



Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 1.0: Harford 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 Harford Community College (HCC) 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 HCC and Towson University (TU). ATB 1.0 students begin their TU courses in the first term of their HCC nursing program. Once they earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at HCC, 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 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. HCC courses will be held at the HCC campus in Bel Air, MD. TU courses will be taken at the Towson University in Northeastern MD (TUNE) campus in Bel Air, MD, or online.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from HCC 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 HCC Nursing Program (selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score)
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher in HCC required admission courses
- C. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C (2.0) or better:
 - Chemistry (CHEM 111) – 4 credits (must include a lab)
 - Nutrition (BIO 210) – 3 credits

Students must also complete a statistics course with a C (2.0) or higher before enrolling in the required nursing research course taken after completion of the associate degree. Students are strongly encouraged to complete this requirement prior to starting their nursing program. They may take MATH 216 Introduction to Statistics at HCC.

III. General Application Procedures

Students must apply to both the HCC 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 HCC RN Program

See HCC application deadlines and procedures at <https://www.harford.edu/admissions/nursing/index.php>.

Applying to TU ATB

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

Application Deadlines:

- Fall Start – May 1st
- 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 HCC 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 HCC has released their decisions. Students who do not receive admission to the HCC 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:

- HCC tuition and fees: <https://www.harford.edu/admissions/tuition/index.php>
- 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 HCC 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 |
|--|--|--|
| BIO 203 Anatomy & Physiology I 4 cr BIO 204 Anatomy & Physiology II 4 cr BIO 205 Microbiology 4 cr ENG 101 English Composition 3 cr PSY 101 General Psychology 3 cr PSY 214 Human Development 3 cr SOC 101 Intro to Sociology 3 cr Arts/Humanities Electives 6 cr Mathematics Elective* 3 cr Physical Education Elective 1 cr | CHEM 101 Intro to Chemistry 4 cr BIOL 220 Nutrition 3 cr MATH 216 Introduction to Statistics 4 cr Courses in this column can all be taken at HCC. 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 | 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

- Harford CC – Contact Dr. Rebecca Diaz, Director for Nursing Education, at rdiaz@harford.edu or 443-412-2740
- Towson University – Contact the Academic Program Manager, at nursingdco@towson.edu or 410-704-4170

Harford 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____ |
|---|---|---|--|--|
| <p><u>HFCC NURS 101</u> Fundamentals of Nursing 7 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 349 (F, H)</u> Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/15 weeks</p> | <p><u>TU NURS 416 (O)</u> Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks</p> | <p><u>HFCC NURS 105</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing I 4.5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HFCC NURS 110</u> Mental Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HFCC NURS 112</u> Contemporary Issues 1 credit/15 weeks</p> | <p><u>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</u> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/5, 7, or 10 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 460 (O)</u> Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks</p> | <p><u>HFCC NURS 220</u> Maternal-Newborn Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HFCC NURS 230</u> Pediatric Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HFCC COURSE</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing II 4.5 credits/15 weeks</p> |
| 11 credits | 3 credits | 8.5 credits | 5 credits | 10.5 credits |
| Term 6 Winter 20____ | Term 7 Spring 20____ | Term 8 Summer 20____ | Term 9 Fall 20____ | |
| <p><u>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</u> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks</p> | <p><u>HFCC NURS 211</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing III 9 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HFCC NURS 212</u> Leadership in Nursing 1 credit/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><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 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> |
| 3 credits | 13 credits | 3 credits | 9 credits | |

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