

VOCATIONAL NURSING

About This Program

The Vocational Nursing program is designed to help students acquire a command of the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue entry-level employment as a licensed vocational 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, which culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or Associate of Science degree in Vocational Nursing, combines academic and clinical training to prepare students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)¹.

Careers in Vocational Nursing²

Licensed vocational nurses[†] are generalists who care for patients and work in many health care areas. Carrington's Vocational Nursing 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
- Physicians' offices
- State, local and private hospitals
- Home healthcare services

Technical Coursework

Technical coursework focuses on fundamentals, medical-surgical nursing, medication administration, pediatric nursing, community and mental-health nursing and nursing care of specialized populations. In this program, students:

- Attend a combination of classroom instruction, laboratory practice and clinical training in area health care facilities
- Learn from passionate instructors with extensive nursing experience
- Prepare for taking the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Implement the nursing process in providing care for patients in a variety of clinical settings
- Demonstrate the academic preparedness to take the NCLEX-PN examination for licensure as a vocational nurse¹
- Demonstrate the ability to apply critical thinking, collaboration, communication, and professionalism

The program culminates in a Certificate of Achievement or 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: Sacramento and San Jose

Vocational Nursing Program Requirements

TECHNICAL COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
VN101	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology	52	0	0	3
VN102	Foundations of Nursing 1	66	50	48	5
VN103	Foundations of Nursing 2	66	80	144	8
VN104	Mental Health Nursing Care	35	0	0	2
VN201	Medical Surgical Nursing 1	96	32	240	12
VN202	Health Data Collection	50	48	0	3
VN203	Concepts in Clinical Pharmacology	54	0	0	3
VN301	Introduction to Maternity and Pediatric Nursing	44	48	40	5
VN302	Medical Surgical Nursing 2	113	80	144	11
VN303	NCLEX-PN Review	30	0	0	2
TOTAL FOR CERTIFICATE		606	338	616	54 ¹

¹1,560 Contact hours

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

Campus-Based: Sacramento and San Jose

Vocational Nursing Science Emphasis Program Requirements²

GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
BIO14 ⁵	Microbiology with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO25 ⁵	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO26 ⁵	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 with Lab	45	30	0	4
CHEM6 ⁵	Inorganic Chemistry with Lab	45	30	0	4
ENG101 ³	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT101 ³	Principles of Mathematics	45	0	0	3
MAT151 ³	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
MAT201 ³	Intermediate College Algebra	45	0	0	3
PSY101 ³	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
PSY155 ³	Human Development across the Lifespan 1	45	0	0	3
SPH205 ³	Interpersonal Communication	45	0	0	3
SOC101 ³	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
CLT100 ³	Computer Literacy	45	0	0	3
TOTAL FOR DEGREE COMPLETION COURSEWORK		585	120	0	43
TOTAL FROM CERTIFICATE		606	338	616	54
TOTAL FOR SCIENCE EMPHASIS DEGREE		1191	458	616	97 ⁴

Approximate time to complete degree completion coursework: 64 weeks (not including breaks)

Combined certificate and degree completion option length: 112 weeks (not including breaks)

²This curriculum fulfills course prerequisites for application to Carrington College's LVN to ADN program.

³Online general education course. ⁴Completion of an approved certificate may range in credit and will be transferred in as block credit to the Vocational Nursing Science Emphasis Degree program to meet the minimum requirements for completion of an Associate Degree.

⁵Science-based general education courses are held on campus; Students must complete at least 25% of the program requirements at Carrington College.

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.