How do I apply to Towson’s ATB option?
The application deadlines and process vary depending on the community college partner. Please contact Ashley Fullwood, afullwood@towson.edu, for specific application instructions based on the community college you want to attend.

May I apply to more than one community college partner?
Yes, you may apply to multiple community college partners. Keep in mind that ATB application deadlines vary for each community college partner. For each partner that you apply to, you will need to submit a separate ATB application and application fee.

May I apply if I haven’t completed all of my prerequisite courses?
Yes, students may apply to the ATB option before their prerequisite courses are finished. Admission would be contingent upon completion of all prerequisites before the entry semester begins. Official transcripts are required to show proof of completed prerequisites.

Do I have to apply to Towson University in addition to submitting the ATB application?
If you are admitted to the Towson ATB option you will complete the university admission process as well. The university admission process includes another application and monetary commitments. We strongly advise that you DO NOT apply to the university until after you have been admitted to the ATB option.

Are courses offered online or face-to-face? Is there a weekend or evening option?
Some courses are designed to be taught in the traditional classroom setting and you can attend classes at any of the three sites where the courses are offered. Many courses are web enhanced or hybrid so that some weeks there are classes in the traditional classroom, and some weeks the class meets in the online environment. Some courses are offered fully online. This plan of study is not currently offered as an evening, weekend, or fully online only option.

Can I arrange the courses in the curriculum based on my preferences?
The ATB curriculum has been strategically designed to support student success. From the start of the curriculum up until you graduate from the community college partner, courses should be taken as outlined. Exceptions may be assessed on an individual basis (ex. common exceptions are usually a result of financial aid requirements). Once you are licensed as a Maryland RN, you will have more flexibility with how long it takes you to complete your remaining Towson courses.

Can I transfer in upper level electives from another institution?
No, in order to get your BS from Towson University, your last 30 credits must be completed at Towson University. The electives listed in the ATB curriculum are a part of the 30 credits required for the bachelor’s degree in nursing.

Can I transfer in nursing courses from another institution?
No, in order to get your BS from Towson University, your last 30 credits must be completed at Towson University. The ATB nursing curriculum is comprised of the final 30 credits needed to get your BS degree from Towson University.
Frequently Asked Questions | ATB

What if I start ATB and am unsuccessful in a course?
If unsuccessful in one of the community college or Towson University nursing courses, students may be able to continue in the ATB option. This decision will be based on specific course progression criteria and students would be required to meet with their advisor. Repeating a course(s) will most likely result in an extended plan of study.

What if I start ATB and realize that the dual enrollment option is not for me?
If you decide the ATB dual enrollment option is not working well for you, you have the choice to withdraw from the option. You would complete your AS in nursing at the community college. Once you pass NCLEX-RN and become licensed as a RN in Maryland, you can apply to Towson University’s RN-to-BS degree completion option. The RN-to-BS and ATB curriculum consist of the same courses, so any Towson course(s) completed while in the ATB option will still count toward your BS degree.

Am I restricted to only take courses at one Towson site?
Most students take all their nursing courses that have face-to-face classes at the site where they start the option as it is usually the closest in terms of distance. However, if there is a course being offered at another site that works better for your schedule, you are welcome to travel to that site as (this is contingent on space availability).

Is financial aid available?
Towson University offers scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs. These programs are funded by the U.S. Department of Education, the state of Maryland, and Towson University. Scholarships generally use merit or academic achievement as the main criterion. Most grant and loan programs are need based. These programs help students pay the difference between the cost of education and the amount that they (and their parents, if they are dependent students) can contribute. For more information about all available financial aid resources, please visit www.towson.edu/finaid.

Are there scholarships?
The Department of Nursing’s Student Affairs Committee posts notices of available department scholarship and loans on a student bulletin board in Linthicum Hall.

Additional information is also available on the following web pages:
• TU Nursing Department Scholarship Page: www.towson.edu/chp/departments/nursing/scholarships
• The Maryland Board of Nursing: mbon.maryland.gov
• TU Financial Aid Office Scholarships Site: www.towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/programs/scholarships

What is the tuition and fees?
Please visit the following web pages:
• Tuition & Fees Home Page: www.towson.edu/admissions/tuition/
• Bursar’s Office Detailed Costs for Each Term: www.towson.edu/bursar/tuition
• Annual Cost of Attendance Budgets: www.towson.edu/admissions/tuition/cost
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**HCC NURS 211** | Medical-Surgical Nursing III | 9 credits
**TU NURS 476 (F)** | Nursing and Health VIII: Community | 3 credits/14 wks
**TU NURS 484 (F)** | Nursing and Health IV: Leadership | 3 credits/14 wks
**TU NURS 489** | Degree Completion Practicum (Clinical) | 3 credits/14 wks

**B.S. Degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements**

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**5 credits** | **12 credits** | **0 credits** | **9 credits**
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### Term 1 | Fall _______
- **CC NUR 101** Concepts and Processes in Nursing 2 credits
- **CC NUR 104** Nursing Fundamentals Theory 5 credits
- **CC NUR 114** Clinical Lab I: Nursing Fundamentals 2 credits
- **TU NURS 349 (F)**
  - Health Assessment and Health Promotion Across the Life Span
  - 4 credits/14 wks

3 credits

### Term 2 | Winter _______
- **TU NURS 416 (O)**
  - Cultural Diversity in Healthcare
  - 3 credits/3 wks
- **CC NUR 105** Care of an Adult and Aging Clients 4 credits
- **CC NUR 115** Clinical Lab II: Medical/Surgical Settings 4 credits
- **TU NURS 460 (F)**
  - Nursing and Health IV: Older Adults
  - 2 credits/10 wks

8 credits

### Term 3 | Spring _______
- **TU NURS 406 Elective * (F, H, O)**
  - 3 credits/5, 7, or 10 wks
- **TU NURS 486 Seminar * (F, H, O)**
  - 1 credit (2 different topics are required)
  - 5, 7, or 10 wks

5 credits

### Term 4 | Summer _______
- **Ethics Course or TU Upper Level Health Elective * (F, H, O)**
  - 3 credits/5, 7, or 10 wks
- **TU NURS 440 (F)**
  - Nursing and Health VIII: Community
  - 3 credits/14 wks
- **TU NURS 448 (F)**
  - Nursing and Health IV: Leadership
  - 3 credits/14 wks
- **TU NURS 449**
  - Degree Completion Practicum (Clinical)
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11 credits

### Term 5 | Fall _______
- **CC NUR 201** Care of Children/Childrearing Families 4 credits
- **CC NUR 211** Clinical Lab III: Care of Children/Childrearing Families 4 credits
- **TU NURS 333 (F, H, O)**
  - Profession II: Issues and Advanced Writing
  - 3 credits

3 credits

### Term 6 | Winter _______
- **TU Upper Level Elective * (F, H, O)**
  - 3 credits/3 wks
- **CC NUR 204** Care of Client with Complex Stressors 4 credits
- **CC NUR 208** Professional, Legal, and Ethical issues in Nursing 3 credits
- **CC NUR 208**
  - Clinical Lab IV: Medical/Surgical/Psychiatric
  - 3 credits
- **A.S. Degree Awarded**

3 credits

### Term 7 | Spring _______
- **TU NURS 435 (F)**
  - Research in Nursing
  - 3 credits/10 wks
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- **NCLEX – RN**
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