

Vocational Nursing

SACRAMENTO CAMPUS
CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT/
ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

About The Campus

The Carrington College's Sacramento campus is located on a seven-acre site and occupies 41,000 square feet of space in two buildings. The campus includes classrooms with ceiling-mounted LCD projectors; a Student Success Center equipped with reference materials, textbooks and journals; student computers; a learning laboratory with tutoring services; and a four-bed simulation laboratory.

The Carrington library website offers online resources and professional organization information. The facilities also include a dental hygiene clinic, dental assisting laboratories, a radiography laboratory, computer laboratories, nursing laboratory, a professional veterinary technology surgery suite, a pharmacy technology lecture classroom with a simulated retail environment. The campus also features a student break room.

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 nurses³ 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 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

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)

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.



¹Carrington 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.

²Individuals 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 Campus-Based Certificate Program Requirements

Technical Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Practical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
VN 101	Introduction to Anatomy and Physiology	52	0	0	3
VN 102	Foundations of Nursing 1	66	50	48	5
VN 103	Foundations of Nursing 2	66	80	144	8
VN 104	Mental Health Nursing Care	35	0	0	2
VN 201	Medical Surgical Nursing 1	96	32	240	12
VN 202	Health Data Collection	50	48	0	3
VN 203	Concepts in Clinical Pharmacology	54	0	0	3
VN 301	Introduction to Maternity and Pediatric Nursing	44	48	40	5
VN 302	Medical Surgical Nursing 2	113	80	144	11
VN 303	NCLEX-PN Review ¹	30	0	0	2
Total for Certificate		606	338	616	54 ²

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

¹Graduation requirement ²1560 Contact hours General education requirements for this program's degree options are shown below.

Vocational Nursing Associate of Science (Science Emphasis³) Program Requirements

Graduates of a Certificate of Achievement program residing in California are eligible to complete the Associate of Science degree program via the degree-completion option shown below.

General Education Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Practical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
BIO 14 ⁴	Microbiology with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO 25 ⁴	Human Anatomy and Physiology 1 with Lab	45	30	0	4
BIO 26 ⁴	Human Anatomy and Physiology 2 with Lab	45	30	0	4
CHEM 6 ⁴	Inorganic Chemistry with Lab	45	30	0	4
ENG 101 ⁵	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT 101 ⁵	Principles of Mathematics	45	0	0	3
MAT 151 ⁵	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
MAT 201 ⁵	Intermediate College Algebra	45	0	0	3
PSY 101 ⁵	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
PSY 155 ⁵	Human Development across the Lifespan 1	45	0	0	3
SPH 205 ⁵	Interpersonal Communication	45	0	0	3
SOC 101 ⁵	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
CLT 100 ⁵	Computer Literacy	45	0	0	3
Total for Science Emphasis General Education Courses		585	120	0	43
Total from Certificate		606	338	616	54⁶
Total for Science Emphasis Degree		1191	458	616	97

Approximate time to complete degree program: 112 weeks (not including breaks)

³This curriculum fulfills course prerequisites for application to Carrington College's Registered Nursing LVN to RN program. ⁴Science-based general education courses are held on campus

⁵Online general education course. ⁶Completion 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. Students must complete at least 25% of the program requirements at Carrington College.

Vocational Nursing Associate of Science Non-Science Emphasis Program Requirements

Graduates of a Certificate of Achievement program residing in California are eligible to complete the Associate of Science degree-completion option shown below

Online General Education Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Practical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
ENG 101	English Writing and Composition	45	0	0	3
MAT 101	Principles of Mathematics	45	0	0	3
MAT 151	College Algebra	45	0	0	3
HUM 250	Introduction to Humanities	45	0	0	3
PSY 101	Introduction to Psychology	45	0	0	3
SOC 101	Introduction to Sociology	45	0	0	3
CLT 100	Computer Literacy	45	0	0	3
Total for Non-Science Emphasis General Education Courses		315	0	0	21
Total from Certificate		606	338	616	54⁷
Total for Non-Science Emphasis Degree		921	338	616	75

Approximate time to complete degree program: 72 weeks (not including breaks)

⁷Completion of an approved certificate may range in credit and will be transferred in as block credit to the Vocational Nursing Non-Science Emphasis Degree program to meet the minimum requirements for completion of an Associate Degree. Students must complete at least 25% of the program requirements at Carrington College.

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