

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 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 nurses² 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.



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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Vocational Nursing Certificate Program Requirements

TECHNICAL COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
AP105	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology	51	0	0	3
MATH104	Math for Dosage Calculations	15	0	0	1
MEDT120	Medical Terminology	15	0	0	1
NUR104	Foundations of Nursing	90	75	225	13.5
NUR112	Medical Surgical Nursing I	75	30	225	11
NUR113	Maternal Child Nursing	30	15	28	3
NUR114	Community and Mental Health Nursing	45	0	28	3.5
NUR122	Medication Administration	15	30	0	2
NUR160	Concepts in Clinical Pharmacology	45	0	0	3
NUR233	Pediatric Nursing	30	15	28	3
NUR235	Medical Surgical Nursing II	75	30	225	11
NUR236	NCLEX-PN Review	60	0	0	4
NUR237	Manager of Care For VN	30	0	0	2
TOTAL FOR CERTIFICATE		576	195	759	61 ¹

¹1,530 Contact hours

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

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. 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.

