

Dual Degree Program



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 WCC** 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.
- Jessica Specht, the primary GSU DDP contact for students at WCC, 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 WCC nursing program are uniquely qualified for the DDP. To be accepted, apply after you have successfully completed your first semester in the nursing program. Visit our DDP web page and select WCC to download the application. Fill it out and return the application to Jessica Specht*. Jessica will verify your eligibility and soon thereafter you will get a letter welcoming you to the Dual Degree Program.

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 WCC.
- Communicate with Jessica Specht at least once per semester.
- Plan to attend a DDP induction program (details to follow).
- Apply for admission to the GSU online RN-BSN program.

How can I learn more about DDP?

Contact Jessica Specht, the primary DDP contact person for WCC student, at jspecht@govst.edu or 708-235-7534. Students can e-mail or call Jessica 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 RN to BSN program at GSU?

E-mail nursingadvisor@govst.edu or call 708.534.4040.

Finding out more about DDP is easy! Visit www.govst.edu/ddp/ or www.govst.edu and choose "Academics" and then "Programs & Certifications" to learn more about the Nursing program. We look forward to assisting you!



Associate in Applied Science in Nursing to Nursing

The following is presented as an articulation agreement between Waubonsee Community College (WCC) and Governors State University (GSU) for the Nursing degree program based on the current catalogs of both schools. The student would receive an Associate in Applied Science (AAS) degree from WCC and a Bachelors of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree from GSU. The BSN is offered online.

I. **TRANSFERABLE GENERAL EDUCATION (19 credits)**

Communications (9 credits)

- ENG 101 - Freshman English I (3)
- ENG 102 - Freshman English II (3)
- COM 100 - Fundamentals of Speech Communications (3)

Humanities and Fine Arts (0 credits)

Mathematics (0 credits)

Physical and Life Sciences (4 credits)

- BIO 270 - Anatomy and Physiology I (4)

Social and Behavioral Sciences (6 credits)

- PSY 100 - Introduction to Psychology (3)
- PSY 205 - Life-Span Psychology (3)

II. **MAJOR REQUIREMENTS/AREA OF CONCENTRATION (41 hours)**

- NUR 105 - Introduction to Professional Nursing (5)
- NUR 106 - Introduction to Clinical Pharmacology for Nursing (1)
- NUR 120 - Basic Concepts of Nursing (5)
- NUR 150 - Concepts of Nursing I (5)
- NUR 175 - Concepts of Mental Health Nursing (5)
- NUR 205 - Concepts of Nursing II (5)
- NUR 220 - Nursing Concepts of the Childbearing Family (5)
- NUR 250 - Concepts of Nursing III (5)
- NUR 275 - Advanced Concepts of Nursing (5)

III. **ADDITIONAL ASSOCIATE DEGREE REQUIREMENTS (8 hours)**

- BIO 250 - Microbiology (4)
- BIO 272 - Anatomy and Physiology II (4)

REQUIRED A.A.S. DEGREE PROGRAM TOTAL: 68 credits

* Refer to the WCC A.A. guidelines for a list of General Education course choices.

Note: Students can complete up to 85 hours at WCC by taking additional electives reducing the GSU Electives.

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IV. TO BE TAKEN AT GSU OR WCC (26 hours)

Chemistry I (4) (WCC CHEM 121)
Chemistry II (4) (WCC CHEM 122)
Introduction to Computers (such as WCC CIS 110 or GSU MIS 2101) (3)
Fine Arts Course (3)*
Multicultural Diversity Course (3) (WCC SOC 120)
Introduction to Sociology (3) (WCC SOC 100)
Statistics (3) (WCC MATH 107)
Writing Intensive Course (3) (*Can take an IAI Humanities or Fine Arts course*)

V. TO BE COMPLETED AT GSU (35 Hours)

Additional General Education (3 hours)

Humanities or Fine Arts Elective** (3)

Upper-Division Courses (27 Hours)

NURS 3140 – Conceptual Basis for Professional Nursing (3)
NURS 3150 – Pathophysiology (3)
NURS 3160 – Gerontological Nursing (3)
NURS 3170 – Basic Nursing Informatics (3)
NURS 3300 – Health Assessment (3)
NURS 4110 – Evidence Based Research (3)
NURS 4120 – Public Health Promotion (3)
NURS 4130 – Public Health Practicum (3)
NURS 4501 – Leadership and Patient Safety (3)

Electives (5)

** If the Humanities and Fine Arts have already been taken at WCC, 6 additional hours of 3000 or 4000 level electives will be required.

Minimum Required for Bachelor of Science in Nursing : 120 hours

***Refer to GSU/WCC website for a list of course choices in Section V General Education course options.**

For Additional Information:

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