

**3 + 1 Articulation Agreement**  
between  
**College of DuPage**  
**Associate in Applied Science in Nursing**  
and  
**Governors State University**  
**Bachelor of Science in Nursing**  
(utilizing a GSU online delivery format)

This 3 + 1 Articulation Agreement is entered into this 14<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011, by and between **College of DuPage** and **Governors State University**.

WHEREAS, College of DuPage (COD) and Governors State University (GSU) form a cooperative relationship through articulation agreement to better accommodate COD students by offering a degree completion program and a seamless transfer experience for students completing an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing.

WHEREAS, Governors State University will accept students from College of DuPage who have earned an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing degree and have completed additional credit hours at COD as specified on the attached transfer guide up to a maximum of 85 credit hours. College of DuPage students will enter Governors State University in order to pursue the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) through online delivery. Through this agreement and by following the attached transfer guide, students may earn both an Associate in Applied Science in Nursing and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing in the optimal time.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is understood and agreed to by the parties hereto as follows:

**A. POLICY**

1. **Transfer Credit Hours.** Governors State University will accept a maximum of 85 credit hours from College of DuPage. All transferable courses must be at college level. A total of 23 credit hours from COD beyond the Associate Degree as listed on the transfer guide will be accepted at GSU as long as the students earns a grade of “B” or higher in the course.
2. **Student Prerequisites.** College of DuPage students must complete the associate degree program at COD prior to enrolling in any of Governors State University courses offered as part of the agreement. College of DuPage students are required to have a cumulative 2.00/4.00 Grade Point Average (GPA) to transfer.

3. **Awarding of Bachelor Degree.** Graduates of COD who have completed the remaining 35 credit hours from Governors State University will be awarded the Bachelors degree by Governors State University.

**B. ADVISING**

1. College of DuPage and Governors State University will provide advising services for interested students. Such services may include but are not limited to on-site presentations, on-site advising sessions, telephone advising, interactive videos, computerized and/or Internet communications.
2. Governors State University will provide students with advising materials, including transfer guides specific to the Bachelor of Science in Nursing.
3. Governors State University will provide College of DuPage with marketing materials necessary to advertise and promote this partnership and the 3 + 1 articulation agreement.

**C. SPECIFIC SERVICES COD WILL PROVIDE TO GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY:**

1. **Website.** COD will post information on the COD web site promoting this degree program option. COD will list Governors State University on its website, and in its catalogs, as an affiliated organization.
2. **Promotion and Recruitment.** COD will promote and recruit students by distributing printed materials and advising current and potential students of this 3+ 1 articulation agreement.
3. **Space.** COD will provide classroom space for advising sessions with current and potential students.

**D. SPECIFIC SERVICES GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY WILL PROVIDE TO COD:**

1. **Printed materials.** GSU will provide printed flyers and brochures for COD students seeking information on the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) program.
2. **Website.** GSU will list COD as a partner community college (both in the Dual Degree Program and in the RN to BSN Program) on its website and in other appropriate printed and electronic materials as the RN to BSN Program.
3. **Scholarships.** GSU will offer COD students who are Pell-eligible and who are enrolled in the Dual Degree Program (including those enrolled in the Associate of Applied Science in Nursing) the opportunity to apply for one of fifty annual GSU Promise Scholarships, which, by providing tuition, fees, books and mandatory course materials for two years, will enable awardees to graduate from GSU debt-free. DDP students who are not Pell-eligible, but who demonstrate financial need and academic excellence, will be able to compete for one of thirteen annual DDP Honors Scholarships.

4. **Guaranteed Tuition Plan.** All COD students who enroll in the DDP will be able to take advantage of the GSU Guaranteed Tuition Plan, which will lock in the tuition rate that is in effect when they enroll in the DDP. COD students who enroll in the Dual Degree Program while they are enrolled in the nursing program at COD will be given four semesters to complete their associate degree in nursing and up to four additional semesters of full-time enrollment to complete their bachelor's degree at GSU.
5. **No Admissions Fees.** GSU will waive the standard admissions fee for COD students who are enrolled in the DDP. However, COD students who wish to apply for the BSN program must pay a fee to Centralized Admissions System (CAS), an external agency that provides an electronic admission system for BSN nursing programs, both at GSU and other universities.

**E. TERM AND TERMINATION**

1. **Term.** The term of this agreement will commence on the date it is executed by both parties, and the term will continue from year-to-year until terminated in accordance with this agreement.
2. **Termination.** Governors State University or the College of DuPage may dissolve this agreement by giving 180 days advance written notice to the cooperating institution's president or chief academic officer. Termination by either party must be accompanied by a plan to allow all currently enrolled students to complete their program of study and obtain their degree under the terms of this agreement.

**F. NOTICES**

All notices required under this Agreement must be sent by registered or certified mail properly addressed, postage pre-paid, return receipt requested or by expedited or personal delivery to the following or to such other address as either party provides from time to time:

Attn: College of DuPage  
 Academic Affairs  
 425 Fawell Blvd.  
 Glen Ellyn, IL. 60137

Attn: Governors State University  
 Academic Affairs  
 1 University Parkway  
 University Park, IL 60484-0975

**G. CONFIDENTIALITY**

1. **Proprietary Material.** The parties therefore agree that all confidential or proprietary information including student information is "Confidential" and shall remain so during the term of this Agreement and thereafter.

## H. ADDITIONAL TERMS

1. **Entire Agreement/Modifications.** This document shall be the entire understanding and agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter set forth herein, and all prior agreements, understandings, covenants, promises, warranties, and representations, oral or written, not incorporated herein and superseded hereby.
2. **Amendments and Waivers.** This Agreement may not be amended, modified, altered, supplemented or changed in any way and no provision may be waived except in writing, signed by the parties and attached hereto as an amendment.
3. **Assignment.** Neither Governors State University nor College of DuPage may assign this Agreement, in whole or in part, without prior written consent of the other party.
4. **Governing Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and constructed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois.
5. **Headings.** The headings of section and subsections are used for convenience only and shall not construe to affect the substance of any section or subsection.
6. **Accreditation.** Both parties shall maintain all necessary and required accreditations, including state and regional accreditations, with the appropriate accreditation agencies. In the event either party's accreditation is revoked or otherwise limited, this agreement may be terminated immediately upon written notice by the other party. In the event of such termination for loss of accreditation, all participating students shall be accommodated to the extent possible at the institution that remains appropriately accredited. Any additional costs of such accommodations shall be paid by the institution that lost accreditation.
7. **Indemnity** Governors State University agrees to hold harmless, indemnify, and defend COD, its officers, agents, trustees, employees and representatives (collectively "Indemnities") from and against all losses, damages, judgments, claims, expenses, costs and liabilities imposed upon or incurred by or asserted against one or more of the Indemnities, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of the acts or omissions of Governors State University, its officers, agents or employees, under this Agreement.
8. COD agrees to hold harmless and indemnify Governors State University, its officers, agents, trustees, employees and representatives (collectively "Indemnities") from and against all losses, damages, judgments, claims, expenses, costs and liabilities imposed upon or incurred by or asserted against one or more of the Indemnities, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, arising out of the acts or omissions of COD, its officers, agents or employees, under this Agreement.
9. **Other**  
No agreements concerning the transfer or exchange of any asset of either party is intended or implied by this agreement.

Governors State University and COD are separate and independent institutions of higher education and by this agreement both will continue to operate as separate institutions.

In no event shall either party be liable for any incidental, indirect, special or consequential damages, including, but not limited to, loss of use, revenue, profit or savings.

Each party assumes full responsibility for the payment of all federal, state and local taxes it incurs as a result of this agreement.

Neither party shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, ancestry, age, marital status, physical or mental handicap, an unfavorable discharge from military service, or any other factor as prohibited by law, rule or regulation.

Each party certifies that it maintains a written sexual harassment policy in conformance with 775 ILCS 5/2-105.

Each party certifies that it provides a Drug Free Workplace in compliance with the Drug Free Workplace Act, 30 ILCS 580/1 et seq.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned parties, by and through their duly authorized officers, have executed this agreement between the College of DuPage and Governors State University.

### **For Governors State University**

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**Dr. Terry Allison, Provost/Vice President of Academic Affairs**

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**Dr. Elaine Maimon, President**

### **For College of DuPage**

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**Dr. Joseph Collins, Executive Vice President**

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**Dr. Robert Breuder, President**