



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 who have completed one full year in the Cecil College (CC) Nursing Program. Admission is competitive and based on completed courses, grade point average (GPA), and professional conduct during year one in the Cecil Nursing Program. Students will be enrolled as degree students at CC and Frostburg State University (FSU) and begin to take FSU online courses during the second semester of the Nursing Program at CC. Once the Associate of Science Degree (A.S.) is awarded at CC, 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.).

The program is designed so that students who wish to participate can complete the Bachelor's Degree in one year after completion of the Associate's Degree. Students also have the flexibility to extend the time required to complete the program based on work and personal time constraints.

CC courses will be held at the Cecil College campus; FSU courses will be taken as online courses.

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

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

II. Program Admission Requirements

- A. Admission to, and good standing in, the CC Nursing Program
- B. Selective process based on courses completed, GPA, and professional conduct in Cecil's Nursing Program
- C. GPA of 3.0 or higher in CC required admission courses
- D. Additional required courses (completed by the start of the first nursing course) with a C or better:
 - Chemistry (CHEM 103/113) 4 credits (must include lab)
 - Nutrition (BIO 203) 3 credits

III. ATB Program Progression

- Students must remain in Cecil College's Nursing Program to continue in the ATB Option.
- Students are expected to complete the sequence of study as outlined in the CC - 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 Cecil College A.S. Degree Nursing Program. Admission to the FSU Option is contingent upon admission to Cecil College’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, contact the FSU Department of Nursing, at nursing@frostburg.edu, to request an application fee waiver code that can be entered near the end of the online application process.
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: <https://www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/tuition-and-fees/>

VI. Non-Nursing Course Requirements

Requirements for Admission to CC 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
BIO 208 Anatomy & Physiology I 3 cr BIO 218 Anatomy & Physiology I Lab 1 cr BIO 209 Anatomy & Physiology II 3 cr BIO 219 Anatomy & Physiology II Lab 1 cr BIO 200 Microbiology 3 cr BIO 210 Microbiology Lab 1 cr EGL 101 Freshman Composition 3 cr EGL 102 Composition & Literature 3 cr MAT 127 Statistics 4 cr PSY 101 Intro to Psychology 3 cr PSY 201 Human Growth & Dev. 3 cr SOC 101 Intro to Sociology 3 cr Arts/Humanities elective 3 cr	CHEM 103 Gen. Chem. I 3 cr CHEM 113 Gen. Chem. I Lab 1 cr BIO 203 Nutrition 3 cr Note: Courses in this column can all be taken at Cecil College.	ENGL 308 Advanced Composition 3 cr NURS 411 3 cr Culture of Health 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 Cecil College or FSU. It is highly recommended they be completed <u>before beginning</u> Cecil College Nursing Courses; check with FSU advisor to be sure Cecil College courses will meet FSU requirement. Fine & Performing Arts <u>or</u> Humanities Category (if needed)* 3 cr * Check with FSU Advisor to see if previously completed coursework could satisfy these requirements.
Totals: 34 credits	7 credits	6-9 credits*

For more information:

For Cecil College related questions/course advising, contact Amy Smythe, Assistant Professor of Nursing, at smyt7250@cecil.edu or 443-674-1545.

For FSU related questions/course advising, contact the FSU Department of Nursing at nursing@frostburg.edu or 301-687-4141.

Cecil College - Frostburg State University ATB Nursing Curriculum Plan**

Spring Start Plan

<i>Term 1</i> <i>Fall</i> _____	<i>Term 2</i> <i>Winter</i> _____	<i>Term 3</i> <i>Spring</i> _____	<i>Term 4</i> <i>Summer</i> _____	<i>Term 5</i> <i>Fall</i> _____
<p><u>CC NURS 101</u> Concepts and Processes in Nursing 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 104</u> Nursing Fundamentals Theory 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 114</u> Clinical Lab I: Nursing Fundamentals 2 credits/15 wks</p>		<p><u>CC NUR 105</u> Care of Adult and Aging Clients 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 115</u> Clinical Lab II: Medical/Surgical Settings 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 405</u> Ethical and Legal Concepts for Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>Begin ATB Option</p>	<p><u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/6 weeks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 411</u> Culture of Health 3 credits/6 weeks</p>	<p><u>CC NUR 201</u> Care of Childbearing/Childrearing Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 211</u> Clinical Lab II: Care of Childbearing/Childrearing Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU ENGL 308</u> Advanced Composition 3 credits/15 weeks</p>
9 credits	0 credits	11 credits	6 credits	11 credits
<i>Term 6</i> <i>Winter</i> _____	<i>Term 7</i> <i>Spring</i> _____	<i>Term 8</i> <i>Summer</i> _____	<i>Term 9</i> <i>Fall</i> _____	<i>Term 10</i> <i>Spring</i> _____
<p><u>FSU NURS Elective</u> 3 credits/3 weeks</p>	<p><u>CC NUR 204</u> Care of Client with Complex Stressors 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 208</u> Professional, Legal, and Ethical Issues in Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 214</u> Clinical Lab IV: Medical/Surgical/Psychiatric 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 403</u> Leadership for Professional Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>A.S. Degree Awarded</p>	<p>NCLEX – RN</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 402</u> Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice 3 credits/12 weeks</p>	<p><u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety in Complex Systems 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 404</u> Nursing Informatics 3 Credits/15 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> RN-BSN Capstone 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>B.S. Degree Awarded (upon completion of FSU requirements)</p>
3 credits	14 credits	3 credits	6 credits	9 credits

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Summer Start Plan

<i>Term 1 Fall _____</i>	<i>Term 2 Winter _____</i>	<i>Term 3 Spring _____</i>	<i>Term 4 Summer _____</i>	<i>Term 5 Fall _____</i>
<p><u>CC NURS 101</u> Concepts and Processes in Nursing 2 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 104</u> Nursing Fundamentals Theory 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 114</u> Clinical Lab I: Nursing Fundamentals 2 credits/15wks</p>		<p><u>CC NUR 105</u> Care of Adult and Aging Clients 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 115</u> Clinical Lab II: Medical/Surgical Settings 4 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><u>FSU ENGL 308</u> Advanced Composition 3 credits/4 weeks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 411</u> Culture of Health 3 credits/6 weeks</p> <p>Begin ATB Option</p>	<p><u>CC NUR 201</u> Care of Childbearing/Childrearing Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 211</u> Clinical Lab II: Care of Childbearing/Childrearing Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 405</u> Ethical and Legal Concepts for Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 weeks</p>
9 credits	0 credits	8 credits	6 credits	11 credits
<i>Term 6 Winter _____</i>	<i>Term 7 Spring _____</i>	<i>Term 8 Summer _____</i>	<i>Term 9 Fall _____</i>	<i>Term 10 Spring _____</i>
<p><u>FSU NURS Elective</u> 3 credits/3 weeks</p>	<p><u>CC NUR 204</u> Care of Client with Complex Stressors 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 208</u> Professional, Legal, and Ethical Issues in Nursing 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>CC NUR 214</u> Clinical Lab IV: Medical/Surgical/ Psychiatric 4 credits/15 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 402</u> Nursing Research and Evidenced-Based Practice 3 credits/12 weeks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/6 weeks</p>	<p><u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety in Complex Systems 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>AND</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 404</u> Nursing Informatics 3 Credits/15 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> RN-BSN Capstone 3 credits/15 weeks</p> <p>B.S. Degree Awarded (upon completion of FSU requirements)</p>
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