

# REGISTERED NURSING ASSOCIATE TO BACHELORS

Admission Packet

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Essex and Catonsville

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## ASSOCIATE TO BACHELOR'S (ATB) OPTION

### Program Description

The ATB Option is a selective, dual degree enrollment option that requires application to the CCBC Associate of Science Nursing Program and a separate application to an ATB university partner. The ATB Option provides an opportunity to begin coursework for the B.S. degree at one of four participating universities while enrolled in the CCBC A.S. Degree Nursing Program. This reduces time for completion of the B.S. degree to approximately two to three additional terms following completion of the A.S. degree. The CCBC A.S. degree program is accredited by the Maryland Board of Nursing and by the Accreditation Commission on Education in Nursing (ACEN).

The ATB Option is offered in collaboration with the below universities. **Students interested in the ATB Option MUST apply to both the CCBC RN program and their chosen university.** These are separate applications. Use the links below to determine application requirements for the chosen university.

- **Frostburg State University** – an online option
  - [see FSU Information Sheet](#)
  - [http://www.ccbcmd.edu/~media/CCBC/Programs%20and%20Courses/Schools%20and%20Academic%20Departments/SHP/PDFs/ATB/frostburg\\_info.ashx](http://www.ccbcmd.edu/~media/CCBC/Programs%20and%20Courses/Schools%20and%20Academic%20Departments/SHP/PDFs/ATB/frostburg_info.ashx)
- **Notre Dame of Maryland University** – a primarily face to face option
  - [see NDMU Information Sheet](#)
  - [http://www.ccbcmd.edu/~media/CCBC/Programs%20and%20Courses/Schools%20and%20Academic%20Departments/SHP/PDFs/ATB/nd\\_info.ashx](http://www.ccbcmd.edu/~media/CCBC/Programs%20and%20Courses/Schools%20and%20Academic%20Departments/SHP/PDFs/ATB/nd_info.ashx)
- **Stevenson University** – a blended option
  - [see SU Information Sheet](#)
  - [http://www.ccbcmd.edu/~media/CCBC/Programs%20and%20Courses/Schools%20and%20Academic%20Departments/SHP/PDFs/ATB/stevenson\\_info.ashx](http://www.ccbcmd.edu/~media/CCBC/Programs%20and%20Courses/Schools%20and%20Academic%20Departments/SHP/PDFs/ATB/stevenson_info.ashx)
- **Towson University** – a primarily face to face option
  - [see TU Information Sheet](#)
  - [http://www.ccbcmd.edu/~media/CCBC/Programs%20and%20Courses/Schools%20and%20Academic%20Departments/SHP/PDFs/ATB/towson\\_info.ashx](http://www.ccbcmd.edu/~media/CCBC/Programs%20and%20Courses/Schools%20and%20Academic%20Departments/SHP/PDFs/ATB/towson_info.ashx)

Prospective ATB students are advised to review each university's program of study and apply to the university that is the best fit for their personal, educational, and professional goals. Students may apply to multiple ATB partner universities.

This program is designed to prepare students to enter the nursing profession as registered nurses. The curriculum provides theoretical and clinical laboratory study in nursing that will enable students to learn to work as members of a health care team. Upon successful completion of the A.S. portion of the program, graduates are eligible to take the National Council Licensure Examination of Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN).

The ATB Option is available to qualified students participating in the following CCBC RN program options:

- The RN **day program** is offered on the Catonsville and Essex Campuses and starts every fall and spring semester.
- The RN **evening-weekend program** is offered on the Essex Campus and starts only in the fall semester.
- The RN **Blended program** is offered on the Catonsville Campus and has a start in both the fall and spring semesters. This nursing program contains didactic content online. Campus labs and seminars are required in a face-to-face format on the Catonsville campus.

All options require clinical rotations.

NOTE:

1. The ATB Option is only available to students who have completed all the ATB General Education and Additional Program Requirements prior to starting the Nursing Course Requirements.
2. ATB students will travel to the partner university to participate in university courses (the exception is the Frostburg ATB partner; all Frostburg courses are offered online).

## Admissions Process

Admission to the ATB Option requires **two applications**: an application to the CCBC Registered Nursing Program and a separate application to the ATB University partner(s) of choice. Admission to an ATB university partner is contingent upon acceptance to the CCBC Registered Nursing Program.

Please refer to the [Admissions Process for Registered Nursing Program](#). Please refer to each partner university's Information Sheet for the admission process to that university.

Admission into the ATB Option is competitive and takes place in the fall and spring each year. Students must meet deadlines for both the Registered Nursing Program and the University partner(s) of choice.

**NOTE:** Application for the Evening/weekend Program occurs only once a year for fall admission.

## Application Deadlines

All documents and information must be completed in the CCBC CAS by the deadline. Official TEAS scores must be submitted to CCBC TEAS by the deadline.

	Fall	Spring
ATI TEAS Exam	January 15 <sup>th</sup>	August 15 <sup>th</sup>
CCBC CAS RN Application	January 31 <sup>st</sup>	August 31 <sup>st</sup>

## Admission Criteria

- Students must have completed all the RN Program prerequisites, additional ATB program prerequisites and general education required courses prior to starting the nursing courses.
- The student must have basic computer skills.
- GPA 3.00 or higher, calculated from prerequisite, general education and additional program required courses.
- Overall CCBC GPA 2.00 or higher for courses completed at CCBC.
- Satisfactory score on the ATI Test of Essential Academic Skills (TEAS).

## Admission Exam

Admission to the Registered Nursing Program – ATB Option requires submission of an ATI TEAS score to the CCBC School of Health Professions Admissions office. CCBC will share your ATI TEAS score with the ATB University partner school(s) to which you formally apply.

The ATI TEAS is used as part of the admissions process by Nursing and Allied Health schools nationwide. This is a standardized exam created by a company called Assessment Technologies Institute (ATI). The TEAS covers general content in Reading, Mathematics, Science, English, and language usage.

Students must register for the ATI TEAS test, complete the test, and submit official scores to CCBC TEAS by the deadlines listed below:

- August 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the August 31<sup>st</sup> application deadline
- January 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for the January 31<sup>st</sup> application deadline

The recommended minimum scores for admission to CCBC Nursing are listed below. If you do not participate in the ATI TEAS, your application will not be evaluated.

- Overall – PROFICIENT or higher
- Reading – 69.0% or higher

Additional information for the TEAS can be found at:

<http://www.ccbcmd.edu/Programs-and-Courses/Schools-and-Academic-Departments/School-of-Health-Professions/School-of-Health-Professions-Admissions-Office/TEAS-Testing.aspx>

## Prerequisites

The ATB Option requires additional pre-requisite and university requirements that result in the award of both an Associate of Science and a Bachelor of Science degree upon completion. Prerequisite Biology and Chemistry classes satisfy the General Education Biological and Physical Sciences requirements.

RN Program Prerequisites, additional ATB program requirements and general education requirements must be completed prior to the start of the Nursing Program Requirements. All courses must be completed with a grade of C or better.

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## **ATB OPTION**

### **Required course sequence for admission to the ATB Option only**

Due to the rigor and time requirements of nursing courses, it is highly recommended that **all non-nursing courses** (nursing prerequisites, general education requirements, and program requirements) be completed before application to the nursing program or be in progress during the time of application. Courses in progress must be successfully completed prior to the start of the program. Of the courses listed below, **the more courses that a student completes with grades showing mastery, the better the student's chances of admission into the RN program.**

**Required Prerequisite Courses** (for admission consideration – may be completed or enrolled in):

- ✓ BIOL 110 Biology I: Molecular and Cells\* (4 credits)
- ✓ BIOL 220 Human Anatomy and Physiology I (4 credits)
- ✓ ENGL 101 College Composition I (3 credits)
- ✓ General Education Math Requirements (3-4 credits)
  - Recommended: MATH 125 or MATH 153

**Additional Courses** – For **best consideration** complete before admission deadline:

- ✓ BIOL 221 Human Anatomy and Physiology II (4 credits)
- ✓ BIOL 230 Microbiology (4 credits)
- ✓ CMNS 101 Fundamentals of Communication (3 credits)
- ✓ General Education Arts & Humanities Elective (3 credits)
  - Recommended: PHIL 240 Ethics
- ✓ PSYC 101 Introduction to Psychology (3 credits)
- ✓ PSYC 103 Principles of Human Growth and Development (3 credits)

\*Applicants who are transferring to CCBC should meet with a Pathways Health Professions Academic Advisor to determine what coursework is required for both admission and graduation for the CCBC RN program.

Additional required non-nursing courses to earn the Bachelor's degree will be taken during the ATB program of study and will vary by university. Prospective students are advised to carefully review each university's information sheet that contains all course requirements.

## Additional Admission Criteria

Admission to this program is a separate process from admission to the college. Admission to the School of Health Professions programs is competitive, selective, and based on established criteria. A reminder: **you must also apply to the four year ATB school of choice for admission consideration.**

## Where to Apply

Applications for CCBC RN program are found in the CCBC CAS at <https://ccbc.liasoncas.com/applicant-ux/#/login>.

Additional application instructions are found at [www.ccbcmd.edu/cas](http://www.ccbcmd.edu/cas).

This program requires that all official college transcripts be submitted to the CCBC CAS preferably 4-6 weeks prior to the admission deadline.

## Admission Response

Admission decisions for the CCBC RN application are typically emailed between 6-8 weeks after the application deadline. University partner admission decisions are sent by mail or email 2-4 weeks after that.

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Applicants who are offered a seat in the CCBC RN program and choose to accept that seat, are required to pay a non-refundable \$200 seat fee to accept their offer of admission and reserve their space in the CCBC RN programs. The fee will be applied to the student account after the first several weeks of class. Students who accept a seat and then do not attend the program will not be eligible for a refund of the fee.

Students accepted to an ATB partner university should follow university instructions (sent separately) for accepting their ATB seat.

Those not chosen for admission are encouraged to increase their competitiveness and to reapply. Applicants must go through the entire process each year for consideration.

## Post Admission

Once admitted into the CCBC RN program, students will receive further instructional information from the program director. Topics such as uniforms, textbooks, CPR, medical information (physicals, immunization, and health insurance requirements), criminal background checks, drug screening, registration and required software and/or other materials are covered.

- Completion of the Student Health Profile (CCBC Nursing Physical Examination form)

- Documentation of current CPR from the American Heart Association Health Care Provider or other approved equivalent. The CCBC RN program does not accept online CPR Courses.
- Proof of Health insurance coverage, which must be maintained throughout the clinical program
- Completion of Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements and modules required by clinical agencies (The college will make provision for all clinical students to meet this requirement.)
- Completion of criminal background checks and drug screening
- Access to a computer and the Internet (*A high speed connection is recommended.*)
- All new students accepted in to the SHP are required to attend a SHP New Student Orientation in addition to the separate Nursing Program Orientation. Orientations are typically held in January for spring admits and August for fall admits. Your program director will provide specific dates and more information about The SHP Orientation.
- ATB Accepted students will receive information about ATB orientation sessions at their university.

## Who to Contact

**Academic Advising** – Advising is available at all campuses and extension centers. Schedule an appointment with a **Science and Health Careers Pathways Advisor** only. For the Essex campus call 443-840-1973 or visit the Student Services Center room 120A. The hours, addresses and phone numbers for all sites can be found by calling 443-840-2222 or online at <http://www.ccbcmd.edu/Resources-for-Students/Academic-Advisement/Contact-an-Academic-Advisor.aspx>.

**Program Coordinator** Essex Campus – Karen Wons at [kwons@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:kwons@ccbcmd.edu)

**Program Coordinator** Catonsville Campus - Renee Eugene at [reugene@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:reugene@ccbcmd.edu)

**School of Health Professions Office of Admissions** at 443-840-1989 or email [shpseat@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:shpseat@ccbcmd.edu)