



General Information for this **Face-to-Face, Online, or Combination Model***

(* **NEW for fall 2019** – Towson University is offering students the opportunity to choose the format for each course that works best for them.)

I. General Program Information

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students once they are accepted to the Frederick Community College (FCC) Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses and grade point average (GPA). Students will be enrolled as degree students at FCC and Towson University (TU) and begin to take TU courses during the Nursing Program at FCC. Once the Associate of Science (A. S.) Degree is awarded at FCC, students must take and pass the nursing licensure exam, the NCLEX-RN, and then continue coursework at TU to complete the Bachelor of Science (B. S.) Degree.

Program length is 9 terms, including winter and summer sessions, and it takes approximately 2 ½ years to complete.

FCC courses will be held at the Frederick Community College campus. TU courses will be taken at the TU main campus in Towson, Maryland.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from FCC and B.S. from Towson University (where a minimum of 30 credits will be required from TU to graduate with the B.S.).

Advisors will be available from both FCC and TU.

Financial aid will be arranged through Towson University Office of Financial Aid.

II. Program Admission Requirements

- A. Admission to FCC Nursing Program (selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and test scores)
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher in FCC required admission courses
- C. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C or better:
 - Chemistry (CHEM 101) 4 credits (must include a lab)
 - Nutrition (NUTR 200) 3 credits

Also needed for Towson's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree: MATH 120 (Statistics) or MATH 127 (Statistics with Probability).

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 Univ. 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).

IV. General Application Procedures

Note: Students applying to the TU ATB Option must first be accepted to the FCC A.S. Degree Nursing Program. Admission to the TU ATB Option is contingent upon admission to FCC's Nursing Program.

All applications, fees and transcripts must be received by TU by the published deadline.

1. Complete the online Department of Nursing Application for Admission: ATB
<https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/nursing/undergrad/degree-options/associate-to-bs/admissions.html>
2. Pay the \$50 application fee (non-refundable).
3. Submit official hardcopy or electronic transcripts from all colleges or universities attended. Hardcopy transcripts should be sent directly to:

**University Admissions
Towson University
8000 York Road
Towson, Maryland 21252**

Electronic transcripts should be sent directly to: admissions_documents@towson.edu

4. FCC and TU Nursing Departments will review for acceptance into the ATB option.
5. Student will be notified by either email and/or letter with admission decision.

V. Tuition and Fees Important Note:

Tuition and fees can change from one academic year to the next. For most up to date information go to:
<https://www.towson.edu/bursar/tuition/index.html>

VI. Non-Nursing Course Requirements

Requirements for the FCC Associate Degree RN Program			Additional Requirements for Admission to the TU Associate to Bachelor's Option			Additional Non-Nursing Towson U Requirements to Award the Bachelor of Science in Nursing		
ENGL 101	English Composition	3 cr	CHEM 101	General Chemistry	4 cr	FCC Ethics course or health-related upper level elective* 3 cr *new graduation requirement beginning Fa 15; not a requirement for admission into the ATB option; can be taken at FCC prior to or during ATB; please check with TU ATB advisor. Plus Upper division elective* 3 cr *Note: these courses will be taken <u>during</u> the ATB Nursing Program of study <u>at Towson University</u> ; course selections should be made with your TU ATB advisor.		
BSCI 201	A&P I	4 cr	NUTR 200	Nutrition	3 cr			
BSCI 202	A&P II	4 cr	Note: Courses in this column can all be taken at FCC.					
BSCI 223	Microbiology	4 cr						
MATH	Gen Ed Math*	3 cr						
PSYC 101	General Psychology	3 cr						
EDPS 210	Hum Growth & Dev	3 cr						
SOCY 101	Intro to Sociology	3 cr						
COMM**	Speech/Communication	3 cr						
HUMN	Humanities Elective	3 cr						
ARTT	Arts Elective	3 cr						
PHED***	PE/HE Requirement	1 cr						
*Students must take MATH 101 or higher at FCC. MATH 120 Statistics is recommended (needed for ATB and RN-BSN programs)								
** To satisfy FCC's COMM requirement, students may select COMM 101 or COMM 103 or COMM 105 or COMM 107.								
***NUTR 200 is recommended								
Totals:		37 credits			7 credits			6 credits

VII. For More Information:

For FCC related questions/course advising, contact Jennifer McAninley, Allied Health and Nursing Advisor, at 240-629-7935 or JMcAninley@frederick.edu. For TU related questions/course advising, contact the Academic Program Manager at nursingdco@towson.edu or 410-704-4170.

Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Curriculum Plan
Frederick Community College and Towson University – Fall Admission

Term 1 Fall	Term 2 Winter	Term 3 Spring	Term 4 Summer	Term 5 Fall
<p>FCC NURS 101 Introduction to Clinical Nursing <i>6 credits</i></p> <p>FCC NURS 105 Pharmacology for Nurses <i>2 credits</i></p> <p>TU NURS 416 (O) Multicultural Health Care <i>3 credits /14 wks</i></p>	<p>TU NURS 486 Seminar *(F,H,O) 1 credit (2 different topics are required) 3 wks</p>	<p>FCC NURS 214 Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing <i>3 credits</i></p> <p>FCC NURS 211 Medical-Surgical Nursing I <i>7 credits</i></p>	<p>Ethics Course or TU Upper Level Health Elective * (F, H, O) <i>3 credits/ 5,7, or 10 wks</i></p> <p>TU NURS 333 (F, H, O) Profession II: Issues and Advanced Writing <i>3 credits/10 wks</i></p>	<p>FCC NURS 212 Medical-Surgical Nursing II <i>4 credits</i></p> <p>FCC NURS 218 Maternal Child & Family Nursing <i>5 credits</i></p>
11 credits	2 credits	10 credits	6 credits	9 credits
Term 6 Winter	Term 7 Spring	Term 8 Summer	Term 9 Fall	
<p>TU Upper Level Elective * (F, H, O) <i>3 credits/3 wks</i></p>	<p>FCC NURS 231 Medical-Surgical III <i>4 credits</i></p> <p>FCC NURS 261 Preparation for Practice <i>2 credits</i></p> <p>TU NURS 349 (F,H) Health Assessment and Health Promotion Across the Life Span <i>4 credits/14 weeks</i></p> <p>A.S. Degree Awarded</p>	<p>NCLEX – RN</p> <p>TU NURS 435 (F, O) Research in Nursing <i>3 credits/10 wks</i> <i>Prerequisite: Statistics</i></p>	<p>TU NURS 476 (F, O) Nursing and Health VIII: Community <i>3 credits/14 wks</i></p> <p>TU NURS 484 (F, O) Nursing and Health IV: Leadership <i>3 credits/14 wks</i></p> <p>TU NURS 489 Degree Completion Practicum (Clinical) <i>3 credits/14 wks</i></p> <p>BS Degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements</p>	Total Completed: Minimum of 30 TU credits
3 credits	10 credits	3 credits	9 credits	

Course Format

Face-to-Face (F) = more than 50% of the classroom activities are held in a traditional classroom environment; there can be some online activities throughout the course

Hybrid (H) = half or more than 50% of classroom activities are held in the online format

Online (O) = all class activities are held in the online format

* May be completed in a different term with permission of advisor

**Faculty at both FCC and TU reserve the right to update curriculum plans in response to criteria set forth by accreditation bodies, best practice in nursing education, and the evolving needs of the health care system.