



Registered Nursing ATB Program (Associate to Bachelor's)



There is a growing movement in the health care industry for entry-level nurses to have a bachelor's degree in nursing, in addition to a two-year degree. Nursing and other health care executives want to ensure that today's nurses are well prepared to meet the challenges of an ever-changing health care environment. Advanced technology and an emphasis on improved patient outcomes and evidence-based care mean that today's nurses play a more important role in patient care than ever before. HCC is ready to help students meet these demands by earning their associate degrees and moving right into bachelor's degree programs, often with tuition discounts in place.

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Are you just getting started on your associate degree?

- HCC has developed plans to help you earn your associate and bachelor's degrees in nursing in as little time as possible, sometimes just four years.
- Completing the RN program at HCC and an RN to BSN program with a nearby university is much less expensive than spending two full years in a bachelor's degree nursing program.
- HCC offers an associate to bachelor's (ATB) program with Frostburg State University and Towson University where competitive applicants can take classes toward their associate and bachelor's degrees at the same time, minimizing the amount of time needed to complete the BSN.
- Several other BSN options allow you to apply during the second year of HCC nursing courses and start taking courses toward your BSN online.

Are you already an RN wanting to earn your BSN?

- HCC has academic advisors to help you navigate all your options to get your BSN.
- You can take any additional general education courses, required by the university, at HCC for a fraction of what it would cost you to take these courses at the four-year school.
- There are now several fully online BSN programs, and the coursework can be done anywhere you have an Internet connection, including the new Learning Support Center (LSC) at HCC.
- One of the benefits of the LSC is that HCC offers specialized tutors to help get you through any of your remaining science prerequisites, as well as your BSN coursework. Learn more about the LSC at www.hagerstowncc.edu/lsc.

