Visit carrington.edu/sci for important information on program outcomes.

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