



Associate-to-Bachelor's (ATB) Degree Completion Option – ATB 1.0: **Community College of Baltimore County & Towson University**

General Information for this Primarily Online/Hybrid Model

I. General Program Information

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students once they are accepted to the CCBC 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 CCBC and Towson University (TU). ATB 1.0 students begin their TU courses in the first term of their CCBC nursing program. Once they earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at CCBC, 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) and the practicum 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.

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. CCBC courses will be held at the CCBC campus where the student is enrolled in the Nursing Program (CCBC Essex or CCBC Catonsville). TU courses will be taken online or at the main TU campus in Towson, MD.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from CCBC 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 CCBC Nursing Program (selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score)
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher in CCBC 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 107 & 108 or CHEM 131) 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 before enrolling in the required nursing research course taken after completion of the associate degree. Due to the year-round plan of study, students are strongly encouraged to complete this requirement prior to starting their nursing program. They may MATH 153 Introduction to Statistics at CCBC.

III. General Application Procedures

Students must apply to both the CCBC 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 CCBC RN Program

See CCBC application deadlines and procedures at <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/Programs-and-Courses/Schools-and-Academic-Departments/School-of-Health-Professions/Nursing/Nursing-Admission-Process.aspx>.

Applying to TU ATB

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

Application Deadlines:

- Fall Start – February 15
- Spring Start – August 15

Required Materials:

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

For complete instructions, visit the TU website at

<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 admission decision. TU will only release admission decisions once CCBC has released their decisions. Students who do not receive admission to the CCBC 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:

- CCBC tuition and fees: <https://www.ccbcmd.edu/costs-and-paying-for-college/tuition-and-fees>
- 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 CCBC Associate Degree RN Program			Additional Requirements for Admission to the TU ATB Option		Non-Nursing TU Requirements for the B.S. Degree	
ENGL 101	College Composition I	3 cr	BIOL 256 Nutrition	3 cr	Upper-level healthcare ethics*	3 cr
BIOL 110	Biology	4 cr	CHEM 107 Fund. of Chemistry	3 cr	Upper-level elective*	3 cr
BIOL 220	A&P I	4 cr	CHEM 108 Fund. of Chemistry Lab	1 cr		
BIOL 221	A&P II	4 cr	MATH 153 Statistics	4 cr		
BIOL 230	Microbiology	4 cr	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.		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.	
MATH 125	Finite Math (or higher)*	3 cr				
PSYC 101	Intro to Psychology	3 cr				
PSYC 103	Human Growth & Dev	3 cr				
CMNS 101	Fund of Communication	3 cr				
ART/HUM	Humanities/Arts	3 cr				
*Students should take MATH 153 Statistics instead of MATH 125 in order to meet the TU ATB requirement for statistics.						
Totals:		34 credits		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
- TU Academic Program Manager — nursingdco@towson.edu

CCBC - 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____
CCBC NURN 153 Fundamentals of Nursing Concepts 6 credits/14 weeks CCBC NURN 129 Professional Nursing Role 1 credit/14 weeks TU NURS 349* (F, H) Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/15 weeks <i>*Must take to be exempt from CCBC NURN 155</i>	TU NURS 416 (O) Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks	CCBC NURN 160 Nursing Concepts I 6 credits/8 weeks CCBC NURN 218 Maternal-Newborn Nursing Concepts 3 credits/6 weeks	TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O) Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/5, 7, or 10 weeks TU NURS 460 (O) Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks	CCBC NURN 217 Mental Health Nursing Concepts 3 credits/6 weeks CCBC NURN 227 Professional Practice Nursing Concepts 1 credits/7 weeks CCBC NURN 234 Nursing Concepts II 5 credits/7 weeks
11 credits	3 credits	9 credits	5 credits	9 credits
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3 credits	12 credits	3 credits	9 credits	

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