



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

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

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

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students after their first year in the Cecil College Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses, grade point average (GPA), and professional conduct during year one of the Cecil College Nursing Program. ATB 2.0 students begin their TU courses in the summer term after the first year 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 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. 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. Completion of the first year of nursing course work at Cecil College
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrated professional conduct in Year 1 of Cecil College nursing courses
- C. Completion of additional required courses by the start of the TU ATB program 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 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 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 their admission decision. Any offer of admission given will be contingent upon successful completion of currently enrolled nursing courses at Cecil College. 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:

- 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	
BIO 208 Anatomy & Physiology I	3 cr	CHM 103 General Chemistry I	3 cr	Upper-level healthcare ethics	3 cr
BIO 218 Anatomy & Physiology I Lab	1 cr	& CHM 113 General Chemistry I Lab	1 cr	Upper-level elective	3 cr
BIO 209 Anatomy & Physiology II	3 cr	BIO 203 Nutrition	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				
<b>Totals:</b>	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](mailto:jorda64963@cecil.edu) or 443-674-1549
- Towson University – Contact the Academic Program Manager, at [nursingdco@towson.edu](mailto:nursingdco@towson.edu) or 410-704-4170

## Community College - Towson University ATB 2.0 Nursing Plan of Study

### Summer 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____
<p><b><u>CC NUR 101</u></b> Concepts &amp; Processes in Nursing 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>CC NUR 104</u></b> Nursing Fundamentals Theory 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>CC NUR 114</u></b> Clinical Lab I: Nursing Fundamentals 2 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><b><u>CC NUR 105</u></b> Care of Adult &amp; Aging Clients 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>CC NUR 115</u></b> Clinical Lab II: Medical &amp; Surgical Settings 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>Apply for ATB 2.0</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>Begin ATB 2.0</u></b></p> <p><b><u>TU NURS 349 (F, H)</u></b> Health Assessment &amp; Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/10 weeks</p> <p><b><u>TU NURS 460 (O)</u></b> Nursing &amp; Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks</p>	<p><b><u>CC NUR 201</u></b> Care of Childbearing &amp; Childrearing Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>CC NUR 211</u></b> Clinical Lab III: Care of Childbearing &amp; Childrearing Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>TU NURS 333 (O)</u></b> Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><b><u>TU NURS 416 (O)</u></b> Diversity &amp; Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks</p>
<b>9 credits</b>	<b>8 credits</b>	<b>6 credits</b>	<b>11 credits</b>	<b>3 credits</b>
Term 6 Spring 20____	Term 7 Summer 20____	Term 8 Fall 20____	Term 9 Winter 20____	Term 10 Spring 20____
<p><b><u>CC NUR 204</u></b> Care of Client with Complex Stressors 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>CC NUR 208</u></b> Professional Issues in Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>CC NUR 214</u></b> Clinical Lab IV: Medical, Surgical, &amp; Psychiatric 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><i>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of CC requirements*</i></b></p>	<p><b><u>NCLEX – RN</u></b></p> <p><b><u>TU NURS 435 (O)</u></b> Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/10 weeks</p>	<p><b><u>TU NURS 476 (O)</u></b> Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</u></b> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><b><u>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</u></b> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks</p>	<p><b><u>TU NURS 484 (O)</u></b> Nursing Leadership &amp; Management 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><u>TU NURS 489 (F)</u></b> Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b><i>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</i></b></p>
<b>11 credits</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>6 credits</b>	<b>3 credits</b>	<b>6 credits</b>

**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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