

# Practical Nursing Fast Track Certificate

Informational 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 and private practice offices
- Schools

## SPECIALIZATIONS:

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

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

- Monitoring patient condition
- Vital signs
- Medication administration
- Wound care
- Infusion therapy
- Urinary catheter insertion/management
- Tracheostomy care
- Specimen collection
- Documentation

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



### GROWTH DUE TO:

- Increased emphasis on preventative care
  - Growing rates of chronic conditions such as diabetes and obesity
  - Higher rates of admission to long-term care facilities
  - Greater need for home healthcare
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- Students may 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 in  
Prescott Valley

- 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)



3800 N. Glassford Hill Road, Prescott  
Valley

Department  
of Labor  
Nurse  
Expansion  
Grant

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



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 **58%** (Reading, Math, Science, English and Language)  
<https://www.yc.edu/v6/testing-center/>
-  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 at [www.yc.edu/alliedhealth](http://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 58% 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 58-62.6% = 300 points  Example: Cumulative Score of 60% = 300 points	500
2	**Residency	Yavapai County = 100 points State of Arizona = 50 points	100

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

### CastleBranch Requirements (After Provisional Acceptance)

Drug Test

Background Check

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 <a href="http://www.myclinicalexchange.com">www.myclinicalexchange.com</a>	\$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
Total Estimated Cost:	\$6865.00
*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 9<sup>th</sup> Edition
- Leifer – Introduction to Maternity & Pediatric Nursing
- Willihnganz, Gurevitz & Cl – Claytons Basic Pharmacology for Nurses 19<sup>th</sup> Ed
- Kizior & Hodgson – Saunders Nursing Drug Handbook 2025 1<sup>st</sup> 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	Credits	Typically Offered	
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  
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Advising Services  
Prescott:  
928.776.2106  
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Testing  
Services  
Prescott:  
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Verde:  
928.634.6561

Allied Health Clinical  
Nurse Coordinator  
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# Information Session Completion

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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