

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® will cover topics such as anatomy and physiology, microbiology, maternal child nursing, medical-surgical nursing, pediatric nursing 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.

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‡ 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.

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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 both the theory and clinical components of the class.
- Students who repeat a course are subject to space availability in the classroom and/or clinical setting.
- Students who withdraw from the same course twice (resulting in a grade of WA) are academically terminated from the nursing program. WA grades from two different courses (including required general education courses) are equivalent to one failure for the purpose of progression in the nursing program.
- Students who fail two courses, receive WA grades equivalent to two failed courses, or any equivalent combination of failed or WA grades are withdrawn for a minimum time period of one semester. After that period such students may petition for re-entry to the program. Students seeking re-entry in nursing programs are ranked by GPA; those with the highest GPAs receive preference for available seats. 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 fail any course (including general education) in the program twice are withdrawn permanently from the nursing program.

Students must meet further requirements prior to entering the third semester of nursing instruction:

- Attain CPR certification
- Attend nursing orientation session
- Provide negative TB test results. (Test results more than 12 months old must be from a two-step test). Applicants with prior positive results must undergo a chest X-ray.
- Provide proof of childhood MMR immunization or titer.
- Provide proof of Hepatitis B vaccination or written refusal.
- Provide proof of chickenpox immunization (only students who have not had chickenpox).
- Submit to drug screening and background check immediately prior to clinical rotations, results of which may affect eligibility to participate in clinical rotations.

Details are provided in the nursing manual.

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.

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS – Phoenix Westside

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
ENG 113	English Composition I [†]	45	0	0	3
MAT 121	College Mathematics and Introduction to Algebra [†]	45	0	0	3
BIO 200	Human Anatomy and Physiology I with Lab [†]	45	30	0	4
COM 131	Introduction to Communication [†]	45	0	0	3
PSY 113	General Psychology [†]	45	0	0	3
BIO 204	Human Anatomy and Physiology II with Lab [†]	45	30	0	4
MEDT 120	Medical Terminology [†]	15	0	0	1
BIO 205	Microbiology with Lab [†]	45	30	0	4
NUR 130	Fundamentals and Medical-Surgical Nursing I	60	60	90	8
NUR 138	Medication Administration and Basic Pharmacology for Nursing	30	30	0	3
MATH 104	Math for Dosage Calculations [†]	15	0	0	1
NUR 206	Pharmacology	45	0	0	3
NUR 253	Community and Mental Health Nursing	30	0	45	3
NUR 243	Medical-Surgical Nursing II	45	0	90	5
NUR 242	Maternal Child Nursing	60	30	90	7
NUR 251	Medical-Surgical Nursing III	45	0	90	5
NUR 266	NCLEX-RN Review	0	60	0	2
NUR 261	Medical-Surgical Nursing IV	45	0	90	5
NUR 262	Manager of Care	30	0	0	2
SOC 113	Introduction to Sociology [†]	45	0	0	3
Total for Degree		780	270	495	72

[†]General education course

Approximate time to complete degree program: 96 weeks