

Nursing News

A Note from the Director of Nursing

Dr. Marylou E. Mercado, RN

Welcome nursing students to the Spring 2022 semester. Currently there are approximately 197 enrolled nursing program students. There are program nursing students at Prescott and Verde Valley locations, including a new cohort of 50 first semester students! Yavapai College (YC) Nursing graduates continue to be successful on the Arizona NCLEX-RN Licensure with a pass rate of 96.05% for 2021*(total of four quarters) being in the top 3 of 33 nursing schools across Arizona.

Currently, according to Arizona Board of Nursing there are 96,815 RN's practicing in Arizona. An increased demand for RNs in Arizona's future to be 28,000 more needed by 2025*. Job Placement Rates for graduates in 2020* is 85%.

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 2021-2022 is available for students to review. Students are responsible each semester for knowing and following the contents of the most current Nursing Program Student Handbook and to review all e-NEWSFLASHs. This year there are notable changes to the student program handbook specific to the YC Campus COVID 19 Re-entry Plan; faculty will review with students at the start of Spring 22 classes.

*Data extracted from YC IER
*Data extracted from the Arizona NCLEX Reports
*ASUOnline/Newsroom



Upcoming Events

January 18

Spring 2022 Semester Starts

March 14

Spring Break March 14-20



Faculty Office Hours Available for One-on-One Help

All nursing faculty have a minimum of five office hours per week. 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:

- Assoc. Professor, Alex Richerd, club advisor, Prescott
- Professor Cindy Schroder - faculty club advisor, Verde

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

Welcome to Spring 2022 semester of the Nursing Program! We are grateful for a new year and are looking forward to helping you in your academic endeavors. 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 notifications of important clinical and 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 Requirements

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

Spring 2022 semester dates: January 18 – May 14

If the actual expiration date of your CPR or TB is after the semester end date, but you have a prompt on Castle Branch to renew before semester start, then please contact me so an override to the expiration date can be requested.



SNA Events

Verde Campus SNA

Stay tuned for additional announcements and events.

Prescott Campus SNA

Stay tuned for additional announcements and events.



If your expiration date needs to be re-set to allow you to upload an early renewal of your CPR certification or TB test results, please choose one of the following methods for contact:

Castle Branch customer service at 1-888-666-7788 (choose option 1 and follow prompts). *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.*

Email servicedesk.cu@castlebranch.com (it may take a few days to get the response)

Submit a web inquiry on your account – log in to account, click orange **Need Help?** button in the upper right-hand corner and click **Submit Support Inquiry**

For all early renewal requests, please use a phrase such as **“I need to update my (TB, CPR) information; can you populate my renewal early?”**

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

Flu immunizations for the 2021-2022 flu season should already be complete on your Castle Branch account. **Students with Castle Branch accounts that are overdue for the flu immunization need to correct the issue within week one of the semester- January 18-21. Failure to do so may result in administrative withdrawal from the program-** refer to the Nursing Program Student Handbook.

Make sure to check all your requirements to verify all documentation is approved and current through the semester including Tdap and Fingerprint Clearance Card. Your current Castle Branch **“To Do List Summary”** report indicating Nursing Program **Compliance** may be requested at any time throughout the program.

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.



Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner, RN Skills Lab Support

We pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs. Wagner to our skills lab for student support of instruction and clinical adjunct faculty. Mrs. Wagner is beginning her second semester with YC Nursing and is a valuable member of the nursing team, and student clinical growth and development. Mrs. Wagner is available to students in the learning lab. Please stop in and see her when on campus to introduce yourself.

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 Spring 2022 semester for students who missed a clinical day; the date is yet to be determined but will be held in the Simulation Lab for students who missed clinical. The feedback from students who attended the Fall 2021 multilevel simulation was overwhelmingly positive and promoted a sense of collegiality and pride for those in attendance.

The simulation committee has a simulation policy for both students and faculty that has clearly defined expectations and objectives for simulation experiences. All students will receive an electronic copy in addition to 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](#)

Also, we are looking for a motivated student volunteer to serve on the nursing program's simulation committee that meets monthly to assist faculty with our YC Simulation Center Operations Manual, please let us know if you are interested.

We are excited to announce we are working on potentially offering students open simulation dates during the Spring Semester. 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 Virtually with 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

Verde

Check with Skills Lab Faculty for Hours

Prescott

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Students please check with your assigned skills faculty for skills lab practice times, as times are assigned to specific cohorts, and subject to change based on COVID 19 Re-entry Plan Phase.

Prescott

Mon-Thurs: 8:00 am – 8:00 PM

Friday: 9:30 am – 5:00 pm

928-776-2085

prescottlearningcenter@yc.edu

Verde

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 the 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, [Advising Resources](#), and click on the *Schedule an Appointment link*.



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!

The Nursing Program has positions posted on NEOGOV through the Financial Aid Office for two part-time student workers for the nursing skills lab. One student worker for Prescott Campus Nursing Skills Lab and one student worker for the Verde Campus Skills Lab. If interested please see the NEOGOV website and contact Adrienne Carlos at adrienne.carlos@yc.edu

ACEN Accreditation Success: 8 year accreditation awarded to YC Nursing

The associate of applied science nursing program at Yavapai College at the Prescott Campus, Prescott, AZ, and Verde Valley Campus at Clarkdale, AZ is accredited by the:



- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)
- 3390 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 1400
- Atlanta, Georgia 30326
- (404) 975-5000

The most recent accreditation decision made by the ACEN Board of Commissioners for the associate of applied science nursing program is Continuing Accreditation.

View the public information disclosed by the ACEN regarding this program at: <http://www.acenursing.us/accreditedprograms/programSearch.htm>



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 the second 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.

ATI Nursing Educational Resources information is noted in the Course Syllabus for reference if you are unable to locate the information please email your Faculty.

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