



Associate's to Bachelor's (ATB) Option General Information for this Online Option

(Option is delivered in a fully online format with no on-campus requirements)

I. General Program Information

This dual enrollment option is available to eligible students once they are accepted to the Harford Community College (HCC) Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses and grade point average (GPA). Students will be enrolled as degree students at HCC and Frostburg State University (FSU) and begin to take FSU online courses during the Nursing Program at HCC. Once the Associate of Science Degree (A.S.) is awarded at HCC, students must take and pass the nursing licensure exam, the NCLEX-RN, and then continue coursework at FSU to complete the Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing (B.S.N.).

Program length is 9 terms, including winter and summer sessions, and it takes approximately 2 ½ years to complete.

HCC courses will be held at the Harford Community College campus; FSU courses will be taken as online courses. To assess your readiness to be an online learner, please read the FSU web pages and take the Online Readiness Survey: <https://www.frostburg.edu/nursing/distance-learning/> and <https://www.frostburg.edu/nursing/distance-learning/computer-literacy-survey/>

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from HCC and B.S.N. from FSU (where a minimum of **32 credits** will be required from FSU to graduate).

Advisors will be available from both HCC and FSU.

Financial aid will be arranged through Frostburg State University Office of Financial Aid.

II. Program Admission Requirements

- A. Admission to the HCC Nursing Program
- B. Selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score
- C. GPA of 3.0 or higher in HCC required admission courses
- D. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C or better:
 - Chemistry (CHEM 111) 4 credits (must include a lab)
 - Statistics (MATH 216) 3-4 credits
 - Nutrition (BIO 210) 3 credits

III. ATB Program Progression

Students must remain in Harford Community College's Nursing Program to continue in the ATB Option. Students are expected to complete the sequence of study as outlined in the HCC - FSU ATB curriculum plan. Students must successfully pass the NCLEX-RN to complete the remaining FSU courses.

IV. General Application Procedures

Note: Students applying to the FSU ATB Option must first be accepted to the HCC A.S. Degree Nursing Program. Admission to the FSU Option is contingent upon admission to HCC's Nursing Program.

All applications, fees and transcripts must be received by FSU by the deadline of **May 1st** for a Fall start and by **November 9th** for a Spring start.

1. Apply online at <https://www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/undergraduate/apply/transfer-applicants.php>.
2. After application submission, do not pay the application fee. Instead, please contact Roxanne Weighley, at FSU, to have your application fee waived. Contact Roxanne Weighley @ rmweighley@frostburg.edu.
3. Have official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities sent to FSU Admissions.
4. Admissions will review file and send to the FSU Nursing Department.
5. CC and FSU Nursing Departments will review for acceptance into the ATB option.
6. Student will be notified by email with admission decision.

V. Tuition and Fees

Tuition and fees can change from one academic year to the next. For most up to date information go to: <http://www.frostburg.edu/nursing/degree-programs/atb-program/program-criteria/>

VI. Non-Nursing Course Requirements

| Requirements for Admission to HCC Associate Degree RN Program | Additional Requirements for Admission to the FSU Associate to Bachelor's Option | Additional Non-Nursing FSU Requirements to Award the Bachelor of Science in Nursing |
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| BIO 203 Anatomy & Physiology I 4 cr BIO 204 Anatomy & Physiology II 4 cr BIO 205 Microbiology 4 cr ENG 101 English Composition 3 cr PSY 101 General Psychology 3 cr PSY 214 Human Development 3 cr SOC 101 Intro to Sociology 3 cr Arts/Humanities elective 6 cr Mathematics elective 3 cr Physical Education elective 1 cr | CHEM 111 Gen. Chem. w/Lab 4 cr MATH 216 Statistics 3-4 cr BIO 210 Nutrition 3 cr Note: Courses in this column can all be taken at HCC. | ENGL 308 Advanced Composition 3 cr MGMT 356 Leadership and Human Behavior 3 cr Note: the courses <u>above</u> will be taken online <u>during</u> the ATB Nursing program of study <u>at FSU</u> . Note: the courses below can be taken before or during the ATB Nursing Option and can be taken at HCC or FSU. It is highly recommended they be completed <u>before</u> beginning HCC Nursing Courses; check with FSU advisor to be sure HCC courses will meet FSU requirement. Fine & Performing Arts Category* 3 cr Identity and Difference Category* 3 cr Humanities Category* 3 cr * Check with FSU Advisor to see if previously completed coursework could satisfy these requirements. |
| Totals: 34 credits | 10- 11 credits | 6-15 credits* |

VI. For more information:

For HCC related questions/course advising, contact Rebecca Diaz, Academic Progression Coordinator at rdiaz@harford.edu or 443-412-2740.

For FSU related questions/course advising, contact Roxanne Weighley, ATB Coordinator, at rmweighley@frostburg.edu or 301-687-3418.

Harford Community College - Frostburg State University ATB Nursing Curriculum Plan**

Fall Start Plan

(Note: Student may wish to take additional HCC Core courses before beginning nursing sequence)

| Term 1 Fall | Term 2 Winter | Term 3 Spring | Term 4 Summer | Term 5 Fall |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| <p><u>HCC NURS 101</u> Fundamentals of Nursing 7 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/15 wks</p> | <p><u>FSU ENGL 308</u> Advanced Composition* 3 credits/3 weeks</p> | <p><u>HCC NURS 105</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing I 4.5 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 110</u> Mental Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 112</u> Contemporary Issues 1 credit/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 405</u> Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice- 3 credits/15 weeks</p> | <p><u>FSU MGMT 356</u> Leadership and Human Behavior 3 credits/6 weeks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 402</u> Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/12 weeks</p> | <p><u>HCC NURS 220</u> Maternal-Newborn Nursing 3 credits/7 weeks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 230</u> Pediatric Nursing 3 credits/7 weeks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 210</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing II 4.5 credits/7 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety 3 credits/15 weeks</p> |
| 10 credits | 3 credits | 11.5 credits | 6 credits | 13.5 credits |
| Term 6 Winter | Term 7 Spring | Term 8 Summer | Term 9 Fall | |
| <p><u>FSU NURS Elective*</u> 3 credits/3 weeks</p> <p>(may wish to consider <u>FSU NURS 407</u> Health Finance if desire MSN degree)</p> | <p><u>HCC NURS 211</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing III 9 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 212</u> Leadership in Nursing 1 credit/7 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 403</u> Elements of the Professional Nursing Role 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>A.S. Degree Awarded</p> | <p>NCLEX – RN</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 404</u> Nursing Informatics 3 Credits/12 weeks</p> | <p><u>FSU NURS 491</u> Population-Focused Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 495</u> Population-Focused Nursing Practice Practicum 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 496</u> Capstone Project 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>B.S. Degree Awarded upon completion of FSU 32 credit minimum requirement.</p> | |
| 3 credits | 13 credits | 3 credits | 8 credits | Rev 9.28.17 |

*May be completed in a different term with permission of advisors.

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Harford Community College - Frostburg State University ATB Nursing Curriculum**

Spring Start Plan

(Note: Student may wish to take additional HCC Core courses before beginning nursing sequence)

| Term 1 Spring _____ | Term 2 Summer _____ | Term 3 Fall _____ | Term 4 Winter _____ | Term 5 Spring _____ |
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| <p><u>HCC NURS 101</u> Fundamentals of Nursing 7 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/15 wks</p> | <p><u>FSU ENGL 308</u> Advanced Composition* 3 credits/4 weeks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU MGMT 356</u> Leadership and Human Behavior 3 credits/4 weeks</p> | <p><u>HCC NURS 105</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing I 4.5 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 110</u> Mental Health Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 112</u> Contemporary Issues 1 credit/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 405</u> Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice- 3 credits/15 weeks</p> | <p><u>FSU NURS Elective*</u> 3 credits/3 weeks</p> <p>(may wish to consider <u>FSU NURS 407</u> Health Finance if desire MSN degree)</p> | <p><u>HCC NURS 220</u> Maternal-Newborn Nursing 3 credits/7 weeks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 230</u> Pediatric Nursing 3 credits/7 weeks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 210</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing II 4.5 credits/7 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety 3 credits/15 weeks</p> |
| 10 credits | 6 credits | 11.5 credits | 3 credits | 13.5 credits |
| Term 6 Summer _____ | Term 7 Fall _____ | Term 8 Winter _____ | Term 9 Spring _____ | |
| <p><u>FSU NURS 402</u> Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/12 weeks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 404</u> Nursing Informatics 3 Credits/12 wks</p> | <p><u>HCC NURS 211</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing III 9 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>HCC NURS 212</u> Leadership in Nursing 1 credit/7 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 403</u> Elements of the Professional Nursing Role 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>A.S. Degree Awarded</p> | <p><u>NCLEX – RN</u></p> | <p><u>FSU NURS 491</u> Population-Focused Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 495</u> Population-Focused Nursing Practice Practicum 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 496</u> Capstone Project 2 credits/15 wks</p> <p>B.S. Degree Awarded upon completion of FSU 32 credit minimum requirement.</p> | |
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