

Nursing News

A Note from the Director of Nursing

Dr. Marylou E. Mercado, RN

Welcome nursing students to the Fall 2022 semester. Currently there are approximately 200 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 101,117 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 2021* is 94%.](#)

The [Nursing Program Student Handbook](#) for 2022-2023 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.

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



Upcoming Events

SNA Boot Camps

Prescott: 8-11-2022

12:00 PM

Rm 2-216

Verde Valley: 8-25-2022

12:00 – 1:00 PM

Rm M-137

August 15

Fall 2022 Semester Starts

December 9

Pinning Ceremony, YCPAC



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

Welcome to Fall 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. Fall 2022 semester dates: August 15th - December 10th

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 Sharal Patinathan



A wonderful welcome to our future nurses! We are pleased to have you with us. My name is Sharal Patinathan (*pronounced Sha-rel Patty-nathan*) and I come from the land down under – good ol Melbourne, Australia. As the Prescott Instructional Support Specialist, I am here to help with all general questions, where to find resources, connect you with the right people/department and other various conundrums. You can find me in Building 2 Office 228, feel free to pop in and say hello – sadly my Aussie accent is non-existent in everyday conversation, but I can give you an authentic Aussie hello and no, I do not sound like Steve Irwin.

New Simulation Coordinator and Clinical Instructors:

We are pleased to introduce our new Full Time Simulation Coordinator, Jennifer Pimenidis (Jenn), our Full Time Clinical Nursing Instructor, Steven Wilcoxon and our new Adjunct Clinical Nursing Instructor, Heather Johnson.

Jenn's career began as an Operating Room (OR) staff nurse. She worked her way up to the roles of Charge Nurse, Director of Nursing and finally Administrator. Her recent role as Administrator included planning, organizing and directing daily operations under Joint Commission Standards including educating clinical staff and performing clinical competency evaluations. Jenn has been successful in leading accreditation site surveys for Ambulatory Surgery Centers. What she finds most rewarding in the nursing career is the opportunity to help people in their most unexpected and vulnerable moments. Outside of work, she enjoys spending time with family and stand-up paddle boarding on the lake.

Heather has always worked in healthcare. She first began as an ER Technician right out of high school and then as a Phlebotomist. Having worked as an LPN while going to RN school, Heather understands the rough-and-tumble of working and studying. For the past 10 years now, Heather has worked in an ED. For leisure, she loves to travel, hike and scuba dive. She has a love for animals with 3 dogs, 1 house pig and 15 chickens.

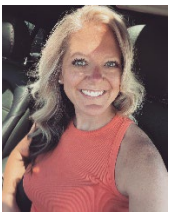
Steven or Steve-O has been an ER nurse for 8 years and recently he has been doing flight nursing. When he is not in flight or the ER, he loves to camp, fish, hunt and golf, all while doing power dad stuff for his 3 beautiful daughters!

Student Nurses Association:

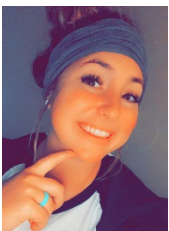
Being a part of SNA is an amazing opportunity to create positive changes and unique experiences. As always, SNA is blessed with wonderful individuals to lead the association for the academic year. Allow me to introduce your SNA Presidents.

Leadership Introduction:

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our new SNA Presidents and Officers.



Prescott SNA President, Carrie Parker: Carrie is a 3rd semester student and is making a career change from being an Elementary teacher for 13 years. She has always wanted to be a nurse since she was 8 years old. Carrie enjoys baking, golfing and volunteering her time at Church. She is married to the love her life with 4 beautiful children.



Verde SNA President, Cassandra Bailey: Cassie is a 3rd semester student and works as a 911 dispatcher for Police and Fire/EMS services for 7 years now. She has 2 beautiful children that love to go on adventures with her outdoors. They love swimming!

SNA Officers and Contact Details:

<p><u>Prescott SNA</u></p> <p><u>Prescott SNA President</u> Carrie Parker Cparker45@yc.edu</p> <p><u>Prescott SNA Vice President</u> Breeanna (Bree) Murphy bmurphy8@scholar.yc.edu</p>	<p><u>Verde SNA</u></p> <p><u>Verde SNA President</u> Cassandra (Cassie) Bailey cbailey3@yc.edu</p> <p><u>Verde SNA Vice President</u> Ashley Bauer abauer1@yc.edu</p>
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Please feel free to reach out to the SNA Officers on how you can be a part of SNA and take advantage of the many wonderful opportunities to advance current skills, develop leadership skills, volunteer in community events, network and be a part of unique experiences outside of the Nursing Program.

A Little Reminder:

"Progress not perfection". If something does not work out, never be discouraged. Focus on smaller achievements and enjoy the process even if it isn't perfect, because we can recognize evidence of our progress. Every step is adding a layer of improvement for the next progression and eventually you will see tangible achievements you can be proud of.

Thank you for choosing YC Nursing Program. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns on 928-776-2017 or sharal.patinathan@yc.edu

Mrs. Elizabeth Wagner, RN Skills Lab Support

Mrs. Wagner is a valuable member of the nursing team in providing clinical lab support for student clinical growth and development. *Mrs. Wagner is available to students in the Nursing Skills lab with scheduled times and availability for practice and remediation.* Please stop in and see her when on campus to introduce yourself and learn more about what the Nursing Skills Lab has to offer.

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 to 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, in your myYC portal. Click on Your Advisor underneath your name and your Academic Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor will come up with their email address and link to schedule an appointment.

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.

YC Tutoring Hours of Service

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

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](#)

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