The Dual Degree Program (DDP), a unique partnership between Governors State University and eleven Chicagoland community colleges, provides full-time students in the nursing program at COD with an excellent pathway to earn quality, accessible, affordable associate and bachelor's degrees in nursing.

What are the benefits?

- You will be well prepared to apply for admission to GSU’s online RN to BSN program, and if you are accepted, you will transfer seamlessly to complete your bachelor's degree. The RN to BSN program accepts up to 85 credit hours in transfer.
- Your tuition at GSU will be frozen effective the semester you join the DDP. GSU, through the DDP program, gives community college students the advantage of a Guaranteed Tuition Plan, which is typically reserved for students who spend all four years at a university. GSU offers an exceptional education at an affordable tuition rate.
- If you are Pell-eligible, you can compete for one of fifty GSU Promise Scholarships, which will cover tuition, fees, and books at GSU. If you are not Pell-eligible, but you are still in need of financial assistance, you can compete for one of thirteen DDP Honors Scholarships, which will cover tuition and fees.
- Jan Ulner, the primary GSU DDP contact for students at COD, will help you with a plan to complete your associate and bachelor’s degrees in nursing, so that you won’t lose credits when you transfer.

How does it work?

Students in the COD nursing program are uniquely qualified for the DDP. To be accepted, apply during the second semester that you are enrolled in the nursing program. Visit our DDP web page and select COD to download the application. Fill it out and return the application to Jan Ulner*. Jan will verify your eligibility and soon thereafter you will get a letter of DDP acceptance from GSU.

Once I’ve been accepted into the DDP program, what do I have to do?

The requirements are quite simple, but very important:

- Continue to enroll in and graduate from the nursing program at COD.
- Communicate with Jan Ulner at least once per semester.
- Plan to attend a DDP orientation program (details to follow).
- Apply for admission to the GSU online RN-BSN program.

How can I learn more about DDP?

Contact Jan Ulner, the primary DDP contact person for COD students, at julner@govst.edu or 708-235-2151. Students can e-mail or call Jan and she can let you know the best way to make a connection with her about the DDP applications and discussions.

How can I learn more about the online RN to BSN program at GSU?

E-mail nursingadvisor@govst.edu or call 708.534.4086.

Finding GSU on the web is easy!
Visit [www.govst.edu](http://www.govst.edu) and use the A-Z index to find the Dual Degree Program and/or the Nursing program.

We look forward to assisting you!