

Practical Nursing Fast Track Certificate

Information Session

Allied Health

Objectives

1. Provide an overview of the practical nursing profession
2. Describe the Practical Nursing Fast Track certificate program at Yavapai College
3. Identify the Practical Nursing Fast Track certificate application and program requirements
4. Prepare students for practical nursing education
5. Share information on academic success resources available to support students
6. Allow students to ask questions and seek clarification on any aspect of practical nursing education or the profession

Welcome!

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What is Practical Nursing?

Practical Nurses provide patient care under the direction of a Registered Nurse in a variety of settings with a variety of clinical specializations:

SETTINGS:

- Hospitals
- Home health care
- Nursing home and nursing care facilities
- Physician offices and private practices
- Schools

SPECIALIZATIONS:

- Gerontology
- Rehabilitation
- Pediatrics
- Maternity
- Medical/Surgical
- Family Practice
- Oncology

State regulation and job descriptions determine LPN duties. Examples may be:

- Monitoring patient's health
- Vital signs
- Medication administration
- Wound care
- Infusion Therapy
- Urinary catheters
- Ventilator and tracheostomy care
- Specimen collection
- Recording and reporting

LPN employment projected to grow 3% from 2023-2033!
(Department of Labor, 2022)

- Growth occurring due to:
 - Increased emphasis on preventative care
 - Growing rates of chronic conditions such as diabetes and obesity
 - More admission to long-term care facilities
 - Greater need for home healthcare
- Students often receive offers for employment from the same organization where they complete their clinical rotation
- In Arizona, the national median salary for LPNs is \$59,336, well above national average (Lightcast, 2022)

Program Philosophy

- The Practical Nursing faculty are committed to contributing to the profession of nursing through teaching and service.
- We recognize that practical nursing students are unique, come from diverse backgrounds and have individual learning needs.
- Nursing is an art and science, and a sound Practical Nursing education curriculum integrates knowledge from the sciences and the humanities.

The Program

- Inaugural class started Fall 2024
- 22 Credits across 2 semesters
- In-person classes at the Prescott Valley Center
- Theory
- Pharmacology
- Skills Lab & Simulation
- Clinical (off-site: travel required)
- Arizona Board Of Nursing (AZBN) approved Program
- Graduates are eligible for NCLEX-PN exam to obtain licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)



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The YC Practical Nursing Fast Track program is the award recipient of the Department of Labor (DOL) Nurse Expansion Grant!

- The PN Fast Track program is intended to upskill CNAs, LNAs, and Military Medical Personnel to a higher profession of Licensed Practicing Nurse (LPN)
- YC faculty and administrative staff will be tracking student employment status at entry, during the program, and upon graduation, to meet grant requirements and will be providing the data to the DOL as requested
- Supportive funds to assist with tuition are available to qualified students that meet the need criteria through FAFSA. Please contact your academic advisor and/or financial aid for more information! (You MUST complete a FAFSA to qualify!!)

Pre-Entry Requirements

- Arizona certification or licensure as a CNA, LNA or Military Medical Personnel with proof of one year of full-time or two years of part-time recent work experience
- TEAS entrance exam with minimum score of 55.4% (Reading, Math, Science, English and Language)
- Testing information and scheduling can be done at <https://www.yc.edu/v6/testing-center/>
- TEAS testing score only eligible for 2-application cycles, then must be repeated
- Students MUST complete an Information Session, online or in-person, within 12 months of application
- AZ Department of Public Safety Level 1 Fingerprint Clearance Card
- Health Care Provider Signature Form (See program application www.yc.edu/alliedhealth)
- Proof of residency
- Pre-Entry check sheet form signed by advising and student (contact your advisor for this)

Admissions

- Enrollment is limited and highly competitive
- Students MUST meet the minimum requirements of the program and those of Yavapai College
- Admission is based on point value system
- All Pre-Entry Requirements must be completed and submitted with the program application prior to receiving credit for points towards program acceptance
- Program application can be found on the Allied Health website

Program Selection

Category	Ranking Criteria	Criteria Points Values*	Possible Points
1	*ATI TEAS Pre-Entrance Cumulative Score 55.4% minimum is required for application submission	77.3-100% = 500 points 73.3-77.2% = 450 points 66.8-73.2% = 400 points 62.7-66.7% = 350 points 55.4-62.6% = 300 points Example: Cumulative Score of 60% = 300 points	500
2	**Residency	Yavapai County = 100 points State of Arizona = 50 points	100

*Based on the ATI TEAS V7 PN 2022 Percentile Rank Table Mean of 55.4%

**Min. 1 yr. at time of application submission

- Program selection is based on a 600-point system
- Final selection and placement will be determined by the Director of Allied Health
- Students will receive a Notification of Acceptance/Non-Acceptance via YC Scholar Email account within four weeks of the application deadline

Health Requirements

Upon conditional acceptance, there are additional health and safety requirements tracked via CastleBranch:

- Drug Testing
- Criminal Background
- Immunizations
- Tuberculosis Testing
- American Heart Association BLS CPR for Health Care Providers
- If a student DOES NOT meet the health and safety requirement deadlines as identified in the acceptance packet, the student's program acceptance will be administratively withdrawn

Program Costs

Program Needs	Costs
Course Tuition	\$4246
Textbooks (e-Book bundle), APA and Drug Guide Printed texts and recommended material for additional costs)	\$325
HESI	\$300
MyClinicalExchange www.myclinicalexchange.com	\$40
Background Check, Drug Test, and Immunization Tracker (CastleBranch)	\$151
Uniform and Shoes	\$200
Physical Exam and Immunizations	\$350
CPR—Basic Life Support of Health Care Providers (American Heart Association, in-person EMS123 course)	\$70
Fingerprinting Fee	\$130
Transportation	\$500
Nursing Pin	Gold: \$100
At time of program completion)	Silver: \$70
LPN Exam and licensure fees (After program completion)	Licensure Application, AZBN: \$303 Fingerprints, AZBN: \$50 Exam Registration, Pearson Vie: \$200
Total Estimated Cost:	\$6935
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*This information is provided to give students, parents, and advisors an approximate cost of the program. The actual costs may be higher or lower. Tuition and other fees may change at the Governing Board's discretion while this document is in effect. In addition, the Allied Health Department may have cause to increase fees. Please make sure that you take on the responsibility of knowing tuition and fee schedules as they pertain to you.	

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Textbook Info

- Cooper & Gosnell – Adult Health Nursing 9th Edition
- Leifer – Introduction to Maternity & Pediatric Nursing
- Willihnganz, Gurevitz & Cl – Claytons Basic Pharmacology for Nurses 19th Ed
- Kizior & Hodgson – Saunders Nursing Drug Handbook 2025 1st Ed
- Custom Order E-book package

Progression

To qualify for enrollment in subsequent requisite, pre-requisite, and co-requisite courses, the following must be achieved:

- Pass all components of current PN courses
- Maintain compliance with the Health and Safety Requirements through program completion
- Meet all deadlines for clinical facility requirements (ie: CastleBranch, myClinicalExchange)
- Maintain and demonstrate professional student conduct when in the PN program as described in the student handbook and YC Code of Conduct

Progression Plan

Fast Track Practical Nursing Program Pre-Admissions Requirement(s):						
CNAs, LNAs or MMP with one year of full-time or two years of part-time recent work experience; a successful score on ATI TEAS entrance exam (proficiency in Reading, Math, Science, English, and Language)						
Course		Semester 1	Co-requisites	Typically Offered		
				Credits	FA	SP
LPN	101	Fundamentals of Practical Nursing Care I *	Concurrent enrollment in LPN 105, LPN 110 & LPN 115	4	X	X
LPN	105	Development of Practical Nursing Practice* (skills lab)	Concurrent enrollment in LPN 101, LPN 110 & LPN 115	2	X	X
LPN	110	Application of Practical Nursing Practice I (clinical)*	Concurrent enrollment in LPN 101, LPN 105 & LPN 115	3	X	X
LPN	115	Pharmacology for Practical Nursing I*	Concurrent enrollment in LPN 101, LPN 105 & LPN 110	2	X	X
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS				11		
Course		Semester 2	Prerequisites/ Corequisites	Credits	FA	SP
LPN	201	Fundamentals of Practical Nursing Care II	*Concurrent enrollment in LPN 205, LPN 210 & LPN 215	4	X	X
LPN	205	Advanced Development of Practical Nursing (Skills lab)	*Concurrent enrollment in LPN 201, LPN 210 & LPN 215	2	X	X
LPN	210	Application of Practical Nursing II (clinical)	*Concurrent enrollment in LPN 201, LPN 205 & LPN 215	3	X	X
LPN	215	Development of Pharmacology for Practical Nursing II	*Concurrent enrollment in LPN 201, LPN 205 & LPN 215	2	X	X
TOTAL SEMESTER CREDITS				11		

Academic Success

Learning Center Services:

- Tutoring
- Workshops and study skills
- Resources for study effectiveness
- Prep for TEAS
- Subject/Content help
- Tools for success
- Computer help basics
- Prescott: 928.776.2085
- Verde: 928.634.6562

Questions?

Financial Aid

Prescott: 928.776.2152 Verde:
928.634.6502

Financial.aid@yc.edu

Testing Services

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Advising Services

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Please remember to fill out the Information Session Verification Form on the Allied Health website to confirm completion of this online session! This **MUST** be done as part of your application to the program



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