

Nursing News

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A Note from the Nursing Program Director

Dr. Marylou E. Mercado, RN

Welcome nursing students to the fall semester. Currently there are 197 enrolled nursing program students. There are program nursing students at Prescott and Verde Valley locations, including a new cohort of 48 first semester students! Yavapai College (YC) Nursing graduates continue to be successful on the Arizona NCLEX-RN Licensure with a pass rate of 97% in the first quarter of 2019, and 90% in the second quarter of 2019*. The YC NCLEX – RN national pass rate for 2019 is 90% * surpassing the national pass rate of 86%.

Currently, according to Arizona Board of Nursing there are 94,936 RN's practicing in Arizona. An increased demand for RNs in Arizona's future to be 28,000 more needed by 2025*.

Located on *myYC* for student review is BSN Concurrent Enrollment Programs (CEP) and BSN completion information regarding articulation transfer opportunity agreements with University of Phoenix, ASU, NAU, GCU, and many others with options that best fit student schedules. Connect with your Advisor for CEP options.

The Nursing Program Student Handbook for 2019-2020 is located on *myYC*. Students are responsible each semester for knowing and following the contents of the most current Nursing Program Student Handbook. This year there are notable changes to the student program handbook that faculty will review with students at the start of Fall 2019 classes.

*The 2017 Supply and Demand Projections of the Nursing Workforce: 2014-2030 HRSA Health Workforce report.

*Data extracted from the Arizona NCLEX Quarterly Reports

*Data extracted from the National Council State Board of Nursing NCLEX –RN Reports.



Upcoming Events

August 19

Fall 2019 Semester Starts

November 27

Thanksgiving Holiday

December 13

Fall 2019 Pinning Ceremony
– Prescott Campus, All
Program Students, 1:00 PM



Faculty Office Hours Available for One-on-One Help

All nursing faculty have a minimum of five office hours per week with times on campus and in some cases, after clinical at the clinical agency. Office hours are a time for students to meet directly with faculty for additional help and support. Faculty share office hour schedules with students the first week of class.

More Important News

Student Nurse Association: SNA

Membership in the Student Nurses Associations is a great way to connect with students from other semesters, gain leadership experience, make a difference in your community and have fun! There is a SNA chapter on Verde and Prescott campuses. For updates and current activities please check the SNA bulletin boards at each location.

Students may contact the following SNA advisors for questions and upcoming events:

- mdelorme@yc.edu faculty club advisor, Prescott
- cschroder@yc.edu - faculty club advisor, Verde
- sscovill@yc.edu – faculty club co-advisor, Verde and Prescott

From the Desk of Keryn Lafferty, Clinical & Student Records Coordinator

Welcome to Fall 2019 semester of the Nursing Program! We are all excited to kick-off a new academic year and have lots of great information to share with you. To keep updated on what's happening and what you'll need to know, please make sure to **check your YC scholar email regularly**. You'll find our Newsletter ☺, email blast notifications of important program updates, and other time sensitive correspondence on your YC email account. Also, please keep your voicemail box open to receive important messages as needed.

New this fall:

Castle Branch requirements

CPR and TB renewals must be completed prior to semester start if the expiration date will occur during the semester

Fall 2019 semester dates: August 19- December 13

Spring 2020 semester dates: January 13- May 8



SNA Events

Verde Campus SNA

Stay tuned for additional announcements and events.

Prescott Campus SNA

Stay tuned for additional announcements and events.



If the expiration date needs to be re-set to allow you to upload the renewal of your CPR certification or TB test results, please call **Castle Branch customer service at 1-888-723-4263**. A new renewal date request will take 24-72 hours to be completed in the Castle Branch system. Please plan accordingly.

Fingerprint Clearance Cards are now part of your Castle Branch tracker. A copy of the front and back of the card must be uploaded as one document.

Flu immunizations for the 2019/2020 flu season must be available for review in your Castle Branch account by October 15, 2019. **For students who did not receive an immunization for the 2018/2019 season**, the immunization is required prior to clinical orientation paperwork submission deadlines.

Make sure to check all your requirements to verify all documentation is approved and current through the semester. A copy of your current Castle Branch **"To Do List Summary"** report indicating Nursing Program **Compliance** must be submitted to my office no later than August 26, 2019 (if you have not taken care of it already).

Thank you for ensuring your Nursing Program requirements are completed timely. As always, you are welcome to call or email me with any questions you have at 928-634-6546 or keryn.lafferty@yc.edu.

[From the Desk of Patty Naville, Instructional Support Specialist](#)

Welcome to the start of the Fall 2019 semester! Whether you are just beginning the nursing program, or you are a seasoned nursing student, we realize how hectic your life may be now. We're here to assist you as you pursue your nursing education.

Our first semester students will be the first cohort for our new curriculum! And, all four cohorts will now have the privilege to begin implementation of ATI products across the curriculum. I have no doubt you will find this very informative and user friendly.

The Yavapai College Nursing Program is thriving under the leadership of our Program Director, Dr. Marylou Mercado. Our nursing faculty is superb. And you, our students, are our top priority. We will support you in any way we can; please reach out to us if you have the need.

My office is located in building 2, Room 228 on the Prescott Campus. Please don't hesitate to visit or email (pnaville@yc.edu) should you have questions, I'm happy to assist.



More Important News

From the desks of Prescott SIM Coordinator, Dr. Barbara Durham, and Verde SIM Coordinator, Dr. Jennifer Ritter:

We are excited to announce we are implementing another multilevel simulation experience for Fall 2019 semester for students who missed a clinical day; the date is yet to be determined but will be held in December on the Prescott campus for both Prescott and Verde students who missed clinical. The feedback from students who attended the Spring 2019 multilevel simulation was overwhelmingly positive, and promoted a sense of collegiality and pride for those in attendance.

The simulation committee has been working on a simulation policy for both students and faculty. Students can expect to see changes starting Fall 2019, with clearly defined expectations and objectives for our simulation experiences (please reference the Nursing Program Student Handbook). The faculty have chosen Zigmont's 3D Model of Debriefing as the guide to help deepen the experience of simulation for students and to help foster a safe learning environment. Access to the article can be found here: [Learning Theory Model](#)

Finally, we are excited to announce we are working on offering students open simulation dates in the coming semesters. Students can sign up for simulations to help with skills practice, critical thinking, teamwork and SBAR. Stay tuned!!

YC Tutoring Services

Tutoring Services are available in the Learning Centers. Free tutoring services for all currently enrolled YC students Prescott and Verde Drop in Schedule: [Tutoring Services Schedules and Types](#)

- Online Writing Tutor
- Skype a Tutor
- Ask-A-Tutor
- Tele-Tutor

Nursing Lab Hours

Monday-Friday

Verde

Lab Hours Posted on Skills Lab door

Prescott

Lab Hours Posted on Skills Lab door

Faculty provide lab support hours for students Mon-Thurs and by appointment. Students have multiple opportunities to practice skills prior to check offs. The lab is also a space where students can practice Dosage Calculation equations, pharmacology, and study quietly in small groups.

- *Schedule is subject to change; contact your nursing skills course instructor for questions or to schedule an appointment.*
- *Any change will be posted on the nursing skills lab doors for students.*



Prescott

Bldg. 1, Rm 207

Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am – 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

928-776-2085

prescottlearningcenter@yc.edu

Verde

Bldg. M, Rm. 122

Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Friday: 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

(928) 634-6562

verdelearningcenter@yc.edu

From the Desk of Andrea Riffel, Academic Advisor

Welcome! I am one of five Nursing Program Academic Advisors at Yavapai College. We are just one of your many resources and help with program planning, transfer planning, and support. It is now easier to schedule an appointment with your Academic Advisor by scheduling your own appointment online, www.yc.edu/advisor, and click on the *Schedule an Appointment link*.

Academic Advisors: [Advising Contact Information](#)

- Kelsey Behnken
- Angela Fabela
- Cindy Heath
- Jodi Showler

Concurrent Enrollment Programs (CEP) and RN to BSN Programs: Advisors are here to help you with your transfer planning. Yavapai College has a partnership for CEP with NAU, ASU, University of Phoenix, and Grand Canyon University. You may be able to do a mid-nursing program transfer. Make an appointment with your Academic Advisor to review your options and come up with a transfer plan.

Please remember that all email communication needs to be done through your Yavapai College email account, this is different from your Canvas course email. This is for your safety due to confidentiality of information.

We are here to help! Please contact your assigned Academic Advisor anytime with questions or concerns.

Bookstore Return/Book Buy-Back Information

Check with the bookstore for the best price on your textbooks!

The bookstore has various items including stethoscopes and uniforms for purchase.

[YC Bookstore](#)

Price Match - Find A Lower Price? We'll Match It!

More Important News



ATI Integration

ATI Nursing Educational Resources are used throughout the Nursing Program, in every semester and is required for all nursing program students.

Students have a wealth of resources to support and supplement their learning through utilization of the ATI Resources.

Students purchase the online materials and resources through ATI 1-800-367-4762. The materials are financial aid-able. Students are required to purchase their ATI materials in order to maintain enrollment in their nursing program courses. Students that have not purchased their materials within one week of the course start date will not be permitted to progress in the course.

ATI will provide the access code directly to the student.

Students should direct ATI Resource questions to their course/clinical Nursing Instructor; the Nursing Instructor will be very helpful. The fee amount will be specific to the semester of the nursing program student.

On 5/29/19, all students were sent an email to their YC email address from the Nursing Office, announcing ATI Integration with helpful instructions for gaining access to ATI products and resources.

ATI student orientation and informational meetings are scheduled August 19th, 8 – 5 on Prescott, August 22nd 8 – 5 on Verde. ATI representatives will be visiting classrooms and will also be available for Q & A in dedicated spaces on each campus.

ATI Nursing Educational Resources information is noted in the 2019-2020 Course Syllabus for reference.

Restructured Nursing Program Curriculum 2019 Fall Start

The nursing curriculum courses have been restructured for our program. The nursing faculty have been working diligently on changing the structure of credit blocks to individual, separate credit courses. Cohorts starting in Fall 2019 will be affected by the change and enroll in separate credit courses. Students enrolled before Fall 2019 will continue forward in their current curriculum program courses through program completion. Please visit the nursing website for review of the Fall 2019 start program progression plan, and the prior to Fall 2019 start program progression plan. [NURSING](#)

ATI Resources Provided Per Semester and After Program Completion Include:

- ✓ Achieve
- ✓ Civility Mentor
- ✓ Dosage Calculations/Safe Medication administration
- ✓ The NCLEX Experience
- ✓ Nurse Logic
- ✓ Nurse's Touch
- ✓ Pharmacology Made Easy
- ✓ Skills Modules
- ✓ Content Mastery Series
- ✓ Critical Thinking Assessment
- ✓ Comprehensive Predictor
- ✓ Nurse's Touch
- ✓ Self-Assessment Inventory
- ✓ Board Vitals
- ✓ Remediation
- ✓ Focused Review
- ✓ Quiz Bank
- ✓ Learning System
- ✓ Analytics
- ✓ Simulations
- ✓ EBOOK
- ✓ Case Studies
- ✓ Comprehensive NCLEX Review

Verde Campus Redesign

During this summer and continuing for two full semesters the Verde campus is under construction for redesign. The new redesign includes a Health Sciences skills lab and a brand new fully equipped Simulation Center for all Health Science students: Nursing, EMT, Paramedic, Nursing Assistant, Phlebotomy, Medical Assistant, and Radiography. Nursing Program courses will be held in M202 and M203 for approximately two semesters until the redesign is completed. Any questions please feel free to contact the nursing faculty, Keryn Lafferty or the Nursing Program Director. This is an exciting time as we look forward to state of the art technology and equipment for our students in the new Health Sciences Lab!

