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Drexel University Launches a Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs

The new online Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs teaches professionals the fundamental competencies required of student affairs administrators.

Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) – **September 11, 2009** - <u>Drexel University Online</u>, a leader in online degree programs, has added a new program to its offerings, the Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs from Drexel's School of Education.

Drexel University's online <u>Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs</u> prepares students to meet the ongoing changes and transformations occurring in society and affecting institutions of higher education. University administrators will need to learn how to make colleges supportive, learning-rich environments for all students ranging from traditional to adult learners. The Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs will teach students how to develop policies and practices that allow students to stay connected to each other and the institution in the face of technological and societal trends that will increasingly foster disconnectedness.

This certificate is available for students who have completed a bachelor's degree and would like to enhance their professional credentials without earning a master's degree. Equipped with a Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs, professionals can expect to find excellent job opportunities and career advancement within higher education institutions.

Similar to Drexel's other online degree programs and certificates, the Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs is offered entirely online, and is intended for working professionals looking to earn certification without any career interruption. Students can learn anytime and anywhere with 24/7 online access to class materials, group discussion, instructor feedback and exams. With Drexel University's online degree programs and certificates, students earn the exact same degree as on campus. Drexel is ranked as one of the nation's top five most innovative universities by *U.S.News & World Report*.

"We're very proud to offer our students the outstanding Drexel curriculum within this convenient online format," said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director for Drexel University Online. "All of our online programs, including our online Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs are taught by the same world-renowned faculty as our on-campus courses."

Applications for Drexel's Graduate Certificate in Student Development and Affairs are now being accepted for winter 2010. For more information, visit <u>Drexel.com</u>, e-mail at <u>info@drexel.com</u>, or call (877) 215-0009.

About Drexel University's School of Education:

The programs of Drexel University's School of Education are ranked among America's Best Graduate Schools 2010 by *U.S.News & World Report*. All programs incorporate current research on teaching and expose teachers to the latest developments in pedagogy and instructional technology.

About Drexel University Online:

<u>Drexel University Online</u>, winner of the 21st 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. 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. A pioneer in online education, Drexel has offered programs online since 1996. Visit our website or <u>blog</u> to learn more about our programs and online learning.

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