



# Associate Degree Program REGISTERED NURSING LVN TO RN



## About This Program

Many health care professionals begin their careers as licensed vocational nurses (LVNs) and later complete the requirements for becoming registered nurses (RNs). LVNs provide direct care to patients, usually working under the supervision of a physician or RN. While LVNs and RNs have many overlapping tasks, RNs' job descriptions are filled with many more complicated activities such as devising patient care plans, dispensing certain types of medications and starting IV drips – the types of things generally requiring more training and education than LVNs receive.

The Registered Nursing LVN to RN program enables licensed vocational nurses to advance their skills and knowledge to become registered nurses. LVNs build on the credit received for coursework completed during licensed practical or licensed vocational nursing training. The Registered Nursing LVN to RN program, which culminates in an Associate of Science degree in Registered Nursing, prepares nurses with a firm conceptual and technical foundation, intuitive and insightful client interactions, advanced skills and attitudes and solid personal and professional ethics. Upon completion of the California Board of Registered Nursing-approved program, the students are prepared to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (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/lvn2rn](http://carrington.edu/cc/lvn2rn).

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).

## General Education Prerequisite Coursework

In this Carrington College degree program, students must meet the following general education prerequisites to be eligible for admission:

Course / Subject Area	Credit Hours
Human Anatomy with Lab†	4
General Psychology	3
English Composition	3
Physiology with Lab†	4
Psychology (Developmental/Lifespan)	3
Speech (Interpersonal Communication)	3
General Microbiology with Lab†	4
Sociology (Cultural Diversity)	3
Intermediate Algebra (or higher)	3

In addition, applicants must have had a GPA of 3.0 or above in completion of the listed prerequisites. Additional admission requirements are provided in the Carrington College catalog for California campuses, available at [carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog](http://carrington.edu/carrington-college/catalog).

\* 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.

† Science courses must have been completed within the previous 7 years.

## Technical Coursework

Carrington College's Registered Nursing LVN to RN 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)	21.5
Program Length	32 weeks (not including breaks)

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.



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### Careers in Registered Nursing\*

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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 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

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Upon completion of the Registered Nursing LVN to RN 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

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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).

The California Board of Registered Nursing, PO Box 944210, Sacramento, CA 94244-2100, 916 322 3350, [rn.ca.gov/index.shtml](http://rn.ca.gov/index.shtml), approves the Registered Nursing LVN to RN program at the Sacramento campus.

This institution is a private institution approved to operate by the California Bureau for Private Postsecondary Education. Approval to operate means the institution is compliant with the minimum standards contained in the California Private Postsecondary Education Act of 2009 (as amended) and Division 7.5 of Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations.

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

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The Registered Nursing LVN to RN program is offered to new students at:

SACRAMENTO, CA