



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

General Information for the Primarily Online Model

I. General Program Information

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students once they are accepted to the College of Southern Maryland (CSM) 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 CSM and Towson University (TU). ATB 1.0 students begin their TU courses in the first term of their CSM nursing program. Once they earn the Associate of Science (A.S.) degree at CSM, 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 must be completed face-to-face (in person). 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. CSM courses will be held at the CSM campus in Hughesville, MD. TU courses will be taken online.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from CSM 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 CSM Nursing Program (selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score)
- B. GPA of 3.0 or higher in CSM required admission courses
- C. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C (2.0) or better:
 - Chemistry (CHE 1050) – 4 credits (must include a lab)
 - Principles of Nutrition (BIOL 2160) – 3 credits

III. General Application Procedures

Students must apply to both the CSM 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 CSM RN Program

See CSM application deadlines and procedures at

https://csmd.elluciancrmrecruit.com/Apply/Account/Create?utm_source=web&utm_medium=program-page&utm_campaign=applybtn&utm_content=Nursing

Applying to TU ATB

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

Deadline:

- Fall Start – January 15
- Spring Start – June 15

Required Materials:

1. Department of Nursing Application for Admission: Associate to Bachelor's Degree Completion Option (ATB):
<https://www.towson.edu/chp/departments/nursing/undergrad/degree-options/associate-to-bs/admissions.html>
2. \$50 non-refundable application fee – Submit upon completion of online application form.
3. Official transcripts from all colleges/universities attended – Submit to University Admissions (electronic transcripts preferred)
 - a. **Electronic transcripts:** Select "Towson University" in Parchment or other electronic transcript service

- b. **Printed transcripts:** University Admissions, Towson University, 8000 York Road, Towson, Maryland 21252

Admission Decisions

The CSM 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 CSM has released their decisions. Students who do not receive admission to the CSM 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:

- CSM tuition and fees: <https://www.csmd.edu/costs-aid/scholarships-financial-aid/index.html>
- 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 CSM 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		
ENGL 1010	College Composition I	3 cr	CHEM 101	Intro to Chemistry	4 cr	Upper-level healthcare ethics	3 cr
BIO 2170	A&P I	4 cr	BIOL 220	Nutrition	3 cr	Upper-level elective	3 cr
BIO 2180	A&P II	4 cr	Courses in this column can all be taken at CSM. All prerequisites must be completed with a C (2.0) or higher.			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.	
BIO 2010	Microbiology	4 cr					
MTH 1120	College Algebra	3 cr					
MTH 1015	Statistics	3 cr					
PHIL 1410	Ethics	3 cr					
PSYC 1010	Intro to Psychology	3 cr					
PSYC 2050	Hum Growth & Dev	3 cr					
COM 1350	Intercultural Communication	3 cr					
Totals:	33 credits		7 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

- College of Southern Maryland – Contact the ATB Coordinator Mona Weber at mweber@csmd.edu or 301-934-7638.
- Towson University – Contact the Academic Program Manager at nursingdco@towson.edu or 410-704-4170

College of Southern Maryland – 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____
CSM NUR 1175 & 1175L Foundations of Professional Nursing Practice & Clinical 7 credits TU NURS 333 (O) Writing for Evidence-Based Practice: Issues in Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks	TU NURS 416 (O) Diversity & Social Justice in Healthcare 3 credits/3 weeks	CSM NUR 1250 & 1250L Care of the Person with Behavioral Health Needs & Clinical 3 credits CSM NUR 1275 & 1275L Care of the Adult Person with Basic Health Needs & Clinical 7 credits	TU NURS 460 (O) Nursing & Healthcare IV: Older Adults 2 credits/10 weeks TU NURS 349 (O) Health Assessment & Health Promotion Across the Lifespan 4 credits/10 weeks	CSM NUR 2350 & 2350L Care of the Person with Childbearing Needs 3 credits & Clinical CSM NUR 2375 & 2375L Care of the Adult Person with Complex Health Needs 7 credits
10 credits	3 credits	10 credits	6 credits	10 credits
Term 6 Winter 20____	Term 7 Spring 20____	Term 8 Summer 20____	Term 9 Fall 20____	
TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O) Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/3 weeks	CSM NUR 2450 & 2450L Care of the Adult Person with Child Rearing Health Needs & Clinical 3 credits CSM NUR 2475 & 2475L Professional Nursing Leadership, Management and Transition to Practice & Clinical 5 credits TU Upper-Level Elective (F, H, O) Healthcare Ethics or Health-Related Course 3 credits/15 weeks <i>*A.S. degree awarded upon completion of CSM requirements*</i>	NCLEX – RN TU NURS 435 (O) Nursing Research for Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/10 weeks	TU NURS 476 (O) Public Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 484 (O) Nursing Leadership & Management 3 credits/15 weeks TU NURS 489 (F) Degree Completion Practicum [Clinical] 3 credits/15 weeks	<i>*B.S. degree awarded upon completion of TU requirements*</i>
3 credits	11 credits	3 credits	9 credits	

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Course Format Key

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