



# **ATB** ASSOCIATE TO BACHELOR'S NURSING DEGREE OPTION

A COOPERATIVE VENTURE BETWEEN  
Community College of Baltimore County and Towson University

## **Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 2.0: Community College of Baltimore County & Towson University**

### **General Information for the Combination Hybrid/Online Model – Summer Start**

#### **I. General Program Information**

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students after their first or second semester in the CCBC Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses, grade point average (GPA), and professional conduct during the CCBC Nursing Program. Students will be enrolled as degree students at CCBC and Towson University (TU) and begin to take TU courses after successful completion of one or more semesters of the Nursing Program at CCBC. Once the Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree is awarded at CCBC, students must take and pass the nursing licensure exam, the NCLEX-RN, and then continue 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) 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 program requires year-round attendance, including summer and winter sessions, and takes approximately 2.5 years to complete. It is designed so that students can complete the bachelor's degree in approximately one year after completion of the associate degree. Students also have the flexibility to extend their plan of study after completion of the A.S. degree based on work and personal time constraints. CCBC courses will be held at the CCBC campus where the student is enrolled in the Nursing Program (CCBC Essex or CCBC Catonsville). TU courses will be taken online or at the main TU campus in Towson, MD.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from CCBC 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. Completion of the first term or first two terms of the CCBC Nursing Program
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrated professional conduct in Year 1 of CCBC nursing courses
- C. Completion of additional required courses by the start of the TU ATB program with a C (2.0) or better:
  - Chemistry (CHEM 107 & 108)                      4 credits (must include a lab)
  - Nutrition (BIOL 256)                              3 credits

Students must also complete a statistics course with a C (2.0) or higher by the end of their associate degree. Statistics is an enrollment prerequisite for the required nursing research course taken in the summer following completion of the associate degree. Due to the year-round plan of study, students are strongly encouraged to complete this requirement prior to starting the nursing program. They may take MATH 153 Introduction to Statistics at CCBC.

#### **III. General Application Procedures**

Students must apply to the TU ATB option by the program's deadline. 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 TU ATB**

Students must apply and submit all required materials by the deadline to be considered for ATB admission. Applications may be accepted after the deadline depending on space availability and remaining time until the summer term begins.

#### **Application Deadline:**

- Summer Start – April 1<sup>st</sup>

## 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 CCBC 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 their admission decision. Any offer of admission given will be contingent upon successful completion of currently enrolled nursing courses at CCBC. Students will be required to submit an updated transcript after the completion of the spring term to verify their nursing grades.

## 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:

- CCBC tuition and fees: <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/costs-and-paying-for-college/tuition-and-fees>
- 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 CCBC Associate Degree RN Program			Additional Requirements for Admission to the TU ATB Option		Non-Nursing TU Requirements for the B.S. Degree	
ENGL 101	College Composition I	3 cr	BIOL 256 Nutrition	3 cr	Upper-level healthcare ethics*	3 cr
BIOL 110	Biology	4 cr	CHEM 107 Fund. of Chemistry	3 cr	Upper-level elective*	3 cr
BIOL 220	A&P I	4 cr	CHEM 108 Fund. of Chemistry Lab	1 cr		
BIOL 221	A&P II	4 cr				
BIOL 230	Microbiology	4 cr	MATH 153 Statistics	4 cr		
MATH 125	Finite Math (or higher)*	3 cr				
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	3 cr	Courses in this column can all be taken at CCBC. 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.			
PSYC 103	Human Growth & Dev	3 cr				
CMNS 101	Fund of Communication	3 cr				
ART/HUM	Humanities/Arts	3 cr				
*Students should take MATH 153 Statistics instead of MATH 125 in order to meet the TU ATB requirement for statistics.						
Totals:		34 credits	11 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

- CCBC ATB Coordinator — [atbnursing@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:atbnursing@ccbcmd.edu)
- TU Academic Program Manager — [nursingdco@towson.edu](mailto:nursingdco@towson.edu)

**CCBC - Towson University ATB 2.0 Nursing Plan of Study  
Summer ATB Start (Fall CCBC 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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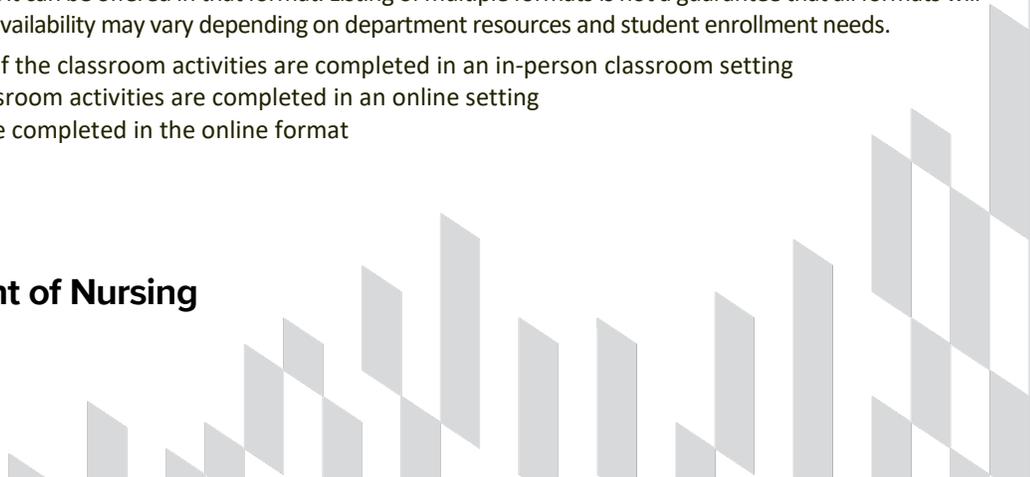
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