



Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 1.0: **Cecil 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 Cecil 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 Cecil College and Towson University (TU). ATB 1.0 students begin their TU courses in the second term of the Cecil College nursing program. Once they earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at Cecil College, 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 second TU course (NURS 349) and the practicum in the final term (NURS 489) require an in-person component. 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. Cecil College courses will be held at the Cecil College campus in North East, MD. TU courses will be taken on the Towson University in Northeastern MD (TUNE) campus in Bel Air, MD, or online.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from Cecil College 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 Cecil College Nursing Program (selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score)
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher in Cecil College required admission courses
- C. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C (2.0) or better:
 - Chemistry (CHM 103 & CHM 113) – 4 credits (must include a lab)
 - Nutrition (BIO 203) – 3 credits

III. General Application Procedures

Students must apply to both the Cecil College A.S. Degree Nursing Program and the TU ATB option by the programs' deadlines. Students who are admitted to the TU ATB option must also apply to Towson University in order to enroll in classes. The TU Department of Nursing will provide instructions to apply and enroll at the university if admission is offered.

Applying to Cecil College RN Program

See Cecil College application deadlines and procedures at <https://cecil.edu/programs-courses/academics/degrees-certificates/nursing>.

Applying to TU ATB

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

Application Deadlines:

- Spring Start – November 9th

Required Materials:

1. Department of Nursing Application for Admission: Associate to Bachelor's Degree Completion Option (ATB): <https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/nursing/undergrad/degree-options/associate-to-bs/admissions.html>
2. \$50 non-refundable application fee – Submit upon completion of online application form.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended – Submit to University Admissions (electronic transcripts preferred)
 - a. **Electronic transcripts:** Select "Towson University" in Parchment or other electronic transcript service
 - b. **Printed transcripts:** University Admissions, Towson University, 8000 York Road, Towson, Maryland 21252

Admission Decisions

The Cecil College and TU Nursing Departments will review completed applications for acceptance into the ATB option. Students will be notified by email and/or letter with admission decision. TU will only release admission decisions once Cecil College has released their decisions. Students who do not receive admission to Cecil College's 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:

- Cecil College tuition and fees: <https://www.cecil.edu/paying-for-college/tuition-fees-payment-options>
- 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 Cecil College Associate Degree RN Program | Additional Requirements for Admission to the TU Associate-to-Bachelor's Option | Additional Non-Nursing TU Requirements to Award the Bachelor of Science in Nursing |
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| BIO 208 Anatomy & Physiology I 3 cr BIO 218 Anatomy & Physiology I Lab 1 cr BIO 209 Anatomy & Physiology II 3 cr BIO 219 Anatomy & Physiology II Lab 1 cr BIO 200 Microbiology 3 cr BIO 210 Microbiology Lab 1 cr EGL 101 Freshman Composition 3 cr EGL 102 Composition & Literature 3 cr MAT 127 Statistics 4 cr PSY 101 Intro to Psychology 3 cr PSY 201 Human Growth & Dev 3 cr SOC 101 Intro to Sociology 3 cr Arts/Humanities elective 3 cr | CHM 103 General Chemistry I 3 cr & CHM 113 General Chemistry I Lab 1 cr BIO 203 Nutrition 3 cr Courses in this column can all be taken at Cecil College. All prerequisites must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher. Statistics is not required for admission to the program, but it is strongly recommended that students complete this prior to starting the ATB option. | Upper-level healthcare ethics 3 cr Upper-level elective 3 cr These courses are not required for admission to ATB. They will be taken at TU during ATB. Students who have already taken an ethics course can take any upper-level elective. Healthcare-related courses are strongly encouraged. Course selection will be made with your TU ATB advisor. |
| Totals: 34 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

- Cecil College – Contact Catherine Jordan, ATB Coordinator, at jorda64963@cecil.edu or 443-674-1549
- Towson University – Contact the Academic Program Manager, at nursingdco@towson.edu or 410-704-4170

Cecil College - Towson University ATB Nursing Plan of Study

Spring ATB Start (Fall CC Start)

| Term 1 Fall 20____ | Term 2 Spring 20____ | Term 3 Summer 20____ | Term 4 Fall 20____ | Term 5 Winter 20____ |
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| <p><u>CC NUR 101</u> Concepts & Processes in Nursing 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 104</u> Nursing Fundamentals Theory 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 114</u> Clinical Lab I: Nursing Fundamentals 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>Apply to ATB option</u></p> | <p><u>Begin ATB option</u></p> <p><u>CC NUR 105</u> Care of Adult & Aging Clients 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 115</u> Clinical Lab II: Medical & Surgical Settings 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 416 (O)</u> Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/15 weeks</p> | <p><u>TU NURS 349 (F, H)</u> Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/10 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 460 (O)</u> Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks</p> | <p><u>CC NUR 201</u> Care of Childbearing & Childrearing Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 211</u> Clinical Lab III: Care of Childbearing & Childrearing Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 333 (O)</u> Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> | <p><u>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</u> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks</p> |
| 9 credits | 11 credits | 6 credits | 11 credits | 3 credits |
| Term 6 Spring 20____ | Term 7 Summer 20____ | Term 8 Fall 20____ | Term 9 Spring 20____ | |
| <p><u>CC NUR 204</u> Care of Client with Complex Stressors 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 208</u> Professional Issues in Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 214</u> Clinical Lab IV: Medical, Surgical, & Psychiatric 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><i>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of CC requirements*</i></p> | <p><u>NCLEX – RN</u></p> <p><u>TU NURS 435 (O)</u> Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/10 weeks</p> | <p><u>TU NURS 476 (O)</u> Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 484 (O)</u> Nursing Leadership & Management 3 credits/15 weeks</p> | <p><u>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</u> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 489 (F)</u> Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/15 weeks</p> | <p><i>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</i></p> |
| 11 credits | 3 credits | 6 credits | 6 credits | |

Disclaimer: Faculty at both Cecil College 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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