



Drexel University Online

Drexel University – STV Establish Online Educational Partnership

PHILADELPHIA, PA — January 7, 2006 — <u>Drexel University Online</u>, winner of the U.S. Distance Learning Association's 2006 21st Century Best Practice for Distance Learning Award, recently launched an educational partnership with <u>STV</u>, an award-winning professional services firm specializing in the areas of engineering, architecture, planning, transportation, environmental, and construction management.

Through this partnership, <u>Drexel</u> will offer over 1,500 <u>STV</u> employees the opportunity to take courses online while enjoying reduced rates. STV employees will earn the same Drexel University degree that students receive on campus, but without the commute to campus or career interruption. Employees can choose from a range of bachelor's, master's, and certificate programs that <u>Drexel</u> offers online in areas such as business, engineering, computer science, computing technology, and information science.

<u>Drexel University Online</u> has been continually expanding its partner network for the past four years. Through a <u>partnership with Drexel</u>, participating corporations, health systems, schools, and associations across the United States are able to offer their employees and members such benefits as special tuition rates and career development opportunities, as well as the chance to earn a reputable degree all with the flexibility working professionals need.

"With the help of technology, working adults are revolutionizing the way education is delivered," said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director of Drexel University Online. "With the convenience and ease of the Internet today, Drexel University Online ensures students receive the most convenient education available and that it is delivered with the same quality as on-campus. We look forward to solidifying this partnership with STV, while continuing to innovate online education as a primary educational choice of the future."

About STV:

STV is an award-winning professional firm offering engineering, architecture, planning, transportation, environmental, and construction management services through its companies STV Incorporated, STV Construction, Inc., and STV Architects. Their major markets include transportation, environmental, infrastructure and planning, construction services, buildings and facilities, and industrial and technical services sectors. STV ranks 56th overall in *Engineering News Record*'s list of the Top 500 Design Firms and 28th in the Top 100 "Pure Designers." Ranked 12th among *ENR*'s Top 50 in transportation, STV Group is number 5 among the Top 20 in mass transit and rail, 15 in the Top 25 in bridges, and 24 among the Top 24 in highways. In the general building category, STV ranked 9 among the Top 25 in education and 94 in the Top 150 Global Design Firms. To learn more, please visit www.stvinc.com.

About Drexel University Online:

<u>Drexel University Online</u> 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. For more information on forming an <u>educational partnership with Drexel University Online</u> please e-mail <u>corporate@drexelelearning.com</u>, or call (877) 215-0009.

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