As a critical care nurse, Dilyss Gallyot considered it an honor to help patients navigate life’s greatest challenges. As an educator, the COD nursing professor inspires, mentors and encourages her students to learn, grow and truly embrace the art of nursing. Gallyot began her own nursing journey at COD, where she received an associate degree in applied science, earning her nursing and advanced practice nursing degrees as well as two master’s degrees in nursing and business administration from Northern Illinois University.

Gallyot joined the COD nursing faculty in 2003, helping to redesign the program curriculum, serving as nursing coordinator and developing the Medic to Licensed Practical Nursing Program for military medics transitioning to civilian careers. Twice nominated for the Adade Wheeler Woman of the Year Award, Gallyot was named COD’s 2010 Outstanding Advisor and 2014-15 Outstanding Faculty for health sciences.