

VOCATIONAL NURSING ASSOCIATE DEGREE

About This Program

Carrington College's Vocational Nursing Associate Degree program trains students to offer professional care to the sick, injured, convalescent, and disabled under the direction of physicians and registered nurses. Licensed vocational nurses are an important part of a healthcare team responsible for administering medical treatment, detecting illnesses, and patient education.

The program includes an externship that allows students to further their studies in a real-world medical environment. This hands-on clinical training enhances the learning experience and allows students to develop a work history while completing their studies.

The program culminates in an Associate of Science in Vocational Nursing which 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

Knowledge and Skills

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

- Use nursing knowledge, judgment, and skills to establish baseline data for the nursing process
- Demonstrate competence in diagnostic and therapeutic nursing techniques
- Use strong, developed self-concept in combination with creative/critical thinking, nursing judgment, knowledge and skills to provide nursing care in all healthcare settings
- Embody caring and compassion as evidenced by interpersonal interactions and therapeutic practice
- Use communication skills and collaboration with clients/families, and other members of the health care delivery team
- Apply organizational skills to focus the care on the client's needs while working with interdisciplinary teams of allied health workers
- Use nursing judgment to provide cost-effective client care
- Use leadership and professionalism to be a client advocate and bring about any needed changes in the healthcare delivery system of today
- Pass the Licensed Vocational Nurse Board Examination for licensure
- 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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Vocational Nursing Associate Degree Program Requirements

TECHNICAL AND GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES		LECTURE HOURS	LAB HOURS	CLINICAL HOURS	SEMESTER CREDIT HOURS
VN15	Fundamentals of Nursing Theory	90	0	0	6
VN16	Pharmacology for Nurses	60	0	0	4
VN17	Anatomy and Physiology	45	0	0	3
VN22	Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory I	120	0	0	8
VN34	Maternal and Pediatric Nursing Theory	45	0	0	3
VN36	Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory II	45	0	0	3
VN42	Medical-Surgical Nursing Theory III	120	0	0	8
VN47	Nursing Leadership	30	0	0	2
VN52	Pharmacology Dosages and Calculations	30	0	0	2
VN101.25	Fundamentals of Nursing Clinical	0	0	160	3
VN113	Fundamentals of Nursing Skills Clinical	0	80	0	2
VN202.25	Medical-Surgical Clinical I	0	0	240	5
VN302.25	Maternity, Pediatric, and Intermediate Medical-Surgical Clinical II	0	0	240	5
VN402	Medical-Surgical Nursing Clinical III	0	0	240	5
VN501	Comprehensive Licensure Exam Review	40	0	0	2
ENG121 ¹	Reading and Composition – Part A	45	0	0	3
ENG122 ¹	Reading and Composition – Part B	45	0	0	3
MTH121 ¹	College Algebra – Part A	45	0	0	3
MTH122 ¹	College Algebra – Part B	45	0	0	3
PHIL1C ¹	Ethics	45	0	0	3
PSY1 ²	General Psychology	45	0	0	3
SOC1 ¹	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
TOTAL FOR DEGREE		940	80	880	82 ³

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

¹ Online general education course

² Online general education course required to earn 75%

³ 1,980 contact hours

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.

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