

FAQ - Yavapai College Nursing Program

PRE-PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

- **Do I really need to retake BIO/MAT courses if they are over 10 years old?**
 - Yes – It is a program requirement for an AAS degree.
- **What are the prerequisite courses?**
 - MAT142 or 141 College Math or higher: 3 credits
 - ENG 101A or 101 College Composition I: 3 credits
 - ENG 102 College Composition II: 3 credits
 - BIO 156 or BIO 181 Human Biology for Allied Health or General Biology I: 4 credits
 - BIO 201 and 202 Human Anatomy & Physiology I and II: 4 credits each, 8 credits total
 - BIO 205 Microbiology: 4 credits
 - PHI 204 or PSY 101 Medical Ethics or Introduction to Psychology: 3 credits
 - **Total Prerequisite Credits: 28**
- **If I do not have a class from the prerequisites, can I still apply? If so, what are the chances I would get accepted?**
 - Pre-requisites should be complete or the final ones in progress at the time of application. All prerequisites need to be completed prior to the semester the applicant has applied to start in.
 - Ex: If applying for spring 2026, the applicant can be in progress with their last pre-requisite course(s) in fall 2025. Points on the selection criteria are earned on completed coursework. Any prerequisites in progress would not count toward points for application submission.
- **I have an account with CastleBranch from my CNA course. Can I use the same account for the Nursing Program?**
 - No. The Nursing Program has a separate account code with Castle Branch. Students would use the YA23 package code for the Nursing Program.
- **Are there any requirements that I should know about before applying?**
 - Please review the following in the Nursing Applicant Information Guide:
 - Health Requirements & Health Declaration
 - Immunizations and Documentation Required for the Nursing Program
 - There is a pre-program requirement of an approved nursing assistant course within 3 years of application or current Arizona CNA/LNA certification
 - The ATI TEAS pre-entrance exam must be completed at Yavapai College (some remote proctoring options may be available)
 - Additional Admission Requirements After Conditional Acceptance
 - **It is highly recommended that students work with an Advisor to develop a customized plan in preparation for application and throughout the program.**

ATI TEAS TESTING:

- **I took the ATI TEAS two years ago. Is it still valid?**
 - No. The ATI TEAS test scores are good for 2 consecutive application cycles and expire after one year. Example: ATI Teas scores from Spring 2025 and Fall 2025 could be submitted with the application for the Spring 2026 program start.
- **Can I take the ATI TEAS multiple times during an application cycle?**
 - Students may take the ATI TEAS only once every application cycle.
- **Can I transfer my ATI TEAS score from another school?**
 - No, the ATI TEAS must be taken at Yavapai College. Opportunities are available for in-person or remote testing through Yavapai College Testing Services.
- **Why is the ATI TEAS test so important?**
 - The ATI TEAS test is important because there is a correlation between high scores on the TEAS test and success in the nursing program. The TEAS score is worth 50% of the nursing program selection criteria for acceptance.

PRE-NURSING WORKSHOPS:

- **Do I really need to attend a workshop to apply to the program?**
 - Yes- The workshop is good for 12 months and must be current at the time of nursing application submission.
 - Pre-nursing workshops are self-paced and available online. They can be taken at your convenience.
- **Are pre-nursing workshops available in person?**
 - Yes- There will be workshops scheduled during the application cycle.
- **What if I miss a pre-nursing workshop?**
 - A pre-nursing workshop certificate is required for the nursing program application packet. If you miss a workshop, you may visit the nursing webpage to view additional workshop dates or complete the online self-paced workshop.

PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE AND APPLICATIONS:

- **When is the application deadline?**
 - Deadlines will vary semester by semester. Application cycles for a spring semester (January start) will be open in September. Application cycles for fall semester (August start) will be open in February.
 - Applicants will be notified of a conditional acceptance within 3-4 weeks of the application cycle closing by email.
- **Is there an application fee?**
 - No

- **How competitive is it? How many people apply, and how many get accepted?**
 - As of Fall 2023, 62 program seats are available every spring and every fall. The program offers 40 seats on the Prescott campus (an evening cohort may be an option depending on the amount of interest) and 22 seats on the Verde campus.
 - The number of applications can vary greatly each semester. The level of competitiveness is based on the number of applications, how well students perform on the ATI TEAS exam, and other sections of the Selection Criteria, and if the application submission is complete.
- **What are the chances my friend/sister, etc., and I would get accepted at the same time?**
 - The Yavapai College Nursing Program Selection Criteria is data-driven and based on a 1000-point system.
 - There have been instances when friends, family members, or significant others have begun the program at the same time.
- **Does YC offer a waitlist for the program?**
 - No, Yavapai College does not have a waitlist or keep applications on file for future application cycles. We have an alternate list with each application cycle. Alternates are ranked according to the same selection criteria. Should an applicant decline their accepted placement in the nursing program, the next alternate will be notified.

COST:

- **Is this a Western Undergraduate Exchange (WUE) school?**
 - In general, yes- however, some specialized programs may not offer reduced tuition in the AAS program. <https://www.yc.edu/v6/registrar/residency.html>
 - Residents of one of the following states may qualify for the WUE tuition rate at Yavapai College: *Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, North Dakota, New Mexico, Nevada, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.*
- **How much does it cost?**
 - Costs are based on Arizona in-state tuition rates and for the 25-26 academic year are approximately:
 - Tuition for all prerequisites and corequisite courses: \$4,667
 - AAS tuition: \$8,221.50
 - RN-BSN tuition costs: \$9,302.50
 - LPN-RN Advanced Placement tuition costs: \$3,958.50
 - LPN Step-Out tuition costs: \$4,263
 - Other costs include \$823 for books and clinical requirements, \$162.50 for background check and drug screen, \$350 for RN licensure fees, \$750 for transportation expenses, \$300 for uniform and shoes, up to \$700 for additional expenses related to physical exam, immunizations, CPR certification, fingerprinting fees, etc.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM:

- **How long is the program?**
 - The AAS nursing program is 4-semester or 2 years (does not include any pre-entry requirements or prerequisite coursework)
- **Is the program offered in quarters, trimesters, or semesters?**
 - The nursing program has semesters. Courses can be 8 weeks, 16 weeks, or a combination of both.
 - The program admits students twice a year in the fall and spring.
- **What is the NCLEX pass rate?**
 - The NCLEX pass rate varies annually. Please visit <https://www.yc.edu/nursing> (click on program success rates) for the most current information available.
- **Is the Nursing Program located on various campuses?**
 - Yes, it is offered on both the Prescott and Verde campuses.
- **Does the nursing program specialize in anything? (e.g. geriatrics, emergency room, trauma)**
 - A list of program courses can be found in the application guide.
 - The mission of Yavapai College's Health Sciences Division is to provide quality education that will develop competent, caring, holistic and ethical practitioners who value lifelong learning and adapt to continuous changes in the health care system.
- **Where do students complete their clinicals?**
 - First-semester clinicals are completed in a long-term care facility. The facilities currently used are Pure Health, MVRRH, and Haven. VAMC could also be used.
 - Second and Third-semester clinicals are held at YRMC locations and VVMC.
 - Third-semester mental health rotations are held at various clinical sites, including but not limited to Polara Health locations, Decision Point, Yavapai County Detention Center, Spectrum Healthcare, and Stoneridge Centers.
 - Fourth-semester preceptorship experiences may be scheduled at YRMC, NAH locations, VAMC, MVRRH, and other locations as determined by the Nursing Program.
- **Is there an age limit for applying to the nursing program?**
 - Yes. Due to clinical agency affiliation agreements, any prospective applicant must be 18 years old before they are able to attend clinical.
- **Does the nursing program offer a hybrid version? (Schoolwork, online, simulations, labs, and clinical in person)**
 - No, at this time a hybrid version of the program is not offered.
- **Are classes offered online or in person?**
 - Classes for the YC nursing program are only available in person.
 - The RN-BSN program is 100% online.

MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS:

- **As a Nursing Intent student, can I be a part of the SNA (Student Nurses' Association)?**
 - Yes
- **Does YC offer an LPN Bridge Program?**
 - An LPN step-out course is offered and is available to nursing students who successfully complete the first year of the program.
 - An Advanced Placement program is available for LPN's wanting to pursue their RN degree.
- **Do EMTs, ER techs, etc., need to complete the Nursing Assistant Training?**
 - Yes. There are no waivers for a CNA/LNA certification. Experience as an ED tech, EMT, or other healthcare related technician position is not an acceptable substitute for CNA/LNA certification.
- **Does YC offer a Nursing Assistant course?**
 - Yes, AHS 114 is offered through the Allied Health Department as either a 3-week accelerated or 16-week course. There is an application process for the course similar to the Nursing Program application. Check with your advisor about this process.
- **Does YC offer a concurrent enrollment program?**
 - Yes, we have 4 university current enrollment partners- ASU, GCU, NAU, UoPX for students seeking a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing.
 - Yavapai College is also offering an RN-BSN option. Once students successfully complete their AAS degree and pass the NCLEX, they are eligible to apply for the BSN degree.
- **I am a YC graduate, do I have priority for acceptance into the RN-BSN program?**
 - All graduates from the YC nursing program are automatically conditionally accepted into the RN-BSN program. An application is still required. Upon successful completion of the NCLEX-RN exam, the graduate must submit the Nursys Quick Confirm Licensure Verification report to become unconditionally accepted.