



YAVAPAI COLLEGE PRACTICAL NURSING FAST TRACK CERTIFICATE

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The NEW! Practical Nursing Fast Track Certificate program offered by Yavapai College Allied Health provides CNAs, LNAs and MMP with the theory and skills required to practice as a practical nurse in acute care, extended care, and intermediate care settings.

The program of study combines nursing theory lectures with clinical experiences in a variety of patient care settings including hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare agencies. Graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN) to become a licensed practical nurse (LPN). Licensing requirements are the exclusive responsibility of the Arizona State Board of Nursing.

The Fast Track Practical Nursing program is a 2 sequential semester (excluding summer) program that prepares students for entry-level positions as practical nurses. The program starts twice per year: in the Fall and Spring semesters.

Prior to program application, the applicant must have an active Arizona certification or licensure as a CNA or LNA or MMP with one year of full-time or two years of part-time recent work experience; and a successful score on ATI TEAS entrance exam (proficiency in Reading, Math, Science, English and Language).

“This is a great time for our students, our clinical agency partners across Yavapai County, and our communities. Our clinical agency partners are excited to see the vision of LPN Fast-Track program that began in discussions at the Health Care Summit in 2021 become a reality for student enrollment this Fall, 2024. The need for a diverse workforce is greater than ever and Yavapai College is meeting the need for our community”, says Marylou E. Mercado Ed.D, MSN, RN, CNE, FNP-BC, Interim Vice President of Workforce & Health Sciences at Yavapai College.

Yavapai College is the recipient of the Department of Labor Nurse Expansion Grant. The grant will help fund the Allied Health department Practical Nursing Fast Track Certificate program through 2028. Supportive funds for tuition are available to students with completion of a FAFSA.

2024 Fall Enrollment for the Practical Nursing Fast Track Certificate is January 22nd - April 30th, and the program starts August 19th, 2024. Informational sessions will be hosted at Yavapai College Prescott Valley Center (3800 N. Glassford Hill Road. Prescott Valley, AZ) on the following dates:

- Thursday, February 8th, 5:30-6:30pm
- Friday, February 16th, 10:30-11:30am

- Thursday, February 22, 5:30-6:30pm
- Friday, March 1, 10:30-11:30am



For more information and application process go to [//yc.edu/alliedhealth](http://yc.edu/alliedhealth) or call 928-771-6126.

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