

Associate-to-Bachelor Option In Partnership with Frederick Community College Nursing Program

Online Option

Frostburg's ATB option is delivered in a fully online format with no on campus requirements

I. General Program Information

This dual admission option is available to eligible students once they are accepted to the FCC Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses, grade point average (GPA), and TEAS scores. Students will be enrolled as degree students at FCC and FSU and begin to take FSU online courses during the Nursing Program at FCC. Once the Associate of Science Degree (A.S.) is awarded at FCC, 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.

FCC courses will be held at FCC's campus; FSU courses will be taken as online courses.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from FCC 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 FCC and FSU.

Financial aid will be arranged through Frostburg State University Office of Financial Aid once student is admitted to the ATB Option.

II. Program Admission Requirements

- A. Admission to the FCC Nursing Program
- B. Selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score
- C. GPA of 3.0 or higher in FCC required admission courses
- D. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C or better:
 - Chemistry (CHEM100 or CHEM101) 4 credits (must include a lab)
 - Statistics (MATH120 or MATH127) 3 credits or 4 credits
 - Nutrition (NUTR102 or NUTR200) 3 credits

For More Information:

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IV. General Application Procedures

Note: Students applying to the FSU ATB Option must also apply to the FCC A.S. Degree Nursing Program. Admission to the FSU Option is contingent upon admission to FCC's Nursing Program.

1. Apply online at <https://www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/undergraduate/apply/transfer-applicants.php>
2. When prompted (near the end of the online application), **do not** pay the application fee. Instead, please contact Dan Saunders, at FSU, for a code to enter into your online application so that your application fee can be waived. Contact Dan Saunders @ drsaunders@frostburg.edu
3. Have official transcripts for all colleges/universities that you attended sent to FSU Admissions.
4. Admissions will review file and send to the FSU Nursing Department.
5. FCC 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 the FCC 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 |
|--|---|---|
| ENGL 101 English Composition 3 cr BSCI 201 A&P I 4 cr BSCI 202 A&P II 4 cr BSCI 223 Microbiology 4 cr MATH MATH120 Statistics 3 cr Or higher* PSYC 101 General Psychology 3 cr EDPS 210 Hum Growth & Dev 3 cr SOCY 101 Intro to Sociology 3 cr COMM** Speech/Communication 3 cr HUMN Humanities Elective 3 cr ARTT Arts Elective 3 cr PHED*** PE/HE Requirement 1 cr *Students must take MATH 120 Statistics or higher ** To satisfy FCC's COMM requirement, students may select COMM 101 or COMM 103 or COMM 105 or COMM 107. ***NUTR 102 is recommended | CHEM 100 or 101 Chemistry (w/lab) 4 cr MATH 120 or 127 Statistics 3 cr NUTR 102 or 200 Nutrition 3 cr Note: Courses in this column can all be taken at FCC. | 300 – Level English 3 cr (Recommended : ENGL 308 Advanced Composition) MGMT 356 3 cr Leadership and Human Behavior Note: the courses <u>above</u> will be taken online <u>during</u> the ATB Nursing program of study <u>at</u> FSU. |
| Totals: 37 credits | 10 credits | 6 credits |

For more information:

For FCC-related questions/course advising, contact Jennifer McAninley, Nursing Advisor, at jmcaninley@frederick.edu or 301-846-2471.

For FSU-related questions/course advising, contact Dan Saunders, ATB Coordinator, at drsaunders@frostburg.edu or 301-687-3418.

FCC - Frostburg State University ATB Nursing Sample Curriculum Plan*

Fall Start Plan - Sample

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

| Term 1 Fall | Term 2 Winter | Term 3 Spring | Term 4 Summer | Term 5 Fall |
|--|---|---|---|---|
| <p><u>FCC NURS 101</u> Introduction to Clinical Nursing 6 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FCC NURS 105</u> Pharmacology for Nurses 2 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 403</u> Elements of the Professional Nursing Role 3 credits/15 wks</p> | <p>FSU 300 – Level English** 3 credits/3 wks</p> | <p><u>FCC NURS 211</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing I 7 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FCC NURS 214</u> Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing 3 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 405</u> Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice- 3 credits/15 wks</p> | <p><u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/6 wks</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p><u>FSU MGMT 356</u> Leadership and Human Behavior 3 credits/6 wks</p> | <p><u>FCC NURS 212</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing II 4 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FCC NURS 218</u> Maternal Child & Family Nursing 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety 3 credits/15 wks</p> |
| 11 credits | 3 credits | 13 credits | 6 credits | 12 credits |
| Term 6 Winter | Term 7 Spring | Term 8 Summer | Term 9 Fall | |
| <p><u>FSU NURS Elective*</u> 3 credits/3 wks</p> <p>Consult with your FSU Nursing Advisor when choosing which course you would like to take to fulfill this requirement.</p> <p>May wish to consider <u>FSU NURS 407</u> Health Finance if desire MSN degree</p> | <p><u>FCC NURS 231</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing III 4 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FCC NURS 261</u> Preparation for Practice 2 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 404</u> Nursing Informatics 3 Credits/15 wks</p> <p>A.S. Degree Awarded</p> | <p><u>NCLEX – RN</u></p> <p><u>FSU NURS 402</u> Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/12 wks</p> | <p><u>FSU NURS 491</u> Population-Focused Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 wks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 495</u> Population-Focused Nursing Practice Practicum 3 credits/15 wks</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> | |
| 3 credits | 9 credits | 3 credits | 8 credits | |

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

FCC - Frostburg State University ATB Nursing Curriculum Plan*

Spring Start Plan - Sample

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

| Term 1 Spring | Term 2 Summer | Term 3 Fall | Term 4 Winter | Term 5 Spring |
|---|---|--|--|---|
| <p><u>FCC NURS 101</u> Introduction to Clinical Nursing 6 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 403</u> Elements of the Professional Nursing Role 3 credits/15 weeks</p> | <p><u>FCC NURS 105</u> Pharmacology for Nurses 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>FSU 300 – Level English** 3 credits/4 wks</p> <p><u>FSU MGMT 356</u> Leadership and Human Behavior 3 credits/4 wks</p> | <p><u>FCC NURS 211</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing I 7 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FCC NURS 214</u> Psychiatric/Mental Health Nursing 3 credits/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>Consult with your FSU Nursing Advisor when choosing which course you would like to take to fulfill this requirement.</p> <p>May wish to consider <u>FSU NURS 407</u> Health Finance if desire MSN degree</p> | <p><u>FCC NURS 212</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing II 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FCC NURS 218</u> Maternal Child & Family Nursing 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety 3 credits/15 weeks</p> |
| 9 credits | 8 credits | 13 credits | 3 credits | 12 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 wks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/6 wks</p> | <p><u>FCC NURS 231</u> Medical-Surgical Nursing III 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FCC NURS 261</u> Preparation for Practice 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 404</u> Nursing Informatics 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 weeks</p> <p>B.S. Degree Awarded upon completion of FSU 32 credit minimum requirement.</p> | |
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