



Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 1.0: Carroll Community College & Towson University

General Information for the Primarily Online/Hybrid Model

I. General Program Information

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students once they are accepted to the Carroll Community College Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses and grade point average (GPA). Students will be dually enrolled as degree-seeking students at both Carroll CC and Towson University (TU). ATB 1.0 students begin their TU courses in the first term of their Carroll CC nursing program. Once they earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at Carroll CC, students must pass the NCLEX-RN licensure exam and receive their RN license to continue with their remaining coursework at TU to complete the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree.

Up to 80% of the TU curriculum may be completed online. The first TU course (NURS 349) must be taken in a hybrid or face-to-face format, and the practicum in the final term (NURS 489) must be completed face-to-face (in person). Other courses are typically offered online; the availability of in-person or hybrid course formats may vary depending on student interest and enrollment.

The ATB option requires year-round attendance and takes approximately 2.5 years to complete. Program length is nine terms, including winter and summer sessions. Carroll CC courses will be held at the Carroll CC campus in Westminster, MD. TU courses will be taken online or at the main TU campus in Towson, MD.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from Carroll CC and B.S. from TU. Students must meet all program and degree requirements at both institutions to receive the respective degrees. Advisors will be available at both schools.

II. Program Admission Requirements

- A. Admission to the Carroll CC Nursing Program (selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score)
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher in Carroll CC required admission courses
- C. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C (2.0) or better:
 - Chemistry (Carroll CC CHEM 101 or CHEM 105) – 4 credits (must include a lab)
 - Nutrition (Carroll CC BIOL 220) – 3 credits

III. General Application Procedures

Students must apply to both the Carroll CC A.S. Degree Nursing Program and the TU ATB option by the programs' deadlines. Students who are admitted to the TU ATB option must be eligible to enroll at Towson University, but they do not have to apply to TU by the ATB deadline. The TU Department of Nursing will provide instructions to apply and enroll at the university if ATB admission is offered.

Applying to Carroll CC RN Program

See Carroll CC application deadlines and procedures at <https://www.carrollcc.edu/programs/degrees-certificates/nursing-registered-nurse-a-s/>.

Applying to TU ATB

Students must apply and submit all required materials by the deadline to be considered for ATB admission.

Deadline:

- Fall Start – May 1

Required Materials:

1. NursingCAS Program Application for Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) – Carroll CC:
<https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>
2. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended submitted to NursingCAS

For full instructions to complete the NursingCAS application, visit the TU website:

<https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/nursing/undergrad/degree-options/associate-to-bs/admissions.html>.

Admission Decisions

The Carroll CC and TU Nursing Departments will review completed applications for acceptance into the ATB option. Students will be notified by either email and/or letter with admission decision. TU will only release admission decisions once Carroll CC has released their decisions. Students who do not receive admission to the Carroll CC program will not receive a decision from TU.

IV. Tuition, Fees, and Financial Aid

Students will be charged tuition and fees based on the policies of each institution. Tuition and fees are subject to change each academic year. If students are using financial aid, it will be processed through the TU Financial Aid Office based on the total enrollment at both institutions. For the purposes of tuition and financial aid, students must be aware that the ATB plan of study involves part-time enrollment (less than 12 credits) for the majority of the program. More information is available online:

- Carroll CC tuition and fees: <https://www.carrollcc.edu/admissions-aid/costs-scholarships-aid/>
- TU tuition and fees: <https://www.towson.edu/student-university-billing/tuition/>
- TU financial aid information: <https://www.towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/>

V. Non-Nursing Course Requirements

| Requirements for the Carroll CC Associate Degree RN Program | | | Additional Prerequisites for Admission to the TU ATB Option | Additional Non-Nursing Requirements for the TU Bachelor of Science in Nursing |
|---|-----------------------|------|--|--|
| ENGL 101 | College Writing I | 3 cr | General Chemistry with Lab4 cr | Upper-level Elective (Healthcare Ethics)3 cr |
| ENGL 102 | Writing about Lit | 3 cr | ▪ CHEM 101 Introduction to Chemistry | Upper-level Elective (Health-related)3 cr |
| BIOL 101 | Fund. of Biology 1 | 4 cr | <u>OR</u> | Note: These courses will be taken during the ATB Nursing option at Towson University. They are not required for admission to ATB and cannot be completed at Carroll CC. Course selections will be made in consultation with the TU ATB advisor. |
| BIOL 210 | Human A&P I | 4 cr | ▪ CHEM 105 Principles of General Chemistry I | |
| BIOL 211 | Human A&P II | 4 cr | Nutrition for Health Professionals3 cr | |
| BIOL 215 | Microbiology | 4 cr | ▪ BIOL 220 Nutrition | |
| MATH 115 | Intro to Stat Methods | 4 cr | Note: Courses in this column can be taken at Carroll CC and must be completed prior to starting the ATB option. All prerequisites must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher. | |
| PSYC 101 | General Psychology | 3 cr | | |
| SOCI 101 | Intro to Sociology | 3 cr | | |
| PSYC 211 | Human Dev/Lifespan | 3 cr | | |
| ELECTIVE | Communication OR Arts | 3 cr | | |
| Totals:38 credits | | | 7 credits | 6 credits |

V. ATB Program Progression

Students are required to meet regularly with their TU advisor to review their degree plan. Students must follow the TU ATB plan of study, which accounts for factors such as when courses are typically offered and course prerequisite sequences. They may consider taking the upper-level electives in another term only after meeting with their TU advisor.

The completion of the final courses of the ATB curriculum outlined in the plan of study requires successful completion of the A.S. degree and/or active RN licensure. Enrollment in NURS 476, NURS 484, and NURS 489 requires the completion of the A.S. degree. NURS 489 also requires RN licensure and completion of all other courses in ATB curriculum courses (with the exception of NURS 476, NURS 484, and upper-level electives which may be taken concurrently).

VI. Contact Information

- Carroll CC – Prof. Tammy Keller, ATB Coordinator, tkeller@carrollcc.edu or 410-386-8263
- Towson University – Lisa Shue, Academic Program Manager, nursingdco@towson.edu or 410-704-4170

Carroll Community College - Towson University ATB Nursing Plan of Study

Fall ATB Start

| Term 1 Fall 20____ | Term 2 Winter 20____ | Term 3 Spring 20____ | Term 4 Summer 20____ | Term 5 Fall 20____ |
|---|---|---|---|--|
| CCC NURS 143 Medication Administration 2 credits/15 weeks CCC NURS 133 Nursing Concepts I 5 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 349 (F, H) Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/15 weeks | TU NURS 416 (O) Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks | CCC NURS 140 Nursing Concepts 2 9 credits/15 weeks | TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O) Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/5, 7, or 10 weeks TU NURS 460 (O) Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks | CCC NURS 233 Nursing Concepts 3 8 credits/15 weeks |
| 11 credits | 3 credits | 9 credits | 5 credits | 8 credits |
| Term 6 Winter 20____ | Term 7 Spring 20____ | Term 8 Summer 20____ | Term 9 Fall 20____ | |
| TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O) Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks | CCC NURS 242 Nursing Concepts 4 7 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 333 (O) Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks <i>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of Carroll CC requirements*</i> | NCLEX – RN TU NURS 435 (O) Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/10 weeks | TU NURS 476 (O) Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 484 (O) Nursing Leadership & Management 3 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 489 (F) Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/15 weeks | <i>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</i> |
| 3 credits | 10 credits | 3 credits | 9 credits | |

Disclaimer: Faculty at both Carroll CC and TU reserve the right to update curriculum plans in response to criteria set forth by accreditation bodies, best practices in nursing education, and the evolving needs of the health care system. The TU plan of study may be adjusted based on course availability and student enrollment needs.

Course Format Key

The letter behind a course title indicates that it can be offered in that format. Listing of multiple formats is not a guarantee that all formats will be available in a given term. Course format availability may vary depending on department resources and student enrollment needs.

- **Face-to-Face (F)** = 50% or more of the classroom activities are completed in an in-person classroom setting
- **Hybrid (H)** = 50% or more of classroom activities are completed in an online setting
- **Online (O)** = all class activities are completed in the online format



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