



## **Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 1.0:** **College of Southern Maryland & 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 College of Southern Maryland (CSM) 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 CSM and Towson University (TU). ATB 1.0 students begin their TU courses in the first term of their CSM nursing program. Once they earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at CSM, 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 90% of the TU curriculum may be completed online. The practicum (NURS 489) in the final term must be completed face-to-face (in person). All other courses are offered online.

The ATB option requires year-round attendance and takes approximately 2.5 years to complete. Program length is ten terms, including winter and summer sessions. CSM courses will be held at the CSM campus in Hughesville, MD. TU courses will be taken online.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from CSM 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 CSM Nursing Program (selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score)
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher in CSM required admission courses
- C. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C (2.0) or better:
  - General Chemistry with Lab (CSM CHE 1050) – 4 credits
  - Nutrition for Health Professionals (CSM BIOL 2160) – 3 credits

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

Students must apply to both the CSM 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 CSM RN Program**

See CSM application deadlines and procedures at <https://www.csmd.edu/programs-courses/program-finder/nursing/index.html>.

##### **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
- Spring Start – November 1

##### **Required Materials:**

1. NursingCAS Program Application for Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) – CSM: <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 CSM 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 CSM has released their decisions. Students who do not receive admission to the CSM 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:

- CSM tuition and fees: <https://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/index.html>
- 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 CSM 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
ENGL 1010 College Composition I 3 cr BIO 2170 A&P I 4 cr BIO 2180 A&P II 4 cr BIO 2010/L Microbiology 4 cr MTH 1120 College Algebra 3 cr MTH 1015 Statistics 3 cr PHIL 1410 Ethics 3 cr PSYC 1010 Intro to Psychology 3 cr PSYC 2050 Hum Growth & Dev 3 cr COM 1350 Intercultural Comm 3 cr	General Chemistry with Lab 4 cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>CHE 1050 Intro Chemistry &amp; CHE 1050L Intro Chemistry Lab <b>OR</b></li><li>CHE 1200 General Chemistry I &amp; CHE 1200L General Chemistry I Lab</li></ul> Nutrition for Health Professionals 3 cr <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>BIO 2160 Principles of Nutrition</li></ul> <b>Note:</b> Courses in this column can be taken at CSM. All prerequisites must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher prior to starting ATB.	Upper-level Elective (Healthcare Ethics) 3 cr  Upper-level Elective (Health-related) 3 cr  <b>Note:</b> 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 CSM. Course selections will be made in consultation with the TU ATB advisor.
Totals: 33 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

- College of Southern Maryland – Mona Weber, ATB Coordinator, [mweber@csmd.edu](mailto:mweber@csmd.edu) or 301-934-7638
- Towson University – Lisa Shue, Academic Program Manager, [nursingdco@towson.edu](mailto:nursingdco@towson.edu) or 410-704-4170

# College of Southern Maryland – 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____
<u><b>CSM NUR 1175 &amp; 1175L</b></u> Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice & Clinical 7 credits  <u><b>TU NURS 333 (O)</b></u> Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks	<u><b>TU NURS 416 (O)</b></u> Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks	<u><b>CSM NUR 1250 &amp; 1250L</b></u> Care of the Person with Behavioral Health Needs & Clinical 3 credits  <u><b>CSM NUR 1275 &amp; 1275L</b></u> Care of the Adult Person with Basic Health Needs & Clinical 7 credits	<u><b>TU NURS 460 (O)</b></u> Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks  <u><b>TU NURS 349 (O)</b></u> Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/10 weeks	<u><b>CSM NUR 2350 &amp; 2350L</b></u> Care of the Person with Childbearing Needs 3 credits & Clinical  <u><b>CSM NUR 2375 &amp; 2375L</b></u> Care of the Adult Person with Complex Health Needs 7 credits
10 credits	3 credits	10 credits	6 credits	10 credits
Term 6 Winter 20____	Term 7 Spring 20____	Term 8 Summer 20____	Term 9 Fall 20____	
<u><b>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</b></u> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks	<u><b>CSM NUR 2450 &amp; 2450L</b></u> Care of the Adult Person with Child Rearing Health Needs & Clinical 3 credits  <u><b>CSM NUR 2475 &amp; 2475L</b></u> Professional Nursing Leadership, Management and Transition to Practice & Clinical 5 credits  <u><b>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</b></u> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/15 weeks  <i><b>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of CSM requirements*</b></i>	<u><b>NCLEX – RN</b></u>  <u><b>TU NURS 435 (O)</b></u> Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/10 weeks	<u><b>TU NURS 476 (O)</b></u> Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks  <u><b>TU NURS 484 (O)</b></u> Nursing Leadership & Management 3 credits/15 weeks  <u><b>TU NURS 489 (F)</b></u> Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/15 weeks	<i><b>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</b></i>
3 credits	11 credits	3 credits	9 credits	

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