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## Offering Quality Engineering Master's Programs to Meet Today's Employment Needs

Philadelphia, PA - September 18, 2008 – The job outlook for engineering professionals will grow rapidly over the next eight years, according to the U.S. Department of Labor and Statistics. In addition to the increased number of jobs, current engineering professionals will retire in record numbers, leaving the job outlook bright for new graduates. <a href="Drexel University Online">Drexel University Online</a> is at the forefront of engineering education, and offers a variety of <a href="Online engineering degrees">online engineering degrees</a> for engineering professionals.

According to the Department of Labor, engineers who advance their education will be more competitive in the ever changing job market. The average starting salary for new graduates in 2006 with a bachelor's in engineering was \$57,620, and \$64,090 for those with a master's. As technology changes and evolves, engineers must keep on top of the current trends and knowledge in the field. By keeping up with industry trends, engineers with advanced engineering degrees are more valuable to employers and are promoted more readily than those who have not continued their education.

Drexel University Online offers several degrees and certifications that meet the changing needs of the engineering industry. The master's in <a href="Engineering Management">Engineering Management</a> offers engineers the opportunity to move into professional and executive careers in engineering. The master's in Software Engineering has two tracks of study, the <a href="Information Science">Information Science</a> and <a href="Technology">Technology</a> track and the <a href="Computer Science">Computer Science</a> track, which address the technological tools needed in modern software engineering. The Master's in <a href="Electrical Engineering">Electrical Engineering</a> offers engineers the tools necessary to succeed in the electrical engineering field.

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Applications for Drexel's engineering degrees are now being accepted for the winter term. For more information about this online program, visit Drexel's <u>online degree website</u>, email <u>info@drexel.com</u> or call (877) 215-0009.

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