

Practical Nursing

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

About This Program

The Practical Nursing program is designed to help students acquire a command of the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue entry-level employment as a licensed practical 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 culminates in a Certificate of Achievement.

It provides a foundation for the continued learning necessary for success as a practical nurse. The program's combined academic and clinical training prepares students to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN).*

Important information about the educational debt, earnings and completion rate of students who attended this program can be found at carrington.edu/cc/pn.

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.

* 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

Students in this certificate of achievement program complete technical coursework as well as general education course offerings focusing on:

- Mathematics
- Basic anatomy and physiology
- Medical terminology

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. Students can:

- Attend a combination of classroom instruction, laboratory practice and clinical training in area healthcare facilities
- Learn from passionate instructors with extensive nursing experience
- Prepare for taking the National Council Licensure Examination for Practical Nurses (NCLEX-PN)*

Total coursework for certificate (credit hours)	41
Certificate Program Length	48 weeks (not including breaks)

Students also need to meet 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.

Careers in Practical Nursing*

Licensed practical nurses† are generalists who care for patients and work in many health care areas. They provide basic bedside care, measure and record patients' vital signs and assist with bathing, dressing and personal hygiene in nursing homes, physicians' offices or in patients' homes. In nursing care facilities practical nurses can help evaluate residents' needs, develop care plans and supervise the care provided by nursing aides. In doctors' offices and clinics, their range of responsibilities may include office-related duties. In the home health care setting practical nurses often prepare meals, assist in feeding patients and teach family members simple nursing tasks.

Carrington's Practical Nursing certificate 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
- State, local and private hospitals
- Home healthcare services
- Physicians' offices

* 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 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 the ability to apply critical thinking, work collaboratively, communicate clearly and act professionally

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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.

The Practical Nursing program at the Boise campus is accredited by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN), 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, Georgia 30326, 404 975 5000, acenursing.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, www.ibn.idaho.gov.

For comprehensive information on Carrington's accreditation, licenses and approvals, visit carrington.edu/accreditation.

The Practical Nursing program is offered to new students at:

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