



### Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network - Drexel University Launch Online Educational Partnership

**Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) January 10, 2006** - [Drexel University Online](#), winner of the 2006 21<sup>st</sup> Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the United States Distance Learning Association, recently announced an educational partnership with Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVH), one of the nation's top hospitals in eight specialty care delivery areas as ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* 2006 edition of "America's Best Hospitals."

Through this alliance, Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network employees will have the opportunity to complete an online degree or certificate program through Drexel and receive special tuition rates. Employees will be able to choose from a range of bachelor's, master's, and certificate programs that Drexel offers online in areas such as nursing and health professions, clinical research, public health, information science, business, computer science, communications, and computing technology.

[Drexel University Online](#) has been expanding its partner network for the past four years. Through a partnership with Drexel, participating corporations, health systems, and professional associations across the U.S. are able to offer their employees and members benefits such as special tuition rates and career development opportunities, as well as the chance to earn a degree, all with the flexibility working professionals need.

"A well-educated workforce is a competitive advantage for health systems today," said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director of [Drexel University Online](#). "Organizations have been selecting Drexel as their preferred online education provider because they know that our programs reflect the same high standards as those on-campus, but offer the convenience busy professionals desire. We look forward to this new venture with Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network and in assisting them in meeting the educational needs of their employees."

#### **About Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network:**

Lehigh Valley Hospital and Health Network (LVH) offers practicing professionals a vast array of services and expertise to meet the health care needs of their patients. LVH is represented by three clinical campuses -- two in Allentown and one in Bethlehem. It ranks as one of the nation's top hospitals in eight specialty care delivery areas in the 2006 *U.S. News & World Report* guide to "America's Best Hospitals," more than LVH or any other hospital in the region has ever achieved.

#### **About Drexel University Online:**

[Drexel University Online](#), winner of the 2006 21<sup>st</sup> Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the United States Distance Learning Association, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Drexel University, specializing in innovative, Internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations in the United

States and abroad. A pioneer in online education, Drexel has offered programs online since 1996.

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