We are pleased that you have decided to apply to the South Suburban College and Governors State University Dual Degree Program. Please review all program requirements carefully. We look forward to helping you meet your academic and career goals as you complete your associate and bachelor’s degrees.

DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Dual Degree Program is designed for full-time, associate degree-seeking students who are attending South Suburban College. It will ensure that participating SSC graduates make a seamless transition to Governors State University to complete their bachelor’s degrees.

Students in the Dual Degree Program will receive the following benefits:

1) Illinois residents have the opportunity to lock-in the GSU Guaranteed Tuition Plan for up to four years from date of enrollment in the Dual Degree Program (restrictions apply);
2) Opportunity to compete for GSU Promise scholarships and DDP Honors scholarships (if eligible);
3) Academic advisement from both SSC and GSU to assist with completion of the associate and bachelor’s degrees in a minimum number of terms;
4) Opportunity to participate in social and cultural activities at both SSC and GSU; and
5) Opportunity to be matched with a trained peer mentor who can help with matters outside of the classroom from a student’s perspective.

To be eligible for the Dual Degree Program, students must meet the following requirements:

1) Maintain full-time enrollment throughout their undergraduate studies;
2) Enroll in the program during or after the second semester of full-time enrollment at SSC, after having completed a minimum of 12 and a maximum of 45 semester hours (students in selective admissions associate degree programs will enroll in their second semester of that program and the credit hour limitations will be waived);
3) Consult with the academic advisors at both institutions, at least once per semester, for review of course progress towards the associate and bachelor’s degrees;
4) Submit Dual Degree Program profile, and each semester submit unofficial transcripts and current class schedule;
5) Attend a DDP orientation;
6) Maintain good academic standing throughout the undergraduate program;
7) Complete an associate degree before transferring to GSU;
8) Consent to allow staff from GSU and SSC to share and review academic progress, enrollment status, program completion status, and financial aid eligibility and disbursement; and
9) Maintain continuous enrollment status in the Dual Degree Program by enrolling at Governors State University in the semester following the completion of the associate degree.

ACCREDITATION

South Suburban College and Governors State University are both accredited by the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA). 301 North LaSalle St., Suite 2400 Chicago, Illinois 60602-2504, 312.263.0456 or 800.621.7440.

South Suburban College and Governors State University both subscribe to the principle of affirmative action and do not discriminate against any individual on the basis of age, color, national origin, race, religion, sex, veteran status, disability, or sexual orientation.
SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE AND GOVERNORS STATE UNIVERSITY DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM APPLICATION

Mr.  Mrs.  Ms.  Other __________________  SSC Student ID # __________________
Name ________________________________________________________________________
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Address ________________________________________________________________________
Number and Street ____________________________________________________________________________
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City __________________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code + 4
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Mailing Address (if different from above) __________________________________________
Number and Street ____________________________________________________________________________
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City __________________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code + 4
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Home Phone (               ) ___________________________________ Cell Phone (               ) ___________________________________
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Personal E-mail___________________________________________    School E-mail ___________________________________
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Date of Birth ________________  Gender:  M  F  Intended GSU major ________________
____________________________________________________________________________
Financial aid currently receiving:  Pell Grant  MAP  Loans  Are you a veteran or on active duty in the U.S. Armed forces?  Yes  No
Ethnicity Origin  1. Are you Latino/Hispanic?  Yes  No
2. Please select the categories that describe you (select as many as apply):  American Indian or Alaska Native  Asian  Black or African American  Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  White
This information is requested so that we may demonstrate to federal and state agencies that the institution is in compliance with appropriate regulations. Your response to this question is optional and will not affect your acceptance into the Dual Degree Program.
Social Security Number*: _______________________________________
*OPTIONAL: Your Social Security Number (SSN) is requested pursuant to Public Law 93-579 for the University’s system of student records, as well as for compliance with federal and state reporting requirements. An SSN is required if you are applying for financial aid but is not required for admission to the university. Providing an SSN will facilitate the data sharing between GSU and SSC partners and will speed up the processing of your application since we will not need to manually match your application with other materials. Both SSC and GSU have a strong commitment to ensuring the privacy and confidentiality of student records and will not disclose your SSN without your consent for any purpose as allowed by law.

Mother’s Education
☐ Some high school  ☐ High school graduate or GED
☐ Some college  ☐ Associate degree
☐ Bachelor’s degree  ☐ Master’s degree or higher

Father’s Education
☐ Some high school  ☐ High school graduate or GED
☐ Some college  ☐ Associate degree
☐ Bachelor’s degree  ☐ Master’s degree or higher

I understand that if I am accepted, I am giving consent for SSC and GSU to share my academic information such as contact information, enrollment status, GPA, academic transcripts, program completion status, and financial aid eligibility and disbursement. This release will take effect upon my enrollment in the Dual Degree Program and will remain in effect until I cancel it in writing or one year after leaving the Dual Degree Program.

Signature ___________________________________ Date __________________________

SSC and GSU are equal opportunity institutions. Both institutions adhere to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

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TO BE COMPLETED BY SOUTH SUBURBAN COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVE

I attest that the above student is currently admitted at South Suburban College and is in good academic standing.

Number of credits completed by Dual Degree Program candidate __________________ GPA ________________

Program currently enrolled in __________________________________________

Name ___________________________________ Title ___________________________________

Signature ___________________________________ Date __________________________

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