

FAQ - Yavapai College Nursing Program

PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Do I really need to retake BIO/MAT courses if they are over 10 years old?**
 - Yes – It is a program requirement for an AAS degree.
- **What are the prerequisite courses?**
 - (See page 6 of the **Nursing Applicant Information Guide** for the following list):
 - There is one co-requisite (BIO 205) that is to be completed by 2nd semester (see page 7 of the application). Students are highly encouraged to complete the co-requisite prior to the program start if able to do so.
 - MAT142 or 141 College Math or higher 3 credits
 - ENG 101A or 101 College Composition I 3 credits
 - ENG 102 College Composition II 3 credits
 - BIO 156 or BIO 181 Human Biology for Allied Health or General Biology I 4 credits
 - BIO 201 and 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II 4 credits each, 8 credits total
 - PHI 204 or PSY 101 Medical Ethics or Introduction to Psychology 3 credits
 - **Total Prerequisite Credits 24**
- **If I do not have a class from the prerequisites, can I still apply? If so, what are the chances I would get accepted?**
 - Pre-requisites should be complete or the final ones in progress at the time of application. All prerequisites need to be completed by the end of the current semester in which a student is submitting the application.
 - Ex: If applying for spring 2024, the applicant can be in progress with their last pre-requisite course(s) in fall 2023. Points on the selection criteria are earned on completed coursework. Any prerequisites in progress would not count toward points for application submission.
- **I have an account with CB from my CNA course, can I use the same account for the Nursing Program?**
 - No. The Nursing Program has a separate account code with Castle Branch. Students would use the YA23 package code for the Nursing Program.
- **Are there any requirements that I should know about before applying?**
 - Please review the following on the Nursing Applicant Information Guide:
 - Health Requirements & Health Declaration (pages 11- 17)
 - Immunizations and Documentation Required for the Nursing Program (pages 18-22)
 - Steps to apply for admission (pages 22-24) (There is a pre-program requirement of an approved nursing assistant course within 3 years of application or current Arizona CNA/LNA certification);
 - THE ATI Teas pre-entrance exam must be completed at Yavapai College (some remote proctoring options may be available)
 - Additional Admission Requirements After Conditional Acceptance (pages 24-25)

- It is highly recommended that students work with an Advisor to develop a customized plan in preparation for application and throughout the program.

ATI TESTING:

- **I took the ATI TEAS two years ago, is it still valid?**
 - No. The ATI TEAS test scores are good for 2 consecutive application cycles and expire after one year. Example: ATI Teas scores from Fall 2023 and Spring 2024 could be submitted with the application for Fall 2024 program start.
- **Can I take the ATI TEAS multiple times during an application cycle?**
 - Students may take the ATI TEAS once every application cycle.
- **Can I transfer my ATI TEAS score from another school?**
 - No, the ATI TEAS must be taken at Yavapai College. Opportunities are available for in-person or remote testing through Yavapai College Testing Services

PRE-NURSING WORKSHOPS:

- **What if I miss a pre-nursing workshop?**
 - A pre-nursing workshop certificate is required for the nursing program application packet. If you miss a workshop, you may visit the nursing webpage (<https://www.yc.edu/v6/advising/pre-nursing-workshop.html>) to sign up for another workshop date.
- **Do I really need to attend a workshop to apply to the program?**
 - Yes- The workshop is good for 12 months and must be current at the time of nursing application submission.

PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE AND APPLICATIONS:

- **When is the application deadline?**
 - Deadlines will vary semester by semester. Application cycles for a spring semester (January start) will be open in September. Application cycles for fall semester (August start) will be open in February.
 - Applicants will be notified of a conditional acceptance within 3-4 weeks of the application cycle closing.
- **Is there an application fee?**
 - No
- **How competitive is it? How many people apply and how many get accepted?**
 - As of Fall 2023, 62 program seats are available every spring and every fall. The program offers 40 seats on the Prescott campus (including an evening cohort) and 22 seats on the Verde campus.
 - The number of applications can vary greatly each semester. The level of competitiveness is based on the number of applications, how well students

perform on the ATI Teas exam, and other sections of the Selection Criteria, and if the application submission is complete.

- **What are the chances my friend/sister etc. and I would get accepted at the same time?**
 - The Yavapai College Nursing Program Selection Criteria is data-driven and based on a 1000-point system (see pages 9-10 of the application).
 - There have been instances when friends, family members, or significant others have begun the program at the same time.
- **Does YC offer a waitlist for the program?**
 - No, Yavapai College does not have a waitlist.

COST:

- **Is this a Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) school?**
 - In general, yes- however some specialized programs may not offer reduced tuition in the AAS program <https://www.yc.edu/v6/registrar/residency.html>
 - Residents of one of the following states may qualify for the WUE tuition rate at Yavapai College: *Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.*
- **How much does it cost?**
 - (see pages 7-8 of application- costs based on Arizona in-state tuition rates)

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- **How long is the program?**
 - The nursing program is 4-semesters or 2 years (does not include any pre-entry requirements or prerequisite coursework)
- **Is the program offered in quarters, trimesters, or semesters?**
 - The nursing program has semesters. Courses can be 8 weeks, 16 weeks, or a combination of both.
 - The program admits students twice a year in the fall and spring.
- **What is the NCLEX pass rate?**
 - The NCLEX pass rate varies annually. Please visit <https://www.yc.edu/v6/schools/hewe/docs/nursing/nursing-program-outcomes-success-rates.pdf> for the most current information available.
- **Is the Nursing Program located on various campuses?**
 - Yes, it is offered on both the Prescott and Verde campuses.
- **Does the nursing program specialize in anything? (eg. geriatrics, emergency room, trauma)**
 - A list of program courses can be found on page 6-7 of the application guide. Program description is on page 3.
 - The mission of the Yavapai College School of Health & Wellness is to provide quality education that will develop competent, caring, holistic and ethical practitioners who value lifelong learning and adapt to continuous changes in the health care system.

- **Where do students complete their clinicals?**
 - First semester clinicals are completed in a long-term care facility. Current facilities used are Good Samaritan, MVRRH, and Haven. VAMC could also be used.
 - Second and Third semester clinicals are held at YRMC locations and VVMC.
 - Third semester mental health rotations are held at various clinical sites including but not limited to Polara Health locations, Decision Point, Yavapai County Detention Center, Spectrum Healthcare and Stoneridge Centers.
 - Fourth semester preceptorship experiences may be scheduled at YRMC, NAH locations, VAMC, MVRRH and other locations as determined by the Nursing Program.
- **Is there an age limit to apply to the nursing program?**
 - Yes. Due to clinical agency affiliation agreements, any prospective applicant must be 18 years old before they are able to attend clinical.
- **Does the nursing program offer a hybrid version? (Schoolwork, online, simulations, labs, and clinical in person)**
 - No, at this time a hybrid version of the program is not offered.
- **Are classes offered online or in person?**
 - Classes for the YC nursing program are only available in person.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS:

- **As a Nursing Intent student, can I be a part of the SNA?**
 - Yes
- **Does YC offer an LPN Bridge Program?**
 - An LPN step-out course will be offered beginning Fall 2023 and is available to nursing students who successfully complete the first year of the program.
 - An Advanced Placement program will be offered for LPN to RN starting Spring 2024.
- **Do EMT's need to complete the Nursing Assistant Training?**
 - Yes
- **Does YC offer a Nursing Assistant course?**
 - Yes, AHS 114 is offered through the Allied Health Department as either a 3-week accelerated or 16-week course. There is an application process for the course similar to the Nursing Program application. Check with your advisor about this process.
- **Does YC offer a concurrent enrollment program?**
 - Yes, we have 4 university current enrollment partners- ASU, GCU, NAU, UoPX
- **Is it true that Yavapai College will be offering an RN-BSN?**
 - We are currently seeking approval for an RN – BSN degree. Once students successfully complete their AAS degree and pass NCLEX, they are eligible to apply for the BSN degree.