

Nearly 1,000 Registered Nurses on the Path to Career Advancement

Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) – October 17, 2008 – [Drexel University Online](#), a subsidiary of Drexel University, addresses the educational needs of nurses by providing an online RN to BSN program for them to gain the knowledge and skills needed to advance in their career. This program has been offered online from the College of Nursing and Health Professions since 1999 and has close to 1,000 active students.

The [Bachelor of Science in Nursing](#) (BSN) online program helps to prepare nurses licensed in the United States for career advancement in today's demanding healthcare environment. Graduates of the online BSN program learn skills necessary to assume roles that demand critical-thinking, decision-making, communication, and leadership skills. Core courses prepare graduates for population-based cases and the managed care environment and electives in the student's choice of area cover additional current issues in nursing.

"The BSN advances not only the nurse's knowledge base and career, but also the profession and the health care industry," said Dr. Gloria Donnelly, dean of Drexel's College of Nursing and Health Professions. "Lifelong learning is the commitment of every health care professional and nursing is no exception. The BSN provides the tools for dealing with the evolving complexity of nursing practice and health care. And, it is a crucial step on the pathway to graduate nursing education, where agents of change are bred."

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statistics (BLS), registered nurses hold the largest health care occupation in the nation with about 2.5 million jobs in 2006. Hospitals employed the majority of RNs, with 59 percent of jobs. The BLS also states that nursing programs at all levels have increased more rapidly and many qualified applicants are being turned away because of a shortage of nursing educators. The need for nursing educators will only increase as many instructors near retirement.

"The health care system is in crisis, the shortage of nurses, nurse leaders and teachers is growing more critical," said Dean Donnelly. "A highly educated nurse workforce will improve quality and safety for patients and educate the next generation of nurses. There can be no hesitation by nurses in improving their knowledge and skills. Our online BSN program provides the best of both worlds: quality and convenience so you can complete your degree, completely online and on your time, while maintaining your work and family commitments."

Applications for Drexel's [online](#) RN-BSN program are now being accepted. The deadline for the winter term is November 7, 2008. For more information about this online program, visit Drexel's [online degree website](#), e-mail info@drexel.com, or call (877) 215-0009.

About Drexel University Online:

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