

CERTIFICATE*

PRACTICAL NURSING

Nurse Your Career To Health.

Practical nurses provide many aspects of patient care. They measure and record patients' vital signs, assist with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene and perform other tasks. They work in doctors' offices, nursing homes or with patients in the home where they may prepare meals, assist in feeding or teach family members simple nursing tasks. They evaluate needs, develop care plans and supervise care provided by nursing aides. They may also handle some office duties.

Our Practical Nursing certificate program at Carrington College® helps prepare students for entry-level employment under the guidance of a registered nurse or a licensed doctor or dentist. Graduates are able to provide care for clients experiencing common, well-defined health problems. We also help you prepare for the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses, or NCLEX-PN.†

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of LPNs is expected to grow 25% from 2012-2022.‡

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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.

† 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 Practical Nursing program at Carrington College 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.



Duties May Include:

- Providing basic bedside care
- Measuring and recording patients' vital signs
- Preparing and giving injections
- Dressing wounds
- Feeding patients who need help with eating
- Assisting with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene
- Collecting samples for testing

Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Residential care facilities
- Nursing homes
- Hospitals
- Doctors offices and clinics
- Home health care



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Program Outcomes

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

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

- Implement the nursing process in providing care for patients in a variety of clinical settings.
- Demonstrate academic preparedness to take the NCLEX-PN examination for licensure as a practical nurse.*
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking and information management.

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Admission Requirements

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

- Pass a background check and a drug screening prior to enrollment.
- Provide negative TB test results. (Test 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).
- Pass the required COMPASS entrance exam with a score of 50 in math, 80 in reading, and 68 in writing. (There is no charge for this exam.)

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 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

Practical Nursing Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
AP 100	Basic Anatomy and Physiology†	45	0	0	3
MATH 104	Math for Dosage Calculations	15	0	0	1
MEDT 120	Medical Terminology	15	0	0	1
NUR 107	Fundamentals and Medical-Surgical Nursing	60	0	0	4
NUR 108	Fundamentals and Medical-Surgical Nursing-Clinical	0	60	135	5
NUR 122	Medication Administration	15	30	0	2
NUR 157	Maternal Child Nursing	30	0	0	2
NUR 165	Pediatric Nursing	30	0	0	2
NUR 158	Community and Mental Health Nursing	45	0	0	3
NUR 159	Nursing Care of Specialized Populations-Clinical	0	30	180	5
NUR 215	Medical-Surgical Nursing	60	0	0	4
NUR 217	Medical-Surgical Nursing-Clinical	0	30	225	6
NUR 232	NCLEX-PN Review	0	60	0	2
NUR 234	Manager of Care for PN	15	0	0	1
Total for Certificate		330	210	540	41

**General education course*

Approximate time to complete certificate program: 48 weeks