

Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 1.0: Carroll 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 Carroll Community College (CCC) 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 CCC and Towson University (TU). ATB 1.0 students begin their TU courses in the first term of their CCC nursing program. Once they earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at CCC, 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) must be taken in a hybrid or face-to-face format, and the practicum in the final term (NURS 489) must be completed face-to-face (in person). 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 option requires year-round attendance and takes approximately 2.5 years to complete. Program length is nine terms, including winter and summer sessions. CCC courses will be held at the CCC campus in Westminster, MD. TU courses will be taken online or at the main TU campus in Towson, MD.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from CCC 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 CCC Nursing Program (selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score)
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher in CCC 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 101) – 4 credits (must include a lab)
 - Nutrition (BIOL 220) – 3 credits

III. General Application Procedures

Students must apply to both the CCC 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 CCC RN Program

See CCC application deadlines and procedures at <https://www.carrollcc.edu/programs/degrees-credit-certificates/nursing-registered-nurse-a-s/>.

Applying to TU ATB

Students must apply and submit all required materials by the deadline to be considered for ATB admission.

Deadline:

- Fall Start – May 12

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 CCC and TU Nursing Departments will review completed applications for acceptance into the ATB option. Students will be notified by either email and/or letter with admission decision. TU will only release admission decisions once CCC has released their decisions. Students who do not receive admission to the CCC 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:

- CCC tuition and fees: <https://www.carrollcc.edu/admissions-aid/costs-scholarships-aid/>
- 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 CCC 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
ENGL 101 College Writing I 3 cr	CHEM 101 Intro to Chemistry 4 cr	Upper-level healthcare ethics 3 cr
ENGL 102 College Writing II 3 cr	BIOL 220 Nutrition 3 cr	Upper-level elective 3 cr
BIOL 101 Fundamentals of Biol 1 4 cr	Courses in this column can all be taken at CCC. All prerequisites must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher.	These courses are not required for admission to ATB. They will be taken at TU during ATB. Students who have already taken an ethics course can take any upper-level elective. Healthcare-related courses are strongly encouraged. Course selection will be made with your TU ATB advisor.
BIOL 210 A&P I 4 cr		
BIOL 211 A&P II 4 cr		
BIOL 215 Microbiology 4 cr		
MATH 115 Intro to Stat Methods 4 cr		
PSYC 101 Intro to Psychology 3 cr		
SOCI 101 Intro to Sociology 3 cr		
PSYC 210 Hum Growth & Dev 3 cr		
ELECTIVE Communication OR Arts 3 cr		
Totals: 38 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

- Carroll CC – Contact the ATB Coordinator Professor Tammy Keller at tkeller@carrollcc.edu or 410-386-8263
- Towson University – Contact the Academic Program Manager at nursingdco@towson.edu or 410-704-4170

Carroll Community College - Towson University ATB Nursing Plan of Study

Fall ATB Start

Term 1 Fall 20____	Term 2 Winter 20____	Term 3 Spring 20____	Term 4 Summer 20____	Term 5 Fall 20____
<p><u>CCC NURS 143</u> Medication Administration 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CCC NURS 133</u> Nursing Concepts I 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 349 (F, H)</u> Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><u>TU NURS 416 (O)</u> Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks</p>	<p><u>CCC NURS 140</u> Nursing Concepts 2 9 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><u>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</u> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/5, 7, or 10 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 460 (O)</u> Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks</p>	<p><u>CCC NURS 233</u> Nursing Concepts 3 8 credits/15 weeks</p>
11 credits	3 credits	9 credits	5 credits	8 credits
Term 6 Winter 20____	Term 7 Spring 20____	Term 8 Summer 20____	Term 9 Fall 20____	
<p><u>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</u> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks</p>	<p><u>CCC NURS 242</u> Nursing Concepts 4 7 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 333 (O)</u> Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><i>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of Carroll CC requirements*</i></p>	<p><u>NCLEX – RN</u></p> <p><u>TU NURS 435 (O)</u> Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/10 weeks</p>	<p><u>TU NURS 476 (O)</u> Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 484 (O)</u> Nursing Leadership & Management 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>TU NURS 489 (F)</u> Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><i>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</i></p>
3 credits	10 credits	3 credits	9 credits	

Disclaimer: Faculty at both Carroll CC 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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