

Associate Degree Process - High School Student

The Drury University Dual Credit Program is proud to offer two associate degrees to high school students:

- Associate of Arts in General Studies
- Associate of Science in Behavioral Science
- For purposes of this document, HS = High School; DC = Dual Credit

Listed below is the process for HS students seeking a Drury University associate degree. It is recommended that the HS student working toward their AA or AS begins taking courses during their freshman year.

- 1. **Letter of Intent:** Students interested in earning their associate degree must complete the Letter of Intent document.
 - The Letter of Intent must be sent to Beth Nation for her records (enation@drury.edu).
- 2. Drury University Academic Advisor: Beth Nation, DC Director, will serve as the student's academic advisor.
- 3. Application for Drury Graduation.
 - a. Students graduating HS in December must complete the Application for Graduation by September 1.
 - b. Students graduating HS in May must complete the Application for Graduation by February 1.
 - c. The **Application for Graduation** is in MyDrury.
 - i. Student: log into MyDrury account
 - ii. Click: "Student" at the top of the page
 - iii. To the left, click "Application for Graduation"
 - iv. Next, select: "Drury GO (Evening/Online) Application for Graduation"
 - v. Student: answer EACH REQUIRED question

4. Dual Enrollment courses at a Drury site campus:

- a. The student uses the registration form and parent permission form (FERPA) required by the site campus.
- b. Site director/advisor contacts Beth Nation informing her of the student taking courses at that site campus.
 - i. This allows communication to be professional and informative between the DC Program, the site campus, and the HS.
 - ii. This process ensures the HS is aware that a student is taking courses at a site campus.
 - iii. It is up to the HS whether the credit from a site campus is reflected on the HS transcript and whether the credit will count toward graduation requirements.
 - iv. Textbooks and additional fees accrued at a site campus are the responsibility of the family.

High School Graduation Ceremony:

- It is the responsibility of the HS to determine how they recognize the AA student at the HS graduation ceremony.
- Drury University will not be official attendees at the HS graduation ceremony nor supply a recognition certificate.

Drury University Graduation Ceremony:

- HS students are welcome to participate in the Drury GO graduation ceremony.
- Commencement information is posted on the Drury University Academic Calendar or the Commencement site.
 - Drury University must receive the student's final HS transcript, signifying the HS graduation date, before the Drury University degree will be conferred.
 - Students are expected to monitor their Drury University email account for all commencement-related communication.
 - Students must Apply to Graduate (directions in #3 above) to receive their diploma and/or be eligible to participate in the Drury graduation ceremony.
 - Students must pay a graduation fee prior to the DruryGO commencement and/or to receive their diploma.