

ASSOCIATE DEGREE\*

# REGISTERED NURSING

## Give Your Career A Shot In The Arm.

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 licensed practical nurses.

Our program at Carrington College covers topics such as anatomy and physiology, microbiology, maternal child nursing, medical-surgical nursing, pharmacology and much more. We provide that education and also help prepare graduates for the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).† The program culminates in an Associate of Science Degree.

*According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, employment of registered nurses is expected to grow 19% 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](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.

‡ Bureau of Labor Statistics, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Outlook Handbook (2014-15 Ed.)

Note: Admission to, or graduation from, the Registered 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:

- Taking medical histories
- Recording vital signs and symptoms
- Explaining treatment procedures to patients
- Preparing patients for examination
- Helping perform diagnostic tests and analyzing results
- Operating medical machinery
- Administering treatment and medications
- Drawing blood
- Giving injections
- Helping with patient follow-up and rehabilitation

## Possible Employment Opportunities:

- Physicians offices
- Outpatient facilities
- Public and private hospitals
- Residential care facilities
- Long-term care facilities
- Nursing homes
- Ambulatory care facilities
- Schools



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## Program Outcomes

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

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

- Demonstrate academic preparedness to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).
- Apply the nursing process in caring for clients in a variety of clinical settings.
- Demonstrate proficiency in oral and written communication with patients and their families as well as other health care professionals.
- Demonstrate proficiency in critical thinking and information management.

## Admission Requirements

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

- Pass the entrance exam with a minimum score of 75 on all sections (math, reading, vocabulary) of the HESI A2 or the Kaplan entrance exam at the 35th percentile at least. (A non-refundable fee of \$40 is charged for each allowable attempt.) Scores may also be used for admission ranking.

### Instructional Methodologies

Methodologies include lectures, assigned readings, case studies, clinical experiences, group discussions, examinations, scholarly papers, community conferences and audiovisual presentations such as PowerPoint.

### Supportive Technologies

Carrington College uses the following technologies to support the students' learning process: SIMs and clinical laboratory equipment, virtual clinicals, computer examinations, classroom response clickers, as well as digital and online media.

## 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 the theory and clinical components of the class.

Students who fail one course or withdraw from a course will be subject to the availability of seats in the repeating semester. If no space is available, the student will be withdrawn from the program until a seat is available. First priority will be given to students who have not failed a course in their tenure in the nursing program. Re-seating for available seats will be based on the following criteria, listed in order of importance:

1. Current cumulative GPA
2. Current attendance record
3. Entrance exam score
4. Cumulative GPA for science courses
5. Students who have failed more than one course

Students who withdraw from the same course twice (resulting in a grade of a WA) are academically terminated from the nursing program. For the purpose of maintaining eligibility to remain in the Nursing program, withdrawing from two different courses (including required general education courses) will be considered equivalent to one course failure. Students who fail two courses, receive WA grades equivalent to two failed courses, or any combination of failed or WA grades are withdrawn from the program for not less than one semester or until a space becomes available. After that period such students may petition for re-entry to the program. Spaces in the Registered Nursing program are assigned based on above re-seating criteria. 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 are withdrawn from the program (whether temporarily or permanently) and are receiving Title IV funding will be subject to the Federal Return of Funds policy. The Federal Return of Funds policy is calculated as follows:

- If the student's percentage of the enrollment period completed is greater than 60%, the student has earned — and must repay — 100% of the federal aid received.
- If the student's percentage of the enrollment period completed is 60% or less, the calculated percentage of enrollment will be used to determine the amount of aid returned.

Additionally, repayment of Title IV student loans will begin six months after the student's last day of attendance.

## PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Albuquerque

*General education courses may be taken in any order unless determined by prerequisites. Core courses must be taken in the sequence listed below.*

Registered Nursing Courses		Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
BIO 201.1	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab <sup>†</sup>	48	32	0	4
PSY 110	Introduction to Psychology <sup>†</sup>	48	0	0	3
SOC 110	Introduction to Sociology <sup>†</sup>	48	0	0	3
COM 110	Introduction to Communication <sup>†</sup>	48	0	0	3
BIO 202.2	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab <sup>†</sup>	48	32	0	4
BIO 205	Microbiology with Lab <sup>†</sup>	48	32	0	4
MAT 120	College Mathematics <sup>†</sup>	48	0	0	3
ENG 110	English Composition I <sup>†</sup>	48	0	0	3
NUR 212	Pharmacology I <sup>‡</sup>	32	0	0	2
NUR 210	Fundamentals and Medical-Surgical I <sup>‡</sup>	64	64	144	9
NUR 252	Pharmacology in Nursing II <sup>‡</sup>	32	0	0	2
NUR 248	Medical-Surgical Nursing II <sup>‡</sup>	48	0	144	6
NUR 204	Community Mental Health Nursing <sup>‡</sup>	48	0	48	4
NUR 312	Maternal Child Nursing <sup>‡</sup>	32	16	48	3.5
NUR 306	Medical-Surgical Nursing III <sup>‡</sup>	48	16	144	6.5
NUR 301	Leadership <sup>‡</sup>	16	0	0	1
NUR 350	Medical-Surgical Nursing IV <sup>‡</sup>	40	0	96	4.5
NUR 351	NCLEX-RN Review <sup>‡</sup>	0	96	0	3
NUR 352	Pediatric Nursing <sup>‡</sup>	32	16	48	3.5
Total for Degree		776	304	672	72

<sup>†</sup>Pre-nursing course

<sup>‡</sup>Nursing course

*Approximate time to complete degree program: 96 weeks*