



## **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 AACC Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses and grade point average (GPA). Students will be enrolled as degree students at AACC and FSU and begin to take FSU online courses during the Nursing Program at AACC. Once the Nursing Associate of Science Degree (A.S.) is awarded at AACC, 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.

AACC courses will be held at the AACC campus; FSU courses will be taken as online courses.

Two degrees will be awarded: A.S. from AACC and B.S.N. from FSU (where a minimum of 30 credits will be required from FSU to graduate).

Advisors will be available from both AACC and FSU.

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

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

- A. Admission to the AACC Nursing Program
- B. Selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and TEAS score
- C. GPA of 3.0 or higher in AACC required admission courses
- D. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C or better:
  - Chemistry (CHEM 107/108)                      4 credits (must include a lab)
  - Statistics (MATH 153)                              3-4 credits
  - Nutrition (BIOL 256)                                3 credits

### **III. ATB Program Progression**

- Students must remain in AACC's Nursing Program to continue in the ATB Option.
- Students are expected to complete the sequence of study as outlined in the AACC-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 also apply to the AACC A.S. Degree Nursing Program.

Admission to the FSU ATB Option is contingent upon admission to AACC's Nursing Program.

1. Before you can apply to Frostburg's Nursing Program, you **must first speak with your advisor** at AACC.
2. Once you have permission, from your advisor, to apply for dual-enrollment, apply online at <https://www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/undergraduate/apply/transfer-applicants.php>
3. Contact the FSU Department of Nursing, at [nursing@frostburg.edu](mailto:nursing@frostburg.edu), to **request an application fee waiver code**. When prompted for payment, enter fee waiver code.
4. Have official transcripts from all previously attended colleges/universities sent to FSU Admissions.
5. Admissions will review file and send to the FSU Nursing Department.
6. AACC and FSU Nursing Departments will review for acceptance into the ATB option.
7. 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 the most up to date part time tuition information, technology and the special coursework fee please visit the following website: <https://www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/tuition-and-fees/Undergraduate-Tuition-and-Fees.php>

## VI. Non-Nursing Course Requirements

Requirements for the AACC 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
ENG 101 Acad. Writing/Research 3 cr BIO 233^ A&P I 4 cr BIO 234 ^ A&P II 4 cr BIO 223 General Microbiology 4 cr MAT 137 College Algebra 3 cr PSY 111 Intro to Psychology 3 cr PSY 211 Developmental Psych 3 cr SOC 111 Intro to Sociology 3 cr ART/HUM* Gen Ed Arts/Humanities 3 cr ART/HUM * Gen Ed Arts/Humanities 3 cr	CHE 111 General Chemistry 1 4 cr BIO 135 Principles of Nutrition 3 cr MAT 135 Statistics 3 cr  <b>Note:</b> Courses in this column can all be taken at AACC.	300 – Level English 3 cr (Recommended : ENGL 308 Advanced Composition)  MGMT 356 3 cr Leadership and Human Behavior  <b>Note:</b> the courses <u>above</u> will be taken online <u>during</u> the ATB Nursing program of study <u>at FSU</u> .
<p>^ Students can take BIO 231 (Human Biology I) and BIO 232 (Human Biology II) instead of BIO 233 (A&amp;P I) and BIO 234 (A&amp;P II).</p> <p>* To ensure the most efficient transfer of credits possible, be sure to check with FSU Nursing Department when choosing a Gen Ed ART/HUM course at AACC or when determining if a course previously taken at AACC will satisfy one of FSU's Fine Arts or Humanities Gen Ed requirement.</p>		<p><b>Note:</b> the courses <u>below</u> can be taken <u>before or during</u> the ATB Nursing Option and can be taken at AACC or FSU. It is recommended they be completed <u>before</u> beginning AACC Nursing Courses. Students may use the "Keyword" section of ARTSYS or check with FSU advisor to be sure AACC courses will meet FSU requirement.</p> <p>Fine &amp; Performing Arts <u>or</u> Humanities Category (if needed)* 3 cr</p> <p>* Check with FSU Advisor to see if previously completed coursework could satisfy these requirements.</p>
<b>Totals:</b> 33 credits	10 credits	6- 9 credits*

\* For AACC-related questions/course advising, contact at [atbnursing@aacc.edu](mailto:atbnursing@aacc.edu) .

\* For FSU-related questions/course advising, contact the FSU Department of Nursing at [nursing@frostburg.edu](mailto:nursing@frostburg.edu) or 301-687-4141.

**\*\*AACC - Frostburg State University ATB Nursing Curriculum Plan\*\***  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Start Plan**

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

<b>Term 1</b> <b>Spring</b> _____	<b>Term 2</b> <b>Summer</b> _____	<b>Term 3</b> <b>Fall</b> _____	<b>Term 4</b> <b>Winter</b> _____	<b>Term 5</b> <b>Spring</b> _____
<u>AACC NUR 120</u> Foundations of Nursing 7 credits/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 121</u> Basic Physical Assessment 1 credit/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 122</u> Nursing Perspectives 1 1 credit/15 weeks	<u>FSU 300 – Level English*</u> 3 credits/4 weeks  <b>AND</b>  <u>FSU NURS 411</u> Culture of Health 3 credits/6 weeks	<u>AACC NUR 130</u> Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 5 credits/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 131</u> Maternal, Newborn Nursing, and Women’s Health 4 credits/15 weeks  <u>FSU NURS 403</u> Leadership for Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks	<u>FSU NURS Elective*</u> 3 credits/3 weeks	<u>AACC NUR 220</u> Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 5 credits/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 221</u> Nursing Care of Children and Families 4 credits/15 weeks  <u>FSU NURS 405</u> Ethical and Legal Concepts for Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 weeks
9 credits	6 credits	12 credits	3 credits	12 credits
<b>Term 6</b> <b>Summer</b> _____	<b>Term 7</b> <b>Fall</b> _____	<b>Term 8</b> <b>Winter</b> _____	<b>Term 9</b> <b>Spring</b> _____	<b>Term 10</b> <b>Summer</b> _____
<u>FSU NURS 402</u> Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/12 weeks  <b>AND</b>  <u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/6 weeks	<u>AACC NUR 230</u> Nursing Management of Clients with Complex Health Problems and Transitions 9 credits/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 231</u> Nursing Perspectives 2 1 credit/15 weeks  <u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety in Complex Systems 3 credits/15 weeks  <b>A.S. Degree Awarded</b>	<b>NCLEX – RN</b>	<u>FSU NURS 404</u> Nursing Informatics 3 Credits/15 weeks	<u>FSU NURS 491</u> Population-Focused Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 weeks  <u>FSU NURS 495</u> Population-Focused Nursing Practice Practicum 3 credits/15 weeks  <u>FSU NURS 496</u> RN-BSN Capstone 3 credits/15 weeks  <b>B.S. Degree Awarded upon completion of FSU 32 credit minimum requirement.</b>
6 credits	13 credits		3 credits	9 credits

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<b>Term 1 Fall _____</b>	<b>Term 2 Winter _____</b>	<b>Term 3 Spring _____</b>	<b>Term 4 Summer _____</b>	<b>Term 5 Fall _____</b>
<u>AACC NUR 120</u> Foundations of Nursing 7 credits/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 121</u> Basic Physical Assessment 1 credit/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 122</u> Nursing Perspectives 1 1 credit/15 weeks		<u>AACC NUR 130</u> Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 5 credits/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 131</u> Maternal, Newborn Nursing, and Women's Health 4 credits/15 weeks  <u>FSU NURS 403</u> Leadership for Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks	<u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/6 weeks  FSU 300 – Level English* 3 credits/6 weeks	<u>AACC NUR 220</u> Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 5 credits/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 221</u> Nursing Care of Children and Families 4 credits/15 weeks  <u>FSU NURS 405</u> Ethical and Legal Concepts for Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 weeks
9 credits		12 credits	6 credits	12 credits
<b>Term 6 Winter _____</b>	<b>Term 7 Spring _____</b>	<b>Term 8 Summer _____</b>	<b>Term 9 Fall _____</b>	<b>Term 10 Winter _____</b>
<u>FSU NURS 411</u> Culture of Health 3 credits/6 weeks	<u>AACC NUR 230</u> Nursing Management of Clients with Complex Health Problems and Transitions 9 credits/15 weeks  <u>AACC NUR 231</u> Nursing Perspectives 2 1 credit/15 weeks  <u>FSU NURS 402</u> Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/15 weeks  <b>A.S. Degree Awarded</b>	<u>NCLEX – RN</u>  <u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Quality and Safety in Complex Systems 3 credits/12 weeks	<u>FSU NURS 404</u> Nursing Informatics 3 Credits/15 week  <u>FSU NURS Elective*</u> 3 credits/3 weeks	
3 credits	13 credits	3 credits	6 credits	

Term 11 Spring _____				
<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> RN-BSN Capstone 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><b>B.S. Degree Awarded upon completion of FSU 32 credit minimum requirement</b></p>				
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\*May be completed in a different term with permission of advisors.

\*\*Faculty at both AACC and FSU 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.