



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 Ms. Lauren Decker at AACC. You can reach Ms. Decker at 410-777-7022 or pldecker@aacc.edu.
2. Once you have permission, from Ms. Decker, to apply for dual-enrollment, apply online at <https://www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/undergraduate/apply/transfer-applicants.php>
3. 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.
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 information, please visit the following website: <https://www.frostburg.edu/admissions-and-cost/tuition-and-fees/>

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	CHE 111	General Chemistry 1 4 cr	300 – Level English	3 cr
BIO 233^	A&P I 4 cr	BIO 135	Principles of Nutrition 3 cr	(Recommended : ENGL 308 Advanced Composition)	
BIO 234^	A&P II 4 cr	MAT 135	Statistics 3 cr	MGMT 356	3 cr
BIO 223	General Microbiology 4 cr			Leadership and Human Behavior	
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				
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^ Students can take BIO 231 (Human Biology I) and BIO 232 (Human Biology II) instead of BIO 233 (A&P I) and BIO 234 (A&P II).		Note: Courses in this column can all be taken at AACC.		Note: the courses <u>above</u> will be taken online <u>during</u> the ATB Nursing program of study <u>at FSU</u> .	
* To ensure the most efficient transfer of credits possible, be sure to check with FSU ATB Coordinator when choosing a Gen Ed ART/HUM course at AACC or when determining whether or not a course previously taken at AACC (or somewhere else) will satisfy one of FSU's Fine Arts or Humanities Gen Ed requirement.				Note: 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.	
				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: 33 credits		10 credits		6- 9 credits*	

* For AACC-related questions/course advising, contact P. Lauren Decker, Nurse Progression Navigator, at pldecker@aacc.edu or 410- 777-7022.

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

AACC - Frostburg State University ATB Nursing Curriculum Plan**

Fall Start Plan

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

Term 1 Fall _____	Term 2 Winter _____	Term 3 Spring _____	Term 4 Summer _____	Term 5 Fall _____
<p><u>AACC NUR 120</u> Foundations of Nursing 7 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 121</u> Basic Physical Assessment 1 credit/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 122</u> Nursing Perspectives 1 1 credit/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 403</u> Elements of the Professional Nursing Role 3 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><u>FSU 300 – Level English*</u> 3 credits/3 weeks</p>	<p><u>AACC NUR 130</u> Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 131</u> Maternal, Newborn Nursing, and Women’s Health 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 405</u> Ethics in Contemporary Nursing Practice 3 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/4 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU MGMT 356</u> Leadership and Human Behavior 3 credits/4 weeks</p>	<p><u>AACC NUR 220</u> Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 221</u> Nursing Care of Children and Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety 3 credits/15 weeks</p>
12 credits	3 credits	12 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 weeks</p> <p>(may wish to consider <u>FSU NURS 407</u> Health Finance if desire MSN degree)</p>	<p><u>AACC NUR 230</u> Nursing Management of Clients with Complex Health Problems and Transitions 9 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 231</u> Nursing Perspectives 2 1 credit/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 402</u> Nursing Research and Evidence-Based Practice 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	

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

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Spring Start Plan

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

Term 1 Spring _____	Term 2 Summer _____	Term 3 Fall _____	Term 4 Winter _____	Term 5 Spring _____
<p><u>AACC NUR 120</u> Foundations of Nursing 7 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 121</u> Basic Physical Assessment 1 credit/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 122</u> Nursing Perspectives 1 1 credit/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 403</u> Elements of the Professional Nursing Role 3 credits/15 weeks</p>	<p><u>FSU</u> 300 – Level English* 3 credits/4 weeks</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p><u>FSU MGMT 356</u> Leadership and Human Behavior 3 credits/4 weeks</p>	<p><u>AACC NUR 130</u> Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 131</u> Maternal, Newborn Nursing, and Women’s Health 4 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>(may wish to consider <u>FSU NURS 407</u> Health Finance if desire MSN degree)</p>	<p><u>AACC NUR 220</u> Nursing of Adult Clients in Health and Illness 5 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 221</u> Nursing Care of Children and Families 4 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>FSU NURS 406</u> Leadership for Nursing Quality and Safety 3 credits/15 weeks</p>
12 credits	6 credits	12 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 weeks</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p><u>FSU NURS 401</u> Health Assessment 3 credits/6 weeks</p>	<p><u>AACC NUR 230</u> Nursing Management of Clients with Complex Health Problems and Transitions 9 credits/15 weeks</p> <p><u>AACC NUR 231</u> Nursing Perspectives 2 1 credit/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>	
6 credits	13 credits		8 credits	

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