Associate Degree Program

# REGISTERED NURSING

## About This Program

Registered nurses (RNs) care for individuals, in conjunction with other health care professionals, through the use of the nursing process. Registered nurses work as patient advocates for the care and recovery of the sick and maintenance of their health. In their work as advocates, RNs plan, implement and evaluate nursing care of those who are ill or injured. RNs have a significantly expanded scope of practice, education and clinical training compared to licensed practical or vocational nurses. Graduates are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN)*. The program culminates in an Associate of Science Degree.

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

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.

## 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

* 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.

## Technical Coursework

Carrington College's Registered Nursing program covers topics such as anatomy and physiology, microbiology, maternal child nursing, medical-surgical nursing, pharmacology and much more. The Registered Nursing program comprises a balance of classroom lectures, practical training and clinical exercises.

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.

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## 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 or vocational 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 Registered Nursing program, graduates will be able to:

- Demonstrate the skills and knowledge to utilize the nursing process to provide care to clients in a variety of clinical settings
- Demonstrate academic preparedness to take the NCLEX-RN examination†
- 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 Registered Nursing program at the Reno and Phoenix East campuses 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.

The Arizona Board of Nursing certifies that Carrington College has satisfactorily fulfilled requirements and is granted full approval. Board offices: 4747 N. 7th Street, Suite 200, Phoenix, AZ 85014-3655, 602 771 7800.

Carrington College holds approval for the Reno campus from the Nevada State Board of Nursing, 2500 W. Sahara Ave., Suite 207, Las Vegas, NV 89102-4392, 702 486 5800, 888 590 6726 (toll free), nursingboard.state.nv.us. Upon graduation from the Registered Nursing program, students are eligible to sit for the state licensing exam, which is required to achieve the Registered Nurse licensure.

The New Mexico Board of Nursing certifies that Carrington College is granted full approval in the State of New Mexico, 6301 Indian School NE, Suite 710, Albuquerque, NM 87110 505 841 8340, bon.state.nm.us.

The Board of Nursing for the State of Texas granted initial approval for Carrington College Mesquite to offer an Associate of Science in Nursing Degree in the State of Texas, 333 Guadalupe Street, Austin, Texas 78701, www.bon.texas.gov/.

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

The Registered Nursing program is offered to new students at:

ALBUQUERQUE, NM
MESQUITE, TX
PHOENIX EAST, AZ
RENO, NV

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