



Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions Surpasses 500 Online Graduate Nursing Students

Philadelphia, PA – January 10, 2005 – Offering eLearning options for almost a decade, Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions, will have a record number of more than 500 graduate students studying entirely online in the upcoming Winter 2006 term.

According to a recent *U.S. Department of Labor* report, Nursing has been identified as the top occupation for career growth through the year 2012. Many new challenges currently exist in the health care industry and as the US population is growing older, the demand for more service from nurses and health professionals is increasing; at the same time there is a severe nursing shortage and an even more severe nursing faculty shortage.

"Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions is playing an integral part in closing the gap between the demand for more health care providers and the shortage of qualified, credentialed professionals," said Dr. H. Michael Dreher, director of doctoral nursing programs and interim director of MSN Programs. "With our online programs, we are able to serve nurses beyond the Philadelphia region by offering them the same Drexel degree they would earn on campus, but in a convenient online format that allows them to complete course work from the comfort of their own homes."

The third largest college in the United States in enrollment for online graduate nursing programs, Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions offers a full catalog of online bachelor's, master's and certificate programs. The college is a national leader in nursing education, with a 130-year legacy of educating nurses for successful careers. For more information, please visit www.drexel.com/fields_of_study/nursing.

"Our online programs have been designed especially for adult learners, who want to advance their education and earning potential, but don't have the time and/or ability to commute to campus," said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director of Drexel eLearning. "Since there is such a large demand for master's prepared nurses with advanced practice knowledge, Drexel's online degree programs have been an excellent and flexible solution for nursing professionals."

Online students can choose from over a dozen NLN and CCNE accredited online nursing programs in the areas of nursing education, clinical trials, adult acute care, leadership and management, adult psychiatric mental health and more. For more information about Drexel University's online nursing programs, visit www.drexel.com/Fields_of_Study/Nursing.

Drexel University, which is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as "One of America's Best Colleges" for 2006, is accredited by the Middle States Association for Colleges and Secondary Schools and its curricula hold some of the most prestigious

accreditations from their respective accrediting bodies such as AACSB (business), NLN and CCNE (nursing), ABET(engineering), and ALA (information science). For more information about why to choose Drexel University, please visit www.drexel.com/about.

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About Drexel e-Learning:

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