



Expanding the Pool of Qualified Educators

Drexel Online adds new education programs, increasing education options for future educators.

Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) – February 2, 2007 - [Drexel University Online](#), a pioneer in Internet-based education programs, aims to provide quality education options to busy educators seeking to excel within the education field. The online university has added three new education degree programs to its offerings. The new online programs include, [Bachelor of Science in Education](#), [Master of Science in Global and International Education](#), and [Master of Science in Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum](#) degree.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics 2008, nationwide, 2.4 million teachers will be needed in the next 11 years due to growing enrollment and class size reduction efforts.

“With a growing demand for more teachers, it is important for us to provide programs for students to gain the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in the field of education,” said Dr. William Lynch, director of Drexel University’s School of Education, which was recently ranked among “America’s Best Graduate Schools 2007” by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Drexel Online enrolls about 800 education students per year with up to 938 students eligible to enroll in coursework. “The ease of online courses facilitated my completion of my coursework while working full-time,” said Amy Shipley, a Drexel Online graduate, and a fully-licensed biology teacher in Virginia.

Drexel's online [B.S. in Education degree program](#) provides a strong background and preparation for students who wish to pursue careers in human resources development, corporate training, higher education and related fields.

The [M.S. in Global and International Education degree program](#) is available entirely online for educators seeking to advance and broaden their careers. Students in this program will prepare to work effectively with complex economic, political, cultural, and social contexts that influence education and learning in diverse parts of the world.

The [M.S. in Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum degree program](#) will provide options for educators to expand their professional teaching-knowledge base outside of mainstream classrooms.

“The goal of this program is to provide students with knowledge related to effective instruction in a variety of educational settings,” said Dr. William Lynch.

In addition to these new online education degree programs, Drexel Online also offers a host of other online Master's, Bachelor's and Certificate programs, including a [M.S. in Educational Administration: Collaborative Leadership](#), a program designed to prepare future elementary and secondary educational leaders to become effective leaders in rural, city and suburban schools. Students will be recommended for further certification upon completion required courses and exams. Drexel Online also offers a [Post-Bachelor's Teaching Certificate program](#) which is designed for individuals who hold a Bachelor's degree and seek to qualify for state teacher certification at the elementary or secondary levels.

All online programs are developed and taught by Drexel's nationally renowned faculty. Students have 24/7 online access to class materials, group discussion, instructor feedback and exams.

"The new programs offer the perfect combination of quality and convenience for working adults," says Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director of Drexel Online. "A world class degree program is now just a 'click away' for students interested in obtaining the skills and knowledge necessary to be leaders and administrators in the field of education."

Drexel University Online is the winner of the 2006 21st Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the US Distance Learning Association,

Applications for [Drexel's online education degree programs](#) are now being accepted. Online class space is limited. Applicants are encouraged to apply early to ensure availability on their preferred start date. For more information about this online program, visit www.Drexel.com, email info@drexel.com, or call (877) 215-0009.

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About Drexel University Online:

[Drexel University Online](#) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Drexel University, specializing in innovative, Internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations in the U.S. and abroad. A pioneer in online education, Drexel has offered programs online since 1996.

About Drexel's School of Education

Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as "One of America's Best Graduate Schools for 2007", Drexel's School of Education provides Pennsylvania Department of Education approved online programs. Drexel is also regionally accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools. For more information, visit <http://www.drexel.edu>.

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