

# 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 college coursework and a 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 semester (NURS 489) require an in-person component. Other courses are typically offered online; the availability of in-person or hybrid 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 not fixed, including winter and summer sessions. HCC courses will be held at the HCC campus in Bel Air, MD. TU courses will be held 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. This course is 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

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

#### Applying to TU ATB

**Required Materials:**

1. Department of Nursing

Harford Community College - Towson University ATB Nursing Plan of Study  
Fall ATB Start

Term 1  
Fall 20\_\_\_\_

Winter 20\_\_\_\_

Department of Nursing

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

## Spring ATB Start

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

**TU NURS 435 (O)**  
Nursing Research for  
Evidence-Based Practice  
3 credits/10 weeks

**TU NURS 460 (O)**  
Nursing & Healthcare IV:  
Older Adults  
2 credits/10 weeks

**HFCC NURS 211**  
Medical-Surgical Nursing  
III  
9 credits/15 weeks

**HFCC NURS 212**  
Leadership in Nursing  
1 credit/15 weeks

**TU NURS 333 (O)**  
Writing for Evidence-  
Based Practice: Issues in  
Professional Nursing  
3 credits/15 weeks

# Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 1.0: Cecil 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 Cecil College 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 Cecil College and Towson University (TU). ATB 1.0 students begin their TU courses in the second term 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.

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## 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 admission decision. TU will only release admission decisions once Cecil College has released their decisions. Students who do not receive admission to Cecil College's 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:

Cecil College tuition and fees: <https://www.cecil.edu/paying-for-college/tuition-fees-payment-options>

# Cecil College - Towson University ATB Nursing Plan of Study

## Spring 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____
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### CC NUR 101

Concepts & Processes in  
Nursing  
2 credits/15 weeks

### Begin ATB option

### CC NUR 105

### CC NUR 104

Nursing Fundamentals  
Theory  
5 credits/15 weeks

### CC NUR 114

Clinical Lab I: Nursing  
Fundamentals  
2 credits/15 weeks

### Apply to ATB option