

Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option

ATB 2.0 – Summer Start



General Information for this Online/Hybrid Model

I. General Program Information

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students after their first or second semester in the Hagerstown Community College (HCC) Registered 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 HCC 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 HCC, students will take the nursing licensure exam (NCLEX-RN) and continue coursework at TU to complete the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Degree.

Ninety percent of the TU curriculum could be offered online or hybrid depending on student interest and enrollment. The practicum course in the final term (NURS 489) requires an in-person clinical component. Students may choose their preferred course format for the required upper-level electives at TU.

The program length is 9 terms, including winter and summer terms. It will take approximately 2.5 years to complete both degrees. HCC courses will be held at the Hagerstown Community College campus in Hagerstown, MD. Most TU courses will be held online or in a hybrid format at the University System of Maryland Hagerstown (USMH) Center in Hagerstown, MD.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from HCC and B.S. from Towson University. A minimum of 30 credits must be completed at TU for the B.S. degree. Advisors will be available from both HCC and TU. Financial aid will be arranged through Towson University Office of Financial Aid.

II. Program Admission Requirements

- A. Completion of the first term or first two terms of the HCC Nursing Program
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrated professional conduct in Year 1 of HCC nursing courses
- A. Additional required courses (must be completed prior to final term at TU with a C or better):
 - General Chemistry with Lab (HCC CHM 101 or 103) – 4 credits
 - Nutrition for Health Professionals (HCC BIO 206) – 3 credits

Students must also complete a basic statistics course with a C (2.0) or higher before enrolling in TU's required nursing research course (NURS 435). Students are strongly encouraged to take HCC's MAT 116 Statistical Reasoning prior to starting their nursing program.

III. ATB Program Progression

Students must be successful in all required courses to continue in the ATB option. Students are expected to complete the sequence of study as outlined in the Towson University ATB curriculum plan. Students are required to meet regularly with their TU advisor to review their ATB curriculum plan. Students must successfully complete their associate degree prior to taking NURS 476 and NURS 484. Students must successfully pass the NCLEX-RN exam prior to taking NURS 489 (Practicum).

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 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 TU ATB

Students must apply and submit all required materials by the deadlines to be considered for ATB admission. Students are responsible for ensuring that their application materials are received. Applications may be reviewed after the deadline on a space-available basis.

Priority Application Deadline

- Summer Start – April 1

Required Materials

1. Department of Nursing Application for Admission: Associate to Bachelor's Degree Completion Option (ATB) – Submit online at <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 of their admission decision either via email and/or letter. Any offer of admission given will be contingent upon successful completion of currently enrolled nursing courses at HCC. 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. Regional tuition rates may apply to out-of-state students living in the following counties: Adams, Franklin, and Fulton Counties, PA; Loudon County, VA; Berkley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties, WV. If students are using financial aid, it will be processed through the TU Financial Aid Office based on the total enrollment at both institutions. ATB students may be enrolled part-time (6-11.5 credits) or full-time (12 or more credits) depending on the term. More information is available online:

- Hagerstown CC Tuition & Fees: <https://www.hagerstowncc.edu/financial-aid/tuition-fees>
- TU Tuition & 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 Prerequisites/Corequisites for the TU ATB Option		Additional Non-Nursing Requirements for the TU Bachelor of Science in Nursing	
ENG 101 English Composition	3 cr	General Chemistry with Lab	4 cr	Upper-level Elective (Healthcare Ethics)	3 cr
ENG 102 English Composition & Lit	3 cr	▪ CHM 101 Introductory College Chemistry OR		Upper-level Elective (Health-related course)	3 cr
BIO 203 Anatomy & Physiology I	4 cr	▪ CHM 103 General Chemistry I		Note: 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 Hagerstown CC. Course selections will be made in consultation with the TU ATB advisor.	
BIO 203 Anatomy & Physiology II	4 cr	Nutrition	3 cr		
BIO 205 Microbiology	4 cr	▪ BIO 206 Nutrition for Health Sciences			
MAT Gen Ed Math*	3 cr	Basic Statistics	3 cr		
PSY 101 General Psychology	3 cr	▪ MAT 116 Statistical Reasoning			
PSY 204 Human Development	3 cr	Note: Courses in this column can be taken at HCC. Statistics is required prior to NURS 435; nutrition and chemistry are required prior to taking NURS 489. These courses must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher.			
SOC 101 Intro to Sociology	3 cr				
Arts/Humanities Elective	3 cr				
*Students should take MAT 116 Statistical Reasoning to satisfy the requirements of the TU ATB program.					
Totals: 33 credits		10 credits		6 credits	

Program Contact Information

- Hagerstown CC – Contact Karen Hammond, Director of Nursing Education at kshammond@hagerstowncc.edu or 240-500-2380
- Towson University – Contact Beth Crusse, Department of Nursing Assistant Chairperson at ecrusse@towson.edu or 410-704-4205

Hagerstown Community College - Towson University ATB 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____	Term 6 Spring 20____
HCC NUR 105 Foundations of Nursing 9 credits/15 weeks	HCC NUR 127 Nursing Care of Children 4 credits/7.5 weeks HCC NUR 229 Nursing Care of the Acute & Chronically Ill Adult I 4 credits/7.5 weeks Apply for ATB 2.0	Begin ATB 2.0 HCC NUR 224 Pharmacology 2 credits/10 weeks TU NURS 460 (O) Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks	HCC NUR 126 Nursing Care of Women & Infants 4 credits/7.5 weeks HCC NUR 226 Behavioral Health Nursing 4 credits/7.5 weeks TU NURS 333 (O) Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks	TU NURS 416 (O) Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks	HCC NUR 228 Contemporary Trends in Nursing & Leadership 4 credits/7.5 weeks HCC NUR 230 Nursing Care of the Acute & Chronically Ill Adult II 4 credits/7.5 weeks HCC NUR 231 Nursing Care of the Acute & Chronically Ill Adult III 4 credits/7.5 weeks <i>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of HCC requirements*</i>
9 credits	8 credits	4 credits	11 credits	3 credits	12 credits
Term 7 Summer 20____	Term 8 Fall 20____	Term 9 Winter 20____	Term 10 Spring 20____	Term 11 Summer 20____	
NCLEX – RN TU NURS 435 (O) Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/10 weeks	TU NURS 349 (O) Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/15 weeks TU IDHP 325 Ethics for Healthcare Professionals (O) <i>(Satisfies Upper-Level Elective Healthcare Ethics requirement)</i> 3 credits/15 weeks	TU Upper-Level Elective (O) Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks	TU NURS 476 (O) Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 484 (O) Nursing Leadership & Management 3 credits/15 weeks	TU NURS 489 (F) Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/15 weeks <i>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</i>	
3 credits	7 credits	3 credits	6 credits	3 credits	

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Course Format Key

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HCC NUR 105 Foundations of Nursing 9 credits/15 weeks <u>Apply for ATB 2.0</u>	<u>Begin ATB 2.0</u> HCC NUR 224 Pharmacology 2 credits/10 weeks TU IDHP 325 Ethics for Healthcare Professionals (O) <i>(Satisfies Upper-Level Elective Healthcare Ethics requirement)</i> 3 credits/10 weeks TU NURS 333 (O) Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/10 weeks	HCC NUR 127 Nursing Care of Children 4 credits/7.5 weeks HCC NUR 229 Nursing Care of the Acute & Chronically Ill Adult I 4 credits/7.5 weeks TU NURS 349 (O) Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/15 weeks	TU NURS 416 (O) Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks	HCC NUR 126 Nursing Care of Women & Infants 4 credits/7.5 weeks HCC NUR 226 Behavioral Health Nursing 4 credits/7.5 weeks TU NURS 435 (O) Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/15 weeks <i>(Requires statistics as prerequisite)</i>
9 credits	8 credits	12 credits	3 credits	11 credits
Term 6 Summer 20____	Term 7 Fall 20____	Term 8 Winter 20____	Term 9 Spring 20____	Term 10 Summer 20____
TU NURS 460 (O) Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks	HCC NUR 228 Contemporary Trends in Nursing & Leadership 4 credits/7.5 weeks HCC NUR 230 Nursing Care of the Acute & Chronically Ill Adult II 4 credits/7.5 weeks HCC NUR 231 Nursing Care of the Acute & Chronically Ill Adult III 4 credits/7.5 weeks <i>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of HCC requirements*</i>	<u>NCLEX – RN</u>	TU NURS 476 (O) Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 484 (O) Nursing Leadership & Management 3 credits/15 weeks	TU Upper-Level Elective (O) Health-Related Course 3 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 489 (F) Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/10 weeks <i>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</i>
2 credits	12 credits		6 credits	6 credits

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