Two Colleges, Twice the Value

A four-year college experience never offered so many advantages as the unique partnership between two of Central New York’s most highly respected colleges—St. Joseph’s College of Nursing and Le Moyne College.

Students in the Dual Degree Partnership in Nursing (DDPN) enjoy all the social and recreational aspects of living and learning at a four-year, liberal arts college, while reaping the benefits of a rigorous, hands-on nursing curriculum that prepares you for a lifetime of leadership.

COPN students graduate with an associate’s degree from St. Joseph’s College of Nursing and a bachelor’s degree with a major in nursing from Le Moyne College—Central New York’s most highly recognized institutions of academic excellence in nursing education. Plus, they pay lower tuition than they would at a traditional, four-year, private college.

Both colleges were founded in the Catholic tradition to prepare students for service and leadership. They are nationally recognized for their academic excellence in nursing education. Le Moyne College is nationally ranked by U.S. News & World Report as one of America’s “best colleges” and “best values.” St. Joseph’s is in the only hospital-based nursing program in Central New York accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE).

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"I love that I will start clinicals sophomore year, instead of waiting until junior year, and I’ll still get a complete four-year college experience. The earlier I start working with patients, the more confident I’ll be in my abilities as a nurse."
How the Partnership Works

DDPN students are enrolled at Le Moyne College for all four years, but are jointly enrolled at St. Joseph’s in Years 2 and 3. Students attend Le Moyne College full-time in Year 1, taking core liberal arts and science courses, and to gain access to the rigors of college academic life. They put their classroom learning into practice during Year 2 when they begin nursing courses and advanced clinical courses at St. Joseph’s College of Nursing. Students continue taking nursing courses at St. Joseph’s for Year 3, graduate, and then take the registered nurse licensing examination. They return full-time to Le Moyne College in Year 4 to complete the bachelor’s degree program requirements.

Competencies are required at both colleges to help students make a smooth transition from high school to college life.

Year 1

• Start Fall semester at St. Joseph’s College of Nursing.

Year 2

• Complete the nursing curriculum at Le Moyne.

Year 3

• Complete the nursing curriculum at Le Moyne.

Year 4

• Complete the nursing curriculum at Le Moyne.

A Well-rounded Experience

Campus Life

DDPN students live on the Le Moyne campus for all four years. There, they may enjoy a variety of social and cultural events, such as concerts, films, lectures, club meetings and more. Only three miles separate Le Moyne from St. Joseph’s College of Nursing, giving students access to Years 2 and 3 and 2-year access between campuses.

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Student Support

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Patient Care

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Tuition and Financial Aid

The cost of earning two degrees through the DDPN is actually less expensive than earning a traditional bachelor’s degree from a private, four-year college. The financial aid offices at each college helps students find financial aid options, for a variety of federal and state aid, student loans and scholarships.

Acceptance

Admission to the DDPN is highly competitive. Both colleges have a rolling admission policy, so students should submit their application by March 1. Both colleges will notify students of their admission decision by April 1.

How to Apply

Applicants to the DDPN must be admitted to both colleges. The DDPN offers a unique opportunity to learn from professional nurses. It is like we are all family here. We study together and the teachers are always available for you. When I was feeling lost in a class, I was able to speak directly with the instructor for help. I can’t think of a better place to be.”

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Jonathan Love

Jonathan Love is a student at Le Moyne College and a member of the DDPN. He says that his experience at Le Moyne has been wonderful and he would recommend it to anyone considering the program. He says, “It is like we are all family here. We study together and the teachers are always available for you. When I was feeling lost in a class, I was able to speak directly with the instructor for help. I can’t think of a better place to be.”

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