

# Nursing Bridge

## ASSOCIATE DEGREE PROGRAM

### About This Program

Licensed practical nurses ready for a bigger challenge will find it with Carrington College's Nursing Bridge program. It provides theoretical content and clinical experience in nursing and incorporates knowledge from related disciplines.

This rigorous program requires roughly three days per week of on-campus instruction as well as 180 hours of clinical experience. Graduates of the Nursing Bridge program earn an Associate of Science degree and are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses, or NCLEX-RN.\*

Important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rate of students who attended this program can be found at [carrington.edu/cc/nb](http://carrington.edu/cc/nb).

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](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. Credential preparation varies by location.

### General Education Coursework

In this Carrington College degree program, students complete technical coursework as well as a broad base of general education course offerings focusing on:

- Communication skills
- English composition
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social sciences

### Technical Coursework

Carrington College's Nursing Bridge program trains licensed vocational nurses to become qualified to perform advanced functions such as devising patient care plans, starting intravenous drips and dispensing certain types of medication.

Total coursework for degree (credit hours)	45
Total transferred from Practical Nursing program (credit hours)	27
Total for degree	72
Program Length	48 weeks (not including breaks)

Students also need to meet additional admission and progression requirements, including drug screening and background check.

Carrington's academic catalog, available at [carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog](http://carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog), provides the most current and detailed program information, including admission and graduation requirements.

### Careers in Registered Nursing\*

Registered nurses provide some of the most critical health care available to patients. Whether it's taking medical histories, recording vital signs and symptoms, performing diagnostic tests, drawing blood, giving injections or other tasks, they work in conjunction with other health care professionals to serve the sick or injured. They have a significantly expanded scope of practice, education and clinical education than do licensed practical nurses.

Registered nurses are employed in many different health care settings and perform an incredibly diverse assortment of tasks. Their career path can lead to employment in a variety of health care environments such as:

- State, local and private hospitals
- Nursing care facilities
- Residential care facilities
- Physicians' offices
- Home healthcare services
- Schools

\* 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.

### Knowledge and Skills

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

- Demonstrate the academic preparedness to pass the NCLEX RN
- Integrate the nursing process in to the care of clients with predictable and unpredictable outcomes in varied clinical settings.
- Employs critical thinking as a basis for professional decision making
- Illustrate the ability to function collaboratively, communicate clearly and act

### Accreditation, Approvals and Program Availability

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 US Department of Education. Additional information about accreditation, including the filing of complaints against member institutions, can be found at [accjc.org](http://accjc.org).

Carrington College holds full approval for its Practical Nursing program and its associate degree professional nursing education program. The Idaho Board of Nursing issued a certificate of approval. Board offices: 280 North 8th Street, Suite 210, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0061, 208 334 3110, [ibn.idaho.gov](http://ibn.idaho.gov).

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit [carrington.edu/accreditation](http://carrington.edu/accreditation).

The Nursing Bridge program is offered to new students at:

BOISE, ID