

## ATB DUNDALK LPN/RN Bridge Program

Students complete BS at Towson University with the start of the first RN course at CCBC.



# ATB ASSOCIATE TO BACHELOR'S NURSING DEGREE OPTION

A COOPERATIVE VENTURE BETWEEN  
Community College of Baltimore County and Towson University

### **General Information for LPN/RN Bridge Program Option \***

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

This concurrent enrollment option is available to eligible students once they successfully complete the LPN to RN transition course to the CCBC Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses and grade point average (GPA). Students will be enrolled as degree students at CCBC and Towson University (TU) and begin to take TU courses during the Nursing Program at CCBC. Once the Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree is awarded at CCBC, 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. CCBC courses will be held at the Dundalk campus; TU courses will be taken on the TU campus.

Up to 90% of the TU curriculum may be completed online. The TU course, Practicum offered in the final term (NURS 489) require an in-person component. Other courses are typically offered online; the availability of in-person or hybrid course formats may vary depending on student interest and enrollment.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from CCBC and B.S. from Towson University.

Advisors will be available from both CCBC and TU. Financial aid will be arranged through Towson University's Office of Financial Aid.

#### **II. Program Admission Requirements**

- A. Successful completion of the LPN to RN transition course.
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrated professional conduct in CCBC Nursing courses.
- C. Completion of additional courses required by the start of the TU ATB program with a C (2.0) or better:
  - Chemistry (CHEM 107 & 108) 4 credits (must include a lab)
  - Nutrition (BIOL 256) 3 credits

Students must also complete a statistics course with a C (2.0) or higher by the end of their associate degree. They should take CCBC's MATH 153 Introduction to Statistics. Statistics is an enrollment requirement for TU NURS 435, taken in the summer following completion of the associate degree. Students are encouraged to complete this requirement prior to starting ATB.

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

Students must apply to the TU ATB option by the program's deadline. Students who are admitted to the TU ATB option must be eligible to enroll at Towson University, but they do not have to apply to TU by the ATB deadline. The TU Department of Nursing will provide university application instructions if ATB admission is offered.

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

Students must apply and submit all required materials by the deadline to be considered for ATB admission. Applications may be accepted after the deadline depending on space availability and remaining time until the summer term begins.

## **Application Deadline**

- **Summer Start – April 1<sup>st</sup>**

## **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 directly 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 CCBC 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 their admission decision. Any offer of admission will be contingent upon successful completion of currently enrolled in the LPN to RN Transition course at CCBC. Students will be required to submit an updated transcript after the completion of the fall and spring term to verify their nursing grades.

## **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:

- CCBC tuition and fees: <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Paying-for-College/Tuition-and-Fees/index.html>
- TU tuition and fees: [towson.edu/student-university-billing/tuition/](https://towson.edu/student-university-billing/tuition/).
- TU financial aid information: [towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/](https://towson.edu/admissions/financialaid/).

## **V. Non-Nursing Course Requirements**

| <b>Additional Requirements for Admission to the TU ATB Option</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Non-Nursing TU Requirements for the B.S. Degree</b> |      |                             |      |                                 |      |                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |      |                       |      |
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| <table><tr><td>BIOL 256 Nutrition</td><td>3 cr</td></tr><tr><td>CHEM 107 Fund. of Chemistry</td><td>3 cr</td></tr><tr><td>CHEM 108 Fund. of Chemistry Lab</td><td>1 cr</td></tr><tr><td>MATH 153 Statistics</td><td>4 cr</td></tr></table> <p>Courses in this column can all be taken at CCBC. All prerequisites must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher. Statistics is not required for admission to the program, but it is strongly recommended that students complete this prior to starting the ATB option.</p> | BIOL 256 Nutrition                                     | 3 cr | CHEM 107 Fund. of Chemistry | 3 cr | CHEM 108 Fund. of Chemistry Lab | 1 cr | MATH 153 Statistics | 4 cr | <table><tr><td>Upper-level healthcare ethics*</td><td>3 cr</td></tr><tr><td>Upper-level elective*</td><td>3 cr</td></tr></table> <p>*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.</p> | Upper-level healthcare ethics* | 3 cr | Upper-level elective* | 3 cr |
| BIOL 256 Nutrition                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 3 cr                                                   |      |                             |      |                                 |      |                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |      |                       |      |
| CHEM 107 Fund. of Chemistry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3 cr                                                   |      |                             |      |                                 |      |                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |      |                       |      |
| CHEM 108 Fund. of Chemistry Lab                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 1 cr                                                   |      |                             |      |                                 |      |                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |      |                       |      |
| MATH 153 Statistics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 4 cr                                                   |      |                             |      |                                 |      |                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |      |                       |      |
| Upper-level healthcare ethics*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 3 cr                                                   |      |                             |      |                                 |      |                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |      |                       |      |
| Upper-level elective*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 3 cr                                                   |      |                             |      |                                 |      |                     |      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |      |                       |      |
| Totals: 11 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**

- CCBC ATB Coordinator: [atbnursing@ccbcmd.edu](mailto:atbnursing@ccbcmd.edu)
- TU Academic Program Manager: [nursingdco@towson.edu](mailto:nursingdco@towson.edu)

## LPN Bridge Program CCBC – Towson University ATB Nursing Plan of Study Summer ATB Start (Fall CC Start)

| Term 1<br>Fall 20____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Term 2<br>Spring 20____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Term 3<br>Summer 20____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Term 4<br>Fall 20____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Term 5<br>Winter 20____                                                                                                         |
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| <u><b>CCBC NURN 215</b></u><br>LPN to RN<br>Transition<br>7 credits/12 weeks<br><br><b>**You must successfully pass the transition course to apply to Towson ATB**</b>                                                                                          | <u><b>CCBC NURN 234</b></u><br>Nursing Concepts II<br>5 credits/7 weeks<br><br><u><b>CCBC NURN 218</b></u><br>Maternal-Newborn<br>Nursing Concepts<br>3 credits/6 weeks<br>*Maternal or peds this semester<br><br><u><b>Apply for ATB 2.0</b></u>                    | <u><b>Begin ATB 2.0</b></u><br><br><u><b>TU NURS 349 (F, H, O)</b></u><br>Health Assessment &<br>Health Promotion<br>Across the Lifespan<br>4 credits/10 weeks<br><br><u><b>TU NURS 460 (O)</b></u><br>Nursing & Healthcare<br>IV: Older Adults<br>2 credits/10 weeks                 | <u><b>CCBC NURN 222</b></u><br>Pediatric Nursing<br>Concepts<br>3 credits/6 weeks<br>*Maternal or peds this semester<br><br><u><b>CCBC NURN 236</b></u><br>Nursing Concepts III<br>6 credits/8 weeks<br><br><u><b>CCBC NURN 227</b></u><br>Professional<br>Practice Nursing<br>Concepts<br>1 credit/7 weeks<br><br>* A.S. degree awarded upon completion of CCBC requirements* | <u><b>TU NURS 416 (O)</b></u><br>Diversity & Social Justice<br>in Healthcare<br>3 credits/3 weeks<br><br><u><b>NCLEX-RN</b></u> |
| <b>7 credits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>8 credits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>6 credits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>10 credits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>3 credits</b>                                                                                                                |
| Term 6<br>Spring 20____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Term 7<br>Summer 20____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Term 8<br>Fall 20____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                 |
| <u><b>TU NURS 333 (O)</b></u><br>Writing for Evidence-Based<br>Practice: Issues in<br>Professional Nursing<br>3 credits/15 weeks<br><br><u><b>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</b></u><br>Healthcare Ethics or Health-<br>Related Course<br>3 credits/15 weeks | <u><b>NCLEX – RN</b></u><br><br><u><b>TU NURS 435 (O)</b></u><br>Nursing Research for<br>Evidence-Based Practice<br>3 credits/10 weeks<br><br><u><b>TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O)</b></u><br>Healthcare Ethics or<br>Health-Related Course<br>3 credits/15 weeks | <u><b>TU NURS 476 (O)</b></u><br>Public Health Nursing<br>3 credits/15 weeks<br><br><u><b>TU NURS 484 (O)</b></u><br>Nursing Leadership &<br>Management<br>3 credits/15 weeks<br><br><u><b>TU NURS 489 (F)</b></u><br>Degree Completion<br>Practicum [Clinical]<br>3 credits/15 weeks | * B.S. degree awarded upon completion of CCBC requirements*                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>6 credits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <b>6 credits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | <b>9 credits</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                 |

Disclaimer: Faculty at both 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