

2+2 Articulation Agreement for Anne Arundel Community College and Towson University

Associate's Degree: A.A.S. in Massage Therapy

Bachelor's Degree: B.T.P.S. in Allied Health

Effective Term: Fall 2025

Section 1: Course Completion Plan for Anne Arundel Community College

This section outlines the courses to satisfy Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) general education and program requirements in order to complete both AACC and Towson University (TU) degrees within a total of four years and earn the minimum required 120 units/credits.¹ The following tables do not include any nontransferable or prerequisite coursework outside of the curriculum.

Table 1: AACC General Education Courses Applied to TU Core Curriculum

AACC Requirement	AACC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
English Composition	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">ENG 101 Academic Writing and Research IENG 101A Academic Writing and Research I	3	ENGL 102 Writing for a Liberal Education
English Composition	ENG 102 Academic Writing and Research 2	3	ENGL TLL English Lower-Level Elective
Mathematics	General Education Mathematics course	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Arts & Humanities	General Education Arts and Humanities course	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Social and Behavioral Sciences	Social and Behavioral Sciences General Education course (must also meet AACC's Diversity requirement)	3	Equivalency will vary by course
Biological & Physical Sciences	BIO 230 Structure and Function of the Human Body	4	BIOL 220 Essentials of Human Anatomy and Physiology
Technology Requirement	Choose one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">CTA 100 Computing and Information Technology	3	COSC 111 Information and Technology for Business

¹ Note that Anne Arundel Community College awards academic "credits" for its courses, whereas Towson University uses the term "unit" in reference to the credit hour weighting assigned to its undergraduate courses. For the purposes of this articulation agreement, the terms "credits" and "unit" are interchangeable.

AACC Requirement	AACC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CTP 103 Theories and Applications of Digital Technology 		
Wellness Requirement	General Education Wellness course	3	Equivalency will vary by course

AACC general education credits: 25

Table 2: AACC Program Requirements and Electives Applied to TU Degree

AACC Requirement	AACC Course to Take	Credits	TU Equivalent Course
Program Requirement	MAS 100 Introduction to Massage	1	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 108 The Science of Massage Therapy	4	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 110 Fundamentals of Massage Therapy	7	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 111 Intermediate Massage Therapy	6	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 117 Kinesiology for Massage Therapists	3	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 118 Business for Bodyworkers	2	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 119 Massage and Bodywork Specialized Modalities	3	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 120 Massage Therapy Clinic 1	1	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 213 Advanced Massage Therapy	6	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 220 Massage Therapy Clinic 2	1	General Lower-Level Elective
Program Requirement	MAS 225 Licensing Exam Prep 1	1	General Lower-Level Elective

- **AACC program requirements and elective credits applied to the TU degree: 35 credits**
- **Total AACC credits applied to the TU Core Curriculum to fulfill TU general education requirements: 25 credits (includes courses taken at AACC to meet general education requirements [see Table 1] and program requirements [see Table 2] for the A.A.S. degree)**
- **Maximum number of AACC credits transferable to TU: 64**

While AACC's A.A.S. degree in Massage Therapy is 60 credits, AACC students may transfer a maximum of 64 credits toward TU's B.T.P.S. degree in Allied Health. The application of these additional credits beyond the 60-credit standard will be determined by TU on an individual case-by-case basis. If students do not adhere to the courses outlined above in Tables 1 and 2, they are not guaranteed completion of the bachelor's degree in two years. Students must complete the A.A.S. degree to meet the admissions requirement for TU's B.T.P.S. degree in Allied Health. Refer to section 2 for specific course details and transfer planning information.

Section 2: AACC Course Selection & Transfer Details

This section explains any specific course selections made in section 1 and provides transfer planning guidance specific to this degree plan. Students must follow the course selections outlined in this document. If students do not complete any or all of the courses outlined in this agreement, they will be required to complete the outstanding requirements at TU.

GENERAL EDUCATION

The following explains the transfer of students' general education courses:

- Students entering into this agreement will need to complete six Core Curriculum requirements at TU: Biological & Physical Sciences (Lab & Non-Lab) (Core 8), Advanced Writing Seminar (Core 9), Metropolitan Perspectives (Core 10), United States as a Nation (Core 11), Diversity & Difference (Core 13), and Ethical Issues & Perspectives (Core 14). Students not completing the courses listed in Tables 1 and 2 above will be required to complete additional Core Curriculum requirements at TU.

Section 3: Degree Requirements to be Completed at TU

This section outlines the degree requirements for students transferring into the B.T.P.S. in Allied Health. Refer to section 4 for additional major requirements, recommendations, and university-wide degree requirements.

CORE CURRICULUM REQUIREMENTS: 18 UNITS

Core 8 Biological & Physical Sciences (Non-Lab) (3 units)

Core 9 Advanced Writing Seminar (3 units) (this will be satisfied by AHLT 440 Professional Issues in Allied Health)

Core 10 Metropolitan Perspectives (3 units)

Core 11 United States as a Nation (3 units) (this will be satisfied by HLTH 207 Health Care in the U.S.)

Core 13 Diversity & Difference (3 units) (this will be satisfied by NURS 416 Diversity and Social Justice in Healthcare)

Core 14 Ethical Perspectives (3 units) (this will be satisfied by required track coursework; specific course varies by track)

ALLIED HEALTH REQUIRED COURSES: 9 UNITS

HLTH 207 Health Care in the U.S. (3 units) (this is counted above in the Core 11 Curriculum requirements)

Select one of the following for 3 units:

- AHLT 310 Management for the Allied Health Professional
- AHLT 311 Human Resource Management for Allied Health Professionals

AHLT 320 Understanding Evidence-Based Practice (3 units)

AHLT 440 Professional Issues in Allied Health (3 units) (this is counted above in the Core 9 Curriculum requirements)

AHLT 445 Research Methods in Interprofessional Health Studies (3 units)

NURS 416 Diversity and Social Justice in Healthcare (3 units) (this is counted above in the Core 13 Curriculum requirements)

ALLIED HEALTH TRACK REQUIREMENTS: 15 UNITS

Select one of the following tracks:

- Administration/Management Track
- Advanced Respiratory Therapy
- Education
- Family Studies
- Health Promotion, Wellness, Prevention & Community Health Education
- Science and Professional Preparation

Ethics Requirement (3 units) (this is counted above in the Core 14 Curriculum requirements)

Requirement varies by track:

- HCMN 441 Legal and Ethical Issues in Health Administration
- PHIL 361 Biomedical Ethics

AHLT 450 Capstone in Allied Health (3 units)

Track Electives (12 units)

GENERAL ELECTIVES: 18 UNITS

The total number of elective units required will be determined by the total units completed within the major. Electives can be additional major electives or courses for personal interests.

Section 4: Additional Requirements & Recommendations for TU Degree Completion

BACHELOR'S DEGREE REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL STUDENTS

- A grade of C (2.0 GPA) or higher is required in all major courses and prerequisites.
- A cumulative GPA of 2.0 is required.
- 32 units of the bachelor's degree must be completed at the upper level (courses numbered 300 or above).
- Certain majors may have additional requirements for graduation. Students should follow the specific requirements outlined in the catalog for the major.

Degree Completion Summary

Total Units Required for TU B.T.P.S. in Allied Health	120 UNITS
AACC A.A.S. Degree in Massage Therapy	60
Completion of Core Curriculum at TU	18
Allied Health Major Required Coursework at TU	9
Allied Health Major Track Coursework at TU	15
General Electives Taken at TU	18