About The Campus

Carrington College’s Pleasant Hill campus occupies 28,000 square feet and is housed in four buildings. Less than two minutes from downtown Pleasant Hill, the campus is close by to dining, shopping, and entertainment experiences. And if you enjoy the outdoors, John Muir National Historic Site, Mt. Wanda and Briones Regional Park are all less than 10 minutes away.

The facilities include eight lecture/laboratories, a veterinary lab and surgery room, and labs for Physical Therapist Assistant and Respiratory Care programs. The campus also has a Student Success Center equipped with reference materials, textbooks and journals, a student break room; and a learning lab. The Carrington library website offers online resources and professional organization information.

About This Program

Carrington’s Physical Therapist Assistant program prepares students to function as entry-level practitioners under the supervision of a physical therapist. This is a mix of formal instruction, laboratory practice and hands-on clinical experience.

Students who successfully complete the Physical Therapist Assistant program are eligible to take the National Physical Therapy Examination (NPTE) for PTAs. To work as a physical therapist assistant in California, graduates must also pass the California Law Examination (CLE), which relates to the practice of physical therapy.

The program culminates in an Associate of Science degree.

Careers in Physical Therapist Assisting

Physical therapist assistants work under the supervision of physical therapists to help patients whose ability to move is impaired and provide practical assistance to the elderly, injured athletes, children and countless others in hospitals, home care agencies, rehabilitation facilities, outpatient clinics and nursing homes.

Knowledge and Skills

Upon completion of the Physical Therapist Assistant program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate ability to document data collection, interventions, and patient/client responses
- Interact skillfully with patients, families, and other health care providers while promoting optimal outcomes
- Differentiate the appropriate actions to employ in emergency situations
- Distinguish the appropriate skills to perform routine entry-level physical therapist assisting in a professional setting
- Demonstrate ethical behavior consistent with valuing the differences among patients, families, and other healthcare providers

General Education Coursework

In this degree program, students complete a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- English Writing and Composition
- Communication
- Mathematics
- Social Sciences
- Science

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.

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.

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Technical Coursework

The basic areas of study in this program include anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, human movement and movement disorders. The curriculum provides a broad base of knowledge covering issues related to the muscles, bones, nerves, ligaments and tendons. The program concludes with offsite clinical experiences during which students practice physical therapy interventions on patients in a variety of health care settings.

In addition to meeting the College’s standard admission requirements, candidates may need to meet additional admission and progression requirements, including drug screening and background checks.

Carrington’s academic catalog, available at carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog, provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

Accreditation & Disclosures

Carrington College is accredited by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges, Western Association of Schools and Colleges (ACCJC/WASC), 10 Commercial Blvd., Suite 204, Novato, CA 94949. 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/student-consumer-info/ 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.