

Nursing and Health Professions



About the College of Nursing and Health Professions

In recent years, the health care professions have seen constant innovation in diagnosis and treatment through new technologies, drug therapies, and approaches to therapy. These, combined with personnel shortages in a number of health care fields, an increasingly diverse and aging U.S. population, and rising rates of chronic illness, continue to drive the need for practitioners who can provide safe, effective, and culturally competent care. Even as the field continues to advance, the demand for skilled health care professionals has increased, and will for the foreseeable future.

At Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP), we prepare graduate students for leadership roles in this ever-changing environment by providing them with the most current health education and clinical training available.

Our Mission and Approach

We believe that the health care needs of today and tomorrow can best be met by professionals who have expertise in their own fields and a concurrent understanding of other health disciplines. In addition to formal experiential learning, we promote collaboration across departments and among our health science schools. Our dedicated and knowledgeable faculty work closely with students to provide a supportive and creative learning environment and to prepare them to work as part of a health care team.

The diversity of our student body, in age and culture, reflects Drexel's commitment to providing quality students with educational opportunities. We welcome nontraditional applicants and encourage members of underrepresented groups and those interested in practicing in underserved areas to apply. Finally, we are sensitive to the time constraints on today's students, many of whom work full-time. A number of our programs offer flexible scheduling, allowing for part-time, online, night, or weekend study.

Our Departments

Each department in the college offers a number of programs, specialties, and formats. See inside for details.

- Couple and Family Therapy
- Creative Arts in Therapy
- Nursing (MSN)
- Nursing Practice (DrNP)
- Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences
- Physician Assistant Studies

For More Information

In order to stay ahead of trends in the health care fields, we continuously review and update the content of programs offered. Prospective students are encouraged to visit these websites for the most current information:

The College of Nursing and Health Professions:
www.drexel.edu/cnhp

Admissions:
www.drexel.edu/em/grad/cnhp

The Graduate Catalog:
www.drexel.edu/catalog/grad/cnhp



Couple and Family Therapy (MFT, PhD, PMG)

The Department of Couple and Family Therapy offers a **master's degree in Family Therapy**, and a **Ph.D. and post-master's certificate in Couple and Family Therapy**, all accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education (COAMFTE). An **online certificate in Medical Family Therapy** has recently been added to the department's offerings. These programs prepare students through academic and clinical training utilizing a system framework that emphasizes the interdependence of individual experience and the relational context, extending from family of origin to the global community. They integrate theory and practice through study of major schools of thought (Behavioral, Bowen, Contextual, Experiential, Functional Family Therapy, Object Relations, Postmodern, Solution Focused, Strategic, Structural) with particular focus on assessment and treatment, and intensive supervised clinical experience, providing the foundation on which to build a career in couple and family therapy in the context of a culturally diverse marketplace.

Creative Arts in Therapy (MA, PMG)

The Hahnemann Creative Arts in Therapy program brings those who have an interest in the healing potential of the arts into the health care network by providing specialized clinical education and professional preparation in **art therapy, dance/movement therapy, and music therapy**. The curriculum includes course content in the mental health sciences, theory of human development and behavior, multiculturalism, theory of the creative arts in therapy, research, ethics, and specialized courses for students in each discipline. Students participate in supervised practica and internships in a variety of medical, mental health, educational, and community settings with children and adults. The two-year program leads to eligibility for board certification exams and/or registration in the specialty. The program also provides the academic and clinical requirements for licensure in professional counseling in many states. Part-time study is available.

Nursing (MSN)

The Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) programs prepare leaders in advanced practice roles. Nurses in advanced practice are professionals committed to delivering and improving high-quality service while shaping the healthcare system of the future. Courses from nursing and other disciplines provide advanced theoretical knowledge, assessment skills, role and leadership development, advanced practice in a selected specialization, and the opportunity to critique and apply nursing theory and research as a scientific basis for nursing practice.

The department offers the MSN in the following specialties:

- Adult Acute Care Nurse Practitioner (online)
- Clinical Leader in Adult Health
- Clinical Trials Research (online)
- Nursing Education and Faculty Role (online)
- Family Nurse Practitioner
- Innovation and Intra/Entrepreneurship for Advanced Practice Nursing (online)

Our History

CNHP was founded in 1969 as the College of Allied Health Professions with three degree programs and a faculty of five. In 2002, Drexel University merged with MCP Hahnemann University and assumed operation of its three schools – Medicine, Public Health, and CNHP. Today CNHP serves nearly 3,000 students and is fully accredited and widely renowned for its approach to education.

Faculty

CNHP faculty are affiliated with some of the finest hospitals and clinics in the country. They are innovators in interdisciplinary education, research, and practice in the service of communities, and they are dedicated to improving access to quality care as they educate the next generation of health professionals. CNHP supports faculty research that focuses on clinical practice and its outcomes. The range of faculty research reflects the diversity of their specific interests and the missions of our programs. University-wide, approximately 95 percent of full-time faculty members hold the PhD or highest degree in their field, and the student-to-faculty ratio is 9 to 1.

- Nurse Anesthesia
- Nursing Leadership in Health Systems Management (online)
- Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
- Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (online)
- RN-MSN Bridge Program (online)
- Women's Health Care Completion Program for Nurse Practitioners (online)
- Women's Health Care Nurse Practitioner (online)

In addition, many of these are available as post-baccalaureate and/or post-master's certificate programs.

Nursing Practice (DrNP)

The Drexel Doctor of Nursing Practice in Nursing Science (DrNP) – the first clinical research doctor of nursing program in the country – is designed to offer a relevant, practice-focused doctoral education to nurses who have a BSN or master's degree. In three to four years of part-time study, the program provides the skills and knowledge necessary to advance nursing practice now as the nation faces a critical nursing faculty shortage.

The DrNP focuses on nursing practice and clinical nursing research that measures health outcomes to improve the health and well-being of individuals, families, and communities. The program offers primary concentrations in practice and education with secondary focuses in clinical executive nursing and healthcare administration. These tracks provide graduates with valuable academic credentials and enhanced practice-oriented career options.

Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences (OPT, MHS, PBC, PhD)

The Department of Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences offers six programs: **Professional Doctor of Physical Therapy (DPT)**, **Post-Professional DPT**, **Certificate in Advanced Practice in Hand and Upper Quarter Rehabilitation**, **Certificate in Advanced Practice in Physical Therapy**, **Master of Health Science**, and **PhD**. Students work with nationally recognized faculty with expertise in a variety of subject areas and a dedication to the individual development of each student to gain the skills necessary for evidence-based practice, teaching, medical informatics, research, and leadership. The department's research laboratories provide a variety of clinical opportunities, and national and international clinical teaching and research collaborations are also available.

Physician Assistant (MHS)

The Physician Assistant program offers **entry level** and **advanced master's of health science degrees** accredited by the Accreditation Review Commission on Education for the Physician Assistant, Inc. (ARC-PA). The programs prepare students to provide patient education and counseling, preventive intervention, complete or directed history taking and physical examination, diagnostic test evaluation, and presentation of cases in a problem-oriented fashion to a supervising physician; and to perform technical skills including electrocardiograms, venipuncture, suturing, casting, and injections. The programs aim to educate qualified primary care physician assistants, promote the physician assistant profession, and improve health care delivery in medically underserved urban and rural areas.

Facilities

The College of Nursing and Health Professions is located at Drexel University's Center City Hahnemann Campus, adjacent to Hahnemann University Hospital. Proximity to this major medical center provides a first-rate environment for study. The Clinical Learning Resource Center provides students with state-of-the-art educational resources to enable them to develop the skills they will need in their careers. Through the 11th Street Corridor Partnership for Community Based Care, the College of Nursing and Health Professions maintains a comprehensive, community-based health center, 11th Street Family Health Services Center of Drexel University, where students have unique opportunities to observe and be part of health care delivery.

Libraries

The Hahnemann Library, located on the Center City Campus, supports the curricula of the College of Nursing and Health Professions, College of Medicine, and the School of Public Health, including materials in clinical medicine and basic sciences, particularly physiology and pharmacology.

Audiovisual materials are available for viewing and listening at home, in fully equipped study carrels, and in group viewing rooms. Scanning; printing; and word processing, spreadsheet, presentation, and other software programs are available in the Computer Center. A large study area and various library computers, printers, and photocopiers are available 24 hours a day for use by University students, faculty, staff, and residents.

Drexel University has three other libraries: Hagerty Library and the College of Law Library, located on the University City Campus, and the Queen Lane Library, located on the College of Medicine Campus. Drexel graduate students also have access to the library resources of the University of Pennsylvania, the University of the Sciences in Philadelphia, and the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College.



About Drexel

Drexel University is a private, nonsectarian co-educational university, founded in 1891 by financier and philanthropist Anthony J. Drexel. Today it is a top-tier, comprehensive research university, enrolling more than 13,000 undergraduates and 7,000 graduate, professional, and certificate students on four campuses and a center for graduate study. The University's 13 colleges and schools offer 73 undergraduate majors, 78 master's and 32 doctoral programs. Drexel is fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools, with additional programs accredited by their respective top professional accreditation bodies. Students come from 48 U.S. states and 103 foreign countries.

Philadelphia

Philadelphia is the nation's sixth largest city, with a metropolitan population of nearly six million. It is renowned for its historical sites and the diversity of its neighborhoods, and as a hub of the pharmaceutical, electronics, and finance industries.

The city offers countless arts, entertainment, and recreational attractions including museums, theaters, major league sports franchises, and the nation's largest urban park system, as well as first-class shopping, dining, and nightlife.

Drexel's Main Campus is located in the University City neighborhood, which is also home to the University of Pennsylvania, the University of the Sciences, and the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College. Most CNHP classes are held at the Center City Hahnemann Campus, situated in the heart of the city and in close proximity to a number of major teaching and research hospitals.



Admission

Acceptance for graduate study at Drexel University requires a four-year bachelor's degree from an accredited institution in the United States or an equivalent international institution. Although admission requirements vary by program, regular acceptance typically requires a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 for the last two years of undergraduate work. The GPA for any graduate work must be at least 3.0. Applicants for post-master's status must show potential for further study by having maintained at least a 3.0 GPA in their master's-level studies. (Individual departmental requirements may exceed this minimum.)

The admissions committee evaluates all credentials submitted by applicants to determine a student's ability and potential to succeed in graduate study. In addition, the committee is interested in the applicant's ability to contribute to his/her program of study and to the University community as a whole.

Applicants may only apply to one program at a time. Drexel will waive the application fee if you apply online or submit your application during a campus visit. For more information, see www.drexel.edu/apply/cnhp.

Financing

Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to receive federal, state, or institutional aid. Students must complete this form annually to determine eligibility. File online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Drexel's school code is 003256. To learn more, visit www.drexel.edu/financialaid.

Merit-based aid in the form of teaching, research, and graduate assistantships is awarded by the graduate departments based on need and availability of funds. Questions should be directed to the graduate advisor.

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