

Nursing News

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A Note from the Nursing Program Director

Dr. Marylou E. Mercado, RN

Welcome nursing students to the Fall 2020 semester. Currently there approximately 191 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 an annual pass rate of 93.5% for 2019* equal to the AZBN pass rate average of 93%.

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*. Job Placement Rates for graduates in 2019* is 87%

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 Nursing Program Options.

The Nursing Program Student Handbook for 2020-2021 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 specific to the YC Campus Re-entry Plan in response to COVID 19; faculty will review with students at the start of Fall 2020 classes.

*Data extracted from YC IER

*Data extracted from the Arizona NCLEX Annual Reports



Upcoming Events

August 17

Fall 2020 Semester Starts

November 25

Thanksgiving Break

December 11

Fall Semester ends.

Pinning Ceremony – Prescott Campus, All Program Students. Please watch for announcement details.



Faculty Virtual 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:

- Michael.hughes@yc.edu faculty club advisor, Prescott
- Cynthia.schroder@yc.edu - faculty club advisor, Verde
- Alexandra.stoddard@yc.edu – faculty club co-advisor, Verde and Prescott

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

Welcome to Fall 2020 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 is happening and what you will need to know, please make sure to **check your YC scholar email regularly** and review the Nursing webpage at www.yc.edu/nursing. Email blast notifications of important program updates, and other time sensitive correspondence will be sent to your YC email account. Our Nursing Newsletter, updated Nursing Program Student Handbook, Success Rates and CEP Nursing Program Options can be found on the nursing webpage or you can do a search for these on myYC. 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 2020 semester dates: August 17- December 11



SNA Events

Verde Campus SNA

Stay tuned for additional announcements and events.

Prescott Campus SNA

Stay tuned for additional announcements and events.



Spring 2021 semester dates: January 19- May 14

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.

Castle Branch has set specific renewal dates for new student accounts. If your CPR or TB happen to expire after the YC semester end date, but Castle Branch is requiring an early renewal, then please contact Keryn Lafferty for assistance.

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 2020-2021 flu season must be available for review in your Castle Branch account by October 8th, 2021. **For students who did not receive an immunization for the 2019-2020 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 24th, 2020 (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 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 are here to assist you as you pursue your nursing education.

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 in building 2, Room 228 on the Prescott Campus. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or email (pnaville@yc.edu) should you have questions, I am happy to assist.



More Important News

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

The Nursing Program is excited to announce the opening of a brand-new high-fidelity simulation center with all new simulation equipment located on the Verde Campus in Building L. The center is the Nursing Program's pride and joy, and the faculty cannot wait to get students in there to practice and perfect the art of clinical judgement in a safe and fun environment!!

We are also proud to announce we are implementing another multilevel simulation experience for this Fall 2020 semester for students who miss a clinical day; the date(s) are yet to be determined but will be held on the Verde campus for both Prescott and Verde students who missed clinical. The feedback from students who attended previous multilevel simulation experiences was overwhelmingly positive and promoted a sense of collegiality and pride for those in attendance.

The simulation committee remains committed to your success in simulation; posted in each Canvas course is a student policy with clearly defined expectations and objectives for simulation experiences. 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](#).

YC Tutoring Services

Tutoring Services are available online at [Tutoring](#). Please make full use of these resources for your student success.

Nursing Lab Hours

Monday-Friday

Verde and Prescott Nursing Skills Labs

By scheduled appointment. Contact your Skills Instructor for additional information.

Faculty provide lab support hours for students 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 of nine or less while social distancing of six feet and, wearing a face cover.

Prescott

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Verde

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Advising

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 *Your Advisor link*.

[Contact an Academic Advisor](#)

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 with several items that can be ordered online.

[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 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. Faculty email the students with ATI information to assist them with accessing ATI materials.

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. All students will have ATI orientation the first week classes.

ATI Nursing Educational Resources information is noted in the 200-2021 Course Syllabus for reference.

Restructured Nursing Program Curriculum 2020 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.

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