

ASSOCIATE DEGREE\*

# NURSING BRIDGE

## Bridging The Career Gap.

Licensed practical nurses ready for a bigger challenge will find it with our Nursing Bridge program at the Carrington College® Boise, Idaho campus. It provides theoretical content and clinical experience in nursing, and incorporates knowledge from related disciplines. Students learn to take medical histories, record vital signs and symptoms, explain treatment procedures, draw blood, give injections, administer medications and more. It's a challenging program - it requires three days a week of on-campus instruction, as well as 180 additional hours of clinical experience. We also help students prepare to take the National Council Licensure Examination, or NCLEX-RN.† The program culminates in an Associate of Science degree.

*According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 19% from 2012-2022.‡*



## Duties May Include:

- Taking medical histories
- Recording vital signs and symptoms
- Explaining treatment procedures to patients
- Preparing patients for examination
- Helping perform diagnostic tests and analyzing results
- Administering treatment and medications
- Drawing blood
- Giving injections
- Helping with patient follow-up and rehabilitation

## Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Physicians offices
- Public and private hospitals
- Long-term care facilities
- Educational and administrative positions
- Research and marketing of dental products
- Ambulatory care facilities
- Outpatient facilities
- Residential care facilities
- Nursing homes
- Schools

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\* Program availability varies by location. Carrington College reserves the right to update information as it becomes available. Information is current at the time of printing. For the most updated information, visit [carrington.edu](http://carrington.edu).

† 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.

‡ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)

Note: Admission to, or graduation from, our Nursing program does not guarantee obtaining a license or certificate to practice nursing. Licensure and certification requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the State Board of Nursing.



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## Program Outcomes

*NOTE: Specific terminal course and program objectives are included in individual course syllabi.*

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

- Demonstrate the ability to use nursing process in delivery of client care through the roles of professional provider of care, professional member within the discipline, and professional manager of care.
- Provide direct care to clients with predictable and unpredictable health problems, adjusting care as client situations change.
- Collect and analyze data from clients, families, and other health care resources.
- Formulate appropriate nursing diagnoses; develop, and revise plans based on effectiveness.
- Function within the legal and ethical scope of practice for the registered nurse.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking and information management.

## Admission Requirements

*In addition to meeting the College's standard admission requirements, candidates must:*

- Be at least 18 years of age.
- Pass the ATI exam with a score equal to or greater than the national mean. (There is a \$150 non-refundable charge for all allowable attempts.)
- Have current LPN license in good standing for the State of Idaho.
- Show evidence of at least two months' employment as an LPN at a minimum 8 hours per week.
- Hold current CPR certification.
- Submit a written statement of interest.
- Successfully complete ATI test assessments taken within one year of the start of program.
- Pass a criminal background check and drug screening prior to enrollment.
- Provide negative TB test results. (Results more than 12 months old must be from a two-step test.) Applicants with prior positive results must undergo a chest X-ray.
- Provide proof of childhood MMR immunization or Titer.
- Provide proof of Hepatitis B vaccination or written refusal.
- Provide proof of chickenpox immunization (only students who have not had chickenpox).

## Progression Requirements

- Nursing courses must be taken in the prescribed sequence. Students cannot progress to the next semester until they successfully complete all required courses for the previous semester.
- For nursing courses with a clinical component, students must achieve a satisfactory (passing) final clinical evaluation and a satisfactory theory grade to pass the course. Students who do not earn sufficient points to pass the theory component or do not achieve a satisfactory final clinical evaluation are issued a failing (F) grade; such students must repeat both the theory and clinical components of the class.
- Students who must repeat a course are subject to space availability in the classroom and/or clinical setting.
- Students who withdraw from the same course twice (resulting in a grade of WA) are academically terminated from the nursing program. WA grades from two different courses (including required general education courses) are equivalent to one failure for the purpose of progression in the nursing program.
- Students who fail two courses, receive WA grades equivalent to two failed courses, or any equivalent combination of failed or WA grades are withdrawn for a minimum time period of one semester. After that period such students may petition for re-entry to the program. Students seeking re-entry in nursing programs are ranked by GPA; those with the highest GPAs receive preference for available seats. If accepted for re-entry, any future course failures or WA grades result in academic termination and permanent withdrawal from the nursing program.
- Students who fail any course (including general education) in the program twice are withdrawn permanently from the nursing program.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Boise

*Core courses in this curriculum must be taken in the sequence listed. General education courses may be taken in any order.*

Nursing Bridge Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
PSY 113	General Psychology*	45	0	0	3
AP 103	Advanced Anatomy and Physiology*	45	30	0	4
COM 131	Introduction to Communication *	45	0	0	3
SOC 113	Introduction to Sociology*	45	0	0	3
ENG 113	English Composition I*	45	0	0	3
NUR 251	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	45	0	90	5
NUR 208	Nutrition	45	0	0	3
BIO 205	Microbiology with Lab*	45	30	0	4
NUR 222	Transition LPN/RN – Professional Nursing Health Assessment	15	30	0	2
NUR 224	Professional Nursing Throughout the Life Span	30	0	0	2
NUR 261	Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	45	0	90	5
NUR 206	Pharmacology	45	0	0	3
MATH 121	College Mathematics and Introduction to Algebra*	45	0	0	3
NUR 266	NCLEX-RN Review	0	60	0	2
Nursing Bridge Program Totals		540	150	180	45
Transferred from Practical Nursing Program					27
Total for Degree					72

*\*General education course*

*Approximate time to complete degree program: 48 weeks*