

Nursing News

Yavapai College



A Note from the Nursing Program Director

Dr. Marylou E. Mercado, RN

Welcome nursing students to the Spring 2020 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 an annual pass rate (four quarter average) of 93.51% for 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.

Students seeking *Emergency Relief funds* should connect with "I am YC" for assistance. There are several opportunities and monetary resources available to assist students. The Nursing Program Emergency Relief funds have been fully utilized for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Students desiring to share graded clinical evaluation tools (CETs) to nurse managers or HR representatives of clinical agencies or hospitals, should contact their Clinical Instructor and sign the FERPA release of confidential information form. Your Clinical Instructor will provide the FERPA release form, guidance and assistance.

Upcoming Events

January 13

Spring 2020 Semester Starts

March 9

Spring break begins

May 9

Pinning Ceremony

All Program Students.

Location: YCPAC, Prescott

Practice time: 1:00 PM

Pinning Ceremony: 3:00 PM



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.

The Nursing Program Director is located at the Verde Campus two days a week and Prescott Campus three days a week. Please feel free to stop in and say hello throughout the Semester.

*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.



SNA Events

Verde Campus SNA

Taniel Fitch, President

Stay tuned for additional announcements and events.

Prescott Campus SNA

Carisa Dobbs, President

Stay tuned for additional announcements and events.



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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. Coaching and tutoring is also provided in the Nursing Skills lab by Professor Schroder, on Verde, and Associate Professor Whisenand, on Prescott.

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:

- mhughes@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 Spring 2020 semester of the Nursing Program! We are all excited to kick-off the new 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 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.

Castle Branch

It is the Nursing Program policy to complete CPR and TB renewals prior to semester start if the expiration date will occur during the term.

Spring 2020 semester dates: January 13- May 8

If the expiration date needs to be re-set to allow you to upload a renewal of your CPR certification or TB test results, there are several ways that you can connect with Castle Branch to request this.

A new renewal date request will take 24-72 hours to be completed in the Castle Branch system. Please plan accordingly.

When making your request, please use a phrase such as: **“I need to update my (TB, CPR) information. Can you populate my renewal early?”** This is how Castle Branch understands what you are requesting them to do. Otherwise, they may state that the requirement is not expired and does not need to be renewed per the requirement guidelines. To make a request, you may use one of the top three ways described here:

Ways Students can Connect to Castle Branch

1. Call 888-666-7788 (Choose option 1 and follow prompts to choose the queue that best fits your need). If a hold time extends past your availability, use the option to request a call back.. Representatives do not leave for the day until every number is called back.
2. Email servicedesk.cu@castlebranch.com . Use this method when your request is not urgent. It can take a few days to get a response back.

3. Submit a web inquiry on your account. You can do this by logging in to your existing account and clicking the orange **Need Help?** Button in the upper right hand corner and then click **Submit Support Inquiry**.
4. Chat via instant message with a representative. You can chat by logging in and clicking the orange **Need Help?** Button and then click "Chat With Us" This option is for general questions on how to navigate Castle Branch and access information in the system like the "To Do List Summary Report". This would NOT be used for requesting changes to your account. Castle Branch also offers FAQ Videos for general type questions.

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 before the clinical start date. **For students who did not receive an immunization for the 2018/2019 season**, the immunization is required prior to clinical orientation paperwork submission deadlines.

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 Spring 2020 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.

All students now have the opportunity to use ATI products across the curriculum. I have no doubt you will find these products user friendly. ATI customer service is a great resource and most helpful.

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 continue offering a multilevel simulation experience for Spring 2020 for students who missed a clinical day. The multilevel simulation will be held on the Prescott Campus on MAY 1st for both Verde and Prescott students who were absent from clinical.

Effective Spring 2020, the simulation committee is excited to offer students on both campuses the ability to participate in open multilevel simulation sessions during the semester. Sign-ups will be posted within the skills lab on both campuses on a first come first serve basis. Depending upon the response, additional open multilevel simulation sessions will be offered in coming semesters. These open simulation sessions offer the student an opportunity to practice clinical reasoning in a safe, non-threatening environment that promotes collegiality and professional communication. Please see your simulation coordinators, Dr. Durham on Prescott, or Dr. Ritter on Verde for more details.

The multilevel simulation experience in the Fall of 2019 provided the opportunity for 20 students to care for a standardized patient; again the feedback was overwhelmingly positive and the experience was well received. Stay tuned for more information in the days ahead.

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](#)

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.*



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

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, including the opportunity to rent books! The bookstore has various items including stethoscopes and uniforms for purchase.

[YC Bookstore](#)

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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 two weeks 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.

ATI student orientation and informational meetings are scheduled on Verde and Prescott during the week of January 20th, 2020. 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

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

The Verde campus is under construction for redesign with an expected goal date of completion for Fall 2020, class start. 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 Spring 2020 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!

