

# Nursing News

## A Note from the Director of Nursing

Dr. Barbara Durham, RN

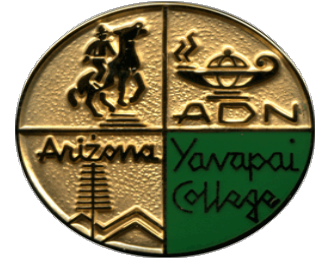
Welcome nursing students to the Spring 2023 semester. Currently there are approximately 200 students enrolled in the nursing program at the Prescott and Verde Valley locations, including a new cohort of 50 first semester students! Yavapai College (YC) Nursing graduates continue to be successful on the NCLEX-RN Licensure with a first-time pass rate of 89.77% for 2022\*(total of four quarters) surpassing the 84.78% pass rate for the state of Arizona and 79.97% pass rate nationally.

Yavapai College is ranked 12<sup>th</sup> out of 34 nursing schools across Arizona according to [www.registerednursing.org](http://www.registerednursing.org). This ranking is based on current and historical NCLEX pass rates.

Currently, according to Arizona Board of Nursing there are 107,131 RN's practicing in Arizona (Newsletter, Nov 2022). An increased demand for RNs in Arizona's future estimates 28,000 more needed by 2025\*. Job Placement Rates for graduates in 2021\* was 94%; 2022 data is still being processed.

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 YC e-NEWSFLASH communications.

\*Data extracted from YC IER  
\*Data extracted from the Arizona NCLEX Reports  
\*ASU Online/Newsroom  
\*\* <https://www.registerednursing.org/state/arizona/>



## Upcoming Events

### SNA Boot Camps

**Prescott: 1-11-2023**

3:00 PM  
Rm 2-216

**Verde Valley: 1-24-2023**

3:15 PM  
Rm M-203

### January 17

Spring 2023 Semester Starts

### May 12

Pinning Ceremony, YCPAC



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

Welcome to Spring 2023 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. Spring 2023 semester dates: January 17 – May 13, 2023**

**Updates: *The Influenza Immunization renewal date will be changed on Castle Branch to October 1<sup>st</sup> of every year. The Hep B requirement will be changing in Castle Branch for Fall 2023 incoming students- more details to come later.***

Thank you for ensuring your Nursing Program requirements are completed in a timely manner. As always, you are welcome to call or email me with any questions you have at 928-634-6546 or [keryn.lafferty@yc.edu](mailto: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. I am currently the Prescott Nursing Instructional Support Specialist but have had a position change recently and am in transition to my new role in Health Sciences. For right now, 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 4 Office 227, 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 Faculty:

We are pleased to introduce our new Full Time Nursing Faculty: Dr. Bambi Pish-Derr and Mr. Edward Miranda.

Dr. Bambi Pish-Derr: Dr. Derr's favorite thing about nursing is the variable paths one can choose from. Though her career has been focused on leadership and critical care, she has been fortunate to also spend time in flight, education, trauma and home health. She shares her love of nursing and travel with her husband who is also a nurse. Dr. Pish-Derr serves in the US Navy as a Captain and Chief Nursing officer for an Expeditionary Medical Facility Great Lakes and has deployed 3 times. Dr. Pish-Derr and her husband have 5 children & 4 beautiful grandchildren, 2 dogs and 2 cats.

Mr. Edward Miranda: After retiring from the Air Force in 2006 Mr. Miranda immediately attended Nursing School and has been an RN for 15 years; most of that time as an ER nurse and more recently as an ER educator. He just moved here from the Reno area but was originally from the Phoenix area where he still has family. Mr. Miranda thoroughly enjoys teaching and is now excited about teaching in academia. He is also a pilot, jazz enthusiast, and enjoys mountain biking and weightlifting.

### **Student Nurses Association:**

Being a part of SNA is an amazing opportunity to create positive changes and unique experiences. Feel free to reach out to any of your SNA officers by text, phone or email should you need anything. Faculty advisors for SNA are Associate Professor Troxel (Prescott) and Professor Schroder (Verde).

As always, SNA is blessed with wonderful individuals to lead the association for the academic year. Allow me to introduce your SNA Leadership.

### **Prescott Leadership Introduction:**

Firstly, congratulations to our new Prescott SNA Vice President Sarah Kramer and new Prescott SNA Treasurer Lauren Zeller.

#### **Carrie Parker - President:**



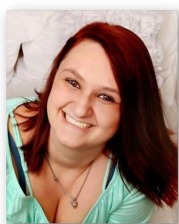
Carrie is a 4<sup>th</sup> semester student and is making a career change from being an Elementary teacher for 13 years. She has always wanted to be a nurse since she was 8 years old. Carrie enjoys baking, golfing and volunteering her time at Church. She is married to the love her life with 4 beautiful children.

#### **Sarah Kramer – Vice President:**



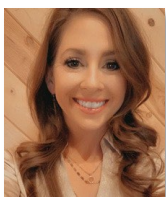
Sarah is a 4<sup>th</sup> semester student and is excited to be the SNA VP for the spring semester. She has plans to complete both her ADN at YC and BSN at ASU. Sarah has always felt a calling to help people and wants to work with mothers & their babies, children, US Military Veterans and their families, post-graduation. After moving from Seattle, Sarah and her husband enjoy hiking and exploring as well as spending time with family and friends.

#### **Tiffany Dalton – Secretary:**



Tiffany is a 3<sup>rd</sup> semester student and is thrilled to work with everyone this spring. She has a husband and 2 children (ages 4 and 6) and loves cooking, reading, and gaming in her spare time. In becoming a nurse, she wants to pay it forward based on the great nurses who have helped her in the past. Tiffany also tutors in the learning center for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> semester nursing students.

#### **Lauren Zeller – Treasurer:**



Lauren is currently a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester student and is delighted to be joining SNA leadership. She has devoted most of her career to oncology as a certified medical assistant and is also a certified pharmacy technician. Lauren lives in Prescott Valley with her boyfriend, Tim, and their two daughters, Lilly (11) and Violet (6). During her spare time, Lauren enjoys bowling, Jeopardy, Harry Potter as well as cooking, baking, and “pretending” to be a mountain biker.

## Verde Leadership Introduction:

Firstly, congratulations to our new Verde SNA President, Taidyme Mae and new Verde SNA Vice President Kamryn Pusi.

### **Taidyme Mae - President:**



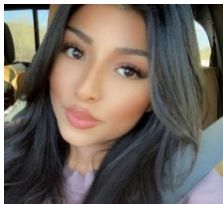
Taidyme is a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Nursing Student and is looking forward to collaborating with everyone in her new leadership role. Following years in Office Management, her healthcare experience consists of Inpatient Behavioral Health as a Certified Nursing Assistant. She is an aspiring Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA) hoping to serve her hometown of Prescott, AZ. Taidyme has a Sulcata Tortoise named Tiny, and an Australian Shepard named Koda. Her hobbies include: softball, volleyball, music, and outdoor recreation.

### **Kamryn Pusi – Vice President:**



Kamryn is a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Nursing Student at Yavapai College and works as an Emergency Department Technician for the past five years. Kamryn enjoys hunting, fishing, and archery during her free time.

### **Jessica Guerrero – Secretary:**



Jessica is a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Nursing Student at Yavapai College and is a first-generation Latina student on the path to becoming a CVICU nurse. She has been a CNA for the past 6 years. In her free time, Jessica loves exploring the outdoors, spending time with family or simply napping on the couch with her two cats.

### **Aaron Sanchez – Treasurer:**



Aaron is a 2<sup>nd</sup> semester Nursing Student at Yavapai College. He is a PCT at VVMC in the ICU. Over the past 4 years as a PCT, Aaron loves making an impact on patients' lives and enjoys caring for others. He has wanted to be a nurse ever since childhood. Outside of school, he enjoys lunch dates with friends and spending time with family.

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.

### SNA Officers and Contact Details:

<b><u>Prescott SNA</u></b> Prescott SNA President Carrie Parker <a href="mailto:Cparker45@yc.edu">Cparker45@yc.edu</a>	<b><u>Verde SNA</u></b> Verde SNA President Taidyme Mae <a href="mailto:tmae21@yc.edu">tmae21@yc.edu</a>
Prescott SNA Vice President Sarah Kramer <a href="mailto:skramer@scholar.yc.edu">skramer@scholar.yc.edu</a>	Verde SNA Vice President Kamryn Pusi <a href="mailto:kpusi@scholar.yc.edu">kpusi@scholar.yc.edu</a>
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### Spring 2023 SNA Meeting Schedule:

<b>Prescott schedule: Location 2-216</b>	<b>Verde schedule: Location G-103</b>
Jan 25 @ 5:15 pm	Jan 23 @ 3:15 pm
Feb 22 @ 5:15 pm	Feb 20 @ 3:15 pm
Mar 22 @ 5:15 pm	Mar 20 @ 3:15 pm
Apr 19 @ 5:15 pm	Apr 17 @ 3:15 pm
May 3 @ 5:15 pm	May 8 @ 3:15 pm

### 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 to the YC Nursing Office with any questions or concerns: 928-776-2017 or [nursing@yc.edu](mailto:nursing@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 on the Prescott campus with scheduled times and availability for practice and remediation.* She has scheduled open lab hours from 1000-1400 every Friday during the semester. 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. Academic Advisors are just one of your many resources here and we can help with program planning, transfer planning, and support. You can see who your assigned advisor is in your myYC portal. Click



on Your Advisor underneath your name in the portal and your Academic Advisor and Financial Aid Advisor will come up with their email address and link to schedule an appointment using our online calendaring system.

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. You can find more information on these programs, <https://www.yc.edu/v6/schools/hewe/docs/nursing/yc-cep-doc-2020-2021.pdf>. 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! We will be in contact with you throughout each semester so check your email regularly. 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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**Upcoming Events:**

**Health Science Job Fair** – February 7<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 5pm on Prescott Campus Room 19-147

**Pathways to Careers Exploratory Day** – February 10<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm on Verde Campus Bldg. D (Skills Trade Center)

**Important YC Contact Information:**

<p>Prescott</p> <p>YC Campus Safety 928-237-0420 Prescott cell</p> <p>Disability Resource Specialist – Prescott Petra Bennett 928-776-2057</p>	<p>Verde</p> <p>YC Campus Safety 928-239-0172 Verde Cell</p> <p>Disability Resource Specialist – Verde Kay Rollis 928-634-6567</p>
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