



Drexel University Online

Drexel University Online Launches Partnership with Florida-based Health System, St. Vincent's HealthCare

Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) April 17, 2007 – Drexel University Online, winner of the 2006 21st Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the U.S. Distance Learning Association, recently announced the launch of an online educational partnership with St. Vincent's HealthCare, a non-profit health system serving the Jacksonville, Florida area.

Through this educational alliance, St. Vincent's employees will have the opportunity to complete an online degree or certificate program through Drexel and receive special tuition rates. Members can choose from a range of bachelor's, master's, and certificate programs that Drexel offers online in areas such as nursing, health professions, business and education.

Drexel Online has been continually expanding its partner network for the past four years. Through a partnership with Drexel, participating corporations, health systems, schools, and professional 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.

"By partnering with St. Vincent's HealthCare, their employees can now take advantage of the variety of nursing and health professions programs we currently offer at Drexel," said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director of Drexel Online. "This is a very valuable incentive for employees to further their education and remain on top of trends in their professions. We are looking forward to a long-lasting relationship with St. Vincent's."

About Drexel University Online

Drexel University Online specializes in innovative, Internet-based online degree programs and certificates for working professionals and corporations in the U.S. and abroad. Drexel University is continually ranked one of the best national doctoral universities by *U.S. News & World Report* and enjoys regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools. For more information about Drexel's online degrees and partnering with Drexel, please visit www.drexel.com, e-mail info@drexel.com, or call (877) 215-0009.

About St. Vincent's HealthCare.

Since 1916, St. Vincent's HealthCare System, a faith-based, not-for-profit health system, has been serving the Jacksonville area with a broad range of health services, innovative treatment options and community service programs. St. Vincent's provides inpatient and outpatient services at their 528-bed medical center in Jacksonville, Florida and has received several accreditations for their services. It has

been recognized by *U.S. News & World Report* in 2005 and 2003 as one of the top 50 heart hospitals in the nation and was also awarded J.D. Powers Awards in 2005 and 2004 for Patient Satisfaction.

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