

## **Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 2.0:** **Prince George's Community College & Towson University**

### **General Information for the Primarily Online Model – Summer Start**

#### **I. General Program Information**

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students after their first or second semester in the Prince George's Community College (PGCC) Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses and grade point average (GPA). Students will be enrolled as degree students at PGCC and Towson University (TU) and begin to take TU courses after successful completion of one or more semesters of the Nursing Program at PGCC. Once they earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at PGCC, 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 90% of the TU curriculum may be completed online. The practicum (NURS 489) in the final term requires an in-person clinical experience. All other courses are offered online.

The ATB option requires year-round attendance and takes approximately 2.5 years to complete. Program length is ten terms, including winter and summer sessions. PGCC courses will be held at the PGCC campus in Largo, MD. TU courses will be held online.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from PGCC 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. Completion of the first term or first two terms of the PGCC Nursing Program
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrated professional conduct in Year 1 of PGCC nursing courses
- C. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C (2.0) or better:
  - Chemistry (PGCC CHM 1010) – 4 credits (must include a lab)
  - Principles of Nutrition (PGCC NTR 1010) – 3 credits

Students must also complete basic statistics with a C (2.0) or higher before enrolling in TU's required nursing research course (NURS 435). Students are encouraged to take PGCC's MAT 1140 or MAT 2210 prior to starting the ATB program.

#### **III. General Application Procedures**

Students must apply to both the PGCC A.S. Degree Nursing Program and the TU ATB option by the programs' deadlines. Application to the TU nursing program is not an application to the university. 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. Applicants should not apply to TU until given instructions to do so by the TU Department of Nursing.

##### **Applying to PGCC RN Program**

See PGCC application deadlines and procedures at <https://www.pgcc.edu/programs-courses/academic-divisions/health-wellness-and-hospitality-division/nursing-department/nursing-program/admissions/>.

##### **Applying to TU ATB**

Interested applicants must first confirm eligibility and readiness with PGCC before applying (see contact information on page 2). Students must apply and submit all required materials by the deadline to be considered for ATB admission.

##### **Deadline:**

- Summer Start – April 1st

##### **Required Materials:**

1. NursingCAS Program Application: *Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) – ATB 2.0* – <https://nursingcas.liaisoncas.org/apply/>
2. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended submitted to NursingCAS

For full instructions to complete the NursingCAS application, visit the TU website:

<https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/nursing/undergrad/degree-options/associate-to-bs/admissions.html>.

## Admission Decisions

The PGCC and TU Nursing Departments will review completed applications for acceptance into the ATB option. Students will be notified of their admission decision via email. TU will only release admission decisions once PGCC has verified applicants' nursing program status. Any admission offer to ATB will be contingent upon successful completion of in-progress PGCC nursing courses. If admitted to ATB, students will be provided with instructions to apply and enroll as a TU student.

## 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:

- PGCC tuition and fees: <https://www.pgcc.edu/paying-for-college/tuition-and-costs/>
- 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 PGCC 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	
BIO 2010 Microbiology	4 cr	General Chemistry with Lab	4 cr	Upper-level healthcare ethics	3 cr
BIO 2050 Human A&P 1	4 cr	▪ CHM 1010 General Chemistry I		Upper-level health-related elective	3 cr
BIO 2060 Human A&P 2	4 cr	Nutrition for Health Professionals:	3 cr		
EGL 1010 English Composition	3 cr	▪ NTR 1010 Intro Nutrition			
MAT 1250 Applied College Algebra	3 cr	Basic Statistics*:	3 cr		
PSY 1010 Intro Psychology	3 cr	▪ MAT 1140 Intro to Statistics <i>or</i>			
PSY 2070 Human Growth & Dev.	3 cr	MAT 2210 Statistics			
SOC 1010 Intro to Sociology	3 cr				
Arts/Humanities Gen Ed Elective (COM 1010 or COM 1090)	3 cr	Courses in this column can all be taken at PGCC. All prerequisites must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher.			
Arts/Humanities Gen Ed Elective (PHL 1010 or PHL 1330)	3 cr				
English Gen Ed Elective (EGL 1020 or EGL 1340)	3 cr	<i>*Statistics must be completed prior to enrolling in NURS 435 at TU. It is encouraged to complete prior to beginning the ATB option.</i>			
Totals:	35 credits		10 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

- PGCC – Contact Ms. Nicole Stubbs, Nursing Transfer Advisor, at [stubbsnr@pgcc.edu](mailto:stubbsnr@pgcc.edu) or 301-546-7513
- Towson University – Contact Ms. Lisa Shue, Academic Program Manager, at [nursingdco@towson.edu](mailto:nursingdco@towson.edu) or 410-704-4170

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## Summer ATB Start (Fall PGCC Start)

Term 1 Fall 20____	Term 2 Spring 20____	Term 3 Summer 20____	Term 4 Fall 20____	Term 5 Winter 20____
<a href="#">PGCC NUR 1020</a> Foundations of Nursing Practice 7 credits/15 weeks	<a href="#">PGCC NUR 1030</a> Reproductive Health 3 credits/15 weeks  <a href="#">PGCC NUR 1040</a> Physiological Integrity 1: Nursing the Client with Acute and Chronic Health Alterations 5 credits/15 weeks  <a href="#">Apply for ATB 2.0</a>	<a href="#">Begin ATB 2.0</a>  <a href="#">TU NURS 349 (O)</a> Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/10 weeks  <a href="#">TU NURS 460 (O)</a> Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks	<a href="#">PGCC NUR 2010</a> Nursing Care of Children and Families 3 credits/15 weeks  <a href="#">PGCC NUR 2020</a> Physiological Integrity II: Nursing the Client with Multidimensional System Involvement 5 credits/15 weeks	<a href="#">TU NURS 416 (O)</a> Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks
7 credits	8 credits	6 credits	8 credits	3 credits
Term 6 Spring 20____	Term 7 Summer 20____	Term 8 Fall 20____	Term 9 Winter 20____	Term 10 Spring 20____
<a href="#">PGCC NUR 2031</a> Psychosocial Integrity 3 credits/15 weeks  <a href="#">PGCC NUR 2032</a> Psychosocial Integrity III 3 credits/15 weeks  <a href="#">PGCC NUR 2040</a> Management of Care and Professional Issues 3 credits/15 weeks  <i>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of CC requirements*</i>	<a href="#">NCLEX – RN</a>  <a href="#">TU NURS 333 (O)</a> Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/10 weeks  <a href="#">TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</a> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/5, 7, or 10 weeks	<a href="#">TU NURS 435 (O)</a> Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/10 weeks  <a href="#">TU NURS 484 (O)</a> Nursing Leadership & Management 3 credits/15 weeks	<a href="#">TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</a> Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks	<a href="#">TU NURS 476 (O)</a> Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks  <a href="#">TU NURS 489 (F)</a> Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/15 weeks  <i>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</i>
9 credits	6 credits	6 credits	3 credits	6 credits

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