

Towson University - Nursing Degree Completion Options
Additional Online Course Offerings

Towson University is excited to offer additional online courses for our Degree Completion Option students, beginning fall 2019. This includes Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) and RN to B.S. students. Students will now have the opportunity to complete 90% of the program online! We will still offer courses in alternative formats – face-to-face and hybrid. This will allow students to choose the format that best fits their academic needs!

Has the admission process changed?

Yes, the admission process has slightly changed. Students may now apply online to the TU ATB option: <https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/nursing/undergrad/degree-options/associate-to-bs/admissions.html>

The application fee remains \$50.00 and is non-refundable. Students are admitted to the ATB option, not to a particular course format (online, hybrid, or face-to-face).

Are all courses offered 100% online?

Approximately 90% of the plan of study will be offered online. For NURS 349 (Health Assessment), the online format will include online instruction, virtual lab simulations, and 3-4 mandatory face-to-face sessions where students practice their newly learned skills in a supervised lab setting. For students who prefer a face-to-face course, NURS 349 will be offered over 14 weeks of classroom and lab practice. This course will be held one day a week for approximately 6 hours/day.

For NURS 489 (Degree Completion Practicum), a total of 135 clinical hours must be completed. Currently, there are three mandatory sessions students must attend. While these sessions are currently face-to-face, they may be offered virtually in the near future.

Will all NURS courses be available in the online format in fall 2019?

No, we plan to offer all TU NURS courses in an online format by spring 2020. For fall 2019, the NURS courses being offered in an online format are NURS 349 (with mandatory skills practice sessions), NURS 333, NURS 416, NURS 435, and NURS 486. As of spring 2020, NURS 460, NURS 476, and NURS 484 will be offered in an online format. NURS 489 remains a clinical course. There are also two university upper level elective (300 or 400 level) degree requirements which are required and can be taken online, hybrid, or face-to-face.



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If I want to take a specific course face-to-face and a different course online, will I be allowed to mix formats based upon my learning and individual needs?

Yes, students may select to take one course in one format and another in a different format, even if they are both in the same semester. The key to getting into a format that you want is early advising since it is the advisor who requests course formatting permissions for you.

Once I begin my coursework online, am I guaranteed all online courses?

No, online, hybrid, or face-to-face formats for courses will be requested through your TU advisor during mandatory advising sessions (fall and spring semesters). Requests will be filled on space availability and first-come, first serve basis.

Will I be able to complete my BS degree coursework faster if I choose to take my courses online?

No, the plan of study remains the same. Students are expected to follow their plan of study as developed. We have just expanded our online offerings.

I am already a TU ATB student. Am I eligible to take the online formatting for my remaining courses?

Yes, all TU ATB students are eligible to take courses in either format regardless of the number of BS degree courses already completed.

I have already completed my Associate Degree in Nursing and want to return to earn my BS degree? Am I eligible for online coursework?

Yes, you are eligible for online coursework. Your TU academic advisor will help you develop a plan of study conducive to student success.

Who can I contact if I have further questions?

You may contact *Ms. Charla Fowlkes, Academic Program Manager* at nursingdco@towson.edu or 410-704-2391 for further information.



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