

## Nursing and Health Professions



### Nursing and Health Professions at Drexel

The field of health care is in constant flux due to developing technologies, increased patient awareness regarding medical options, and the desire for greater efficacy in existing treatments. Drexel prepares students for this dynamic environment through a rigorous curriculum as well as Drexel Co-op. Students in the nursing and health care fields find careers as:

- Clinical researchers who perform research necessary to obtain FDA approval of new drugs, medical devices, and medical procedures
- Counselors who treat mental, emotional, and eating disorders or assist those with alcohol, drug, and gambling addictions
- Health care administrators who make sure that hospitals are run efficiently and communicate policies that guide professional behavior
- Nurses treating and educating patients in various settings

### Drexel Co-op: Knowledge at Work

Classroom learning, research, projects, papers, and exams are all critical to academic pursuits. But it will take experience in your field to set you apart from other graduates. With Drexel Co-op, you can gain up to 18 months of résumé-enhancing experience by the time you receive your degree. Drexel's nursing and health professions students have completed co-ops with:

- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Fox Chase Cancer Center
- Thomas Jefferson University Hospital
- St. Christopher's Hospital

### Nursing and Health Professions Majors

- Behavioral Health Counseling
- Health Services Administration
- Nursing Co-op
- Pathway to Health Professions

### Non-Traditional Majors\*

- Nursing Accelerated Career Entry (ACE)
- Nursing RN–BSN Degree Completion
- Radiologic Technology (AS)

*\*To learn more about non-traditional majors, contact Admissions at 215-895-2400.*

### Accelerated Degrees

Visit [www.drexel.edu/em/ug/accelerated](http://www.drexel.edu/em/ug/accelerated) to find out which majors in the College of Nursing and Health Professions are eligible for accelerated degree programs.

### About Nursing and Health Professions

To learn more about the College of Nursing and Health Professions visit [www.drexel.edu/cnhp](http://www.drexel.edu/cnhp).



## Frances Cornelius

RN, Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing

BSN and MSN, Wayne State University

PhD, Drexel University

Coordinator of Informatics Projects and Clinical Assistant Professor, College of Nursing and Health Professions

### What I like most about teaching Drexel students

"Drexel is full of opportunities for intellectual inquiry, collaboration, and innovation. I love working in an academic environment that not only provides these opportunities to students but also encourages and supports learning and teamwork. Academia encourages one to think outside of the box with stimulating challenges."

### Favorite aspect of my area of teaching

"The fact that the method of educating is always changing. I find that information and technology are very dynamic, which is both exciting and interesting."

## Resources: The Classroom and Beyond

At Drexel education starts in the classroom, but it certainly doesn't end there. Resources and opportunities available to College of Nursing and Health Professions students include:

- **Clinical Resource Learning Center (CRLC):** The CRLC provides a simulated environment in which students can safely learn and practice clinical skills, such as head-to-toe assessments, invasive as well as non-invasive procedures, and interpersonal skills.
- **University Libraries:** Four library branches serve the educational, clinical, and research needs of health sciences students at Drexel. Library collections are searchable through online catalogs. Also available are MEDLINE, the primary database of biomedical information, and specialized databases including PsychLit (psychology) and PDQ (cancer).

## Student Activities: Draw from Your Experience

Student activities are a great way to meet new people and stay active on campus. At Drexel there are many organizations that might appeal to future nursing and health professionals, including:

- **College of Nursing and Health Professions Student Government:** This organization promotes and represents the rights and interests of students in the College of Nursing and Health Professions.
- **Nu Eta chapter of Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing,** chartered in April 1992: Members of this chapter recognize superior achievement, develop leadership qualities, foster high professional standards, and strengthen commitment to the ideals and purposes of the nursing professions.
- **Radiologic Technology Student Society:** This society promotes the activities of Radiologic Technology students and provides opportunities for them to network with others who share the same interests.
- **Student Nurses Association of Pennsylvania:** This association strives to contribute positively to nursing education and provides programs that highlight the unique focus and concerns of nursing.





## Campus Living: Home Is Where Your Stuff Is

A residence hall is more than just a place to sleep. On the Center City Hahnemann Campus, students can choose to live off-campus or in CNHP's residence hall — Stiles Alumni Hall — which contains one-, two-, and three-bedroom unfurnished apartments.

On the University City Main Campus, Calhoun, Kelly, Myers, Towers, and Van Rensselaer are first-year residence halls, reserved exclusively for freshman and transfer students. To see details and stats about each hall, visit [www.drexel.edu/rlo/halls](http://www.drexel.edu/rlo/halls).

In addition to serving as a home away from home, residence halls are also a place where you can create the academic and social environment you crave. Some available options include:

- Race Street Hall: Drexel's newest hall is the residence for students in the Pennoni Honors College. To learn more about the Honors College, visit [www.drexel.edu/honors](http://www.drexel.edu/honors).
- Learning Communities: Learning communities group students with similar academic and social interests together in a single location, making it easy for them to form informal study groups and work on group projects.

## Philadelphia: A Place to Live and Learn

Philadelphia is a great place to live, work, and study — especially for students interested in nursing and health. Here are just a few advantages of living in Philadelphia:

- Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP): Since 1855, this hospital, located a few blocks from the Drexel Main Campus, has been dedicated to providing pediatric health care. CHOP is one of Drexel's top co-op employers.
- Museum of Nursing History: Located 25 minutes from Drexel in Springfield, Pennsylvania, this museum's collection of artifacts paints a compelling portrait of health care's humble beginnings and its development into one of this century's most important career paths.
- Mütter Museum: Dedicated to preserving the history of medicine in the United States (literally), this museum treats visitors to exhibits of early surgical equipment, anatomical models, fluid-preserved organs, and even a wall of skulls.
- Pennsylvania Hospital: The nation's first hospital — founded in 1751 by Benjamin Franklin and Dr. Thomas Bond — is located in Philadelphia and houses an extensive exhibit on health care.



## Vicky Candelas

Nursing Co-op

Millville, New Jersey

### Favorite class

- Pediatric Nursing

### Professional goal

- Become a pediatric nurse practitioner

### Co-op experience

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

### Clubs and organizations

- Kappa Theta Epsilon (Co-op Honor Society)

### Favorite pastimes:

- Going to the movies
- Hanging out with friends

### Favorite place to grab a bite

- New Deck Tavern

### Best thing about Drexel

"The co-op program. Co-op is the main reason that I decided to go to Drexel because I knew that many nurses get out of nursing school with hardly any experience. Though there is a clinical practice component, it is nothing compared to what you learn in the real work environment."

## Enrollment\*

Total undergraduate .....	13,197
Total graduate and professional	7,488
Total enrollment .....	20,685

## Academic Profile\*

Average GPA (on a 4.0 scale) .....	3.5
Average combined SAT score .....	1200
Average class rank (top percentile)	22.5
On average, Drexel freshmen graduated in the top 22% of their high school class.	

## Undergraduate Programs

73 full-time programs

## Colleges and Schools

- Arts and Sciences
- Biomedical Engineering, Science, and Health Systems
- Business
- Education
- Engineering
- Information Science and Technology
- Law
- Media Arts & Design
- Medicine
- Nursing and Health Professions
- Pennoni Honors College
- Professional Studies
- Public Health

## Admission Prerequisites

Students applying to a major in the College of Nursing and Health Professions will need to complete the following courses:

- Three years of mathematics
  - Algebra I
  - Algebra II
  - Geometry
- Two years of a laboratory science (biology, chemistry, or physics)

\*Numbers from previous year



## Financial Aid and Scholarships

Your education is an important investment. At Drexel we are committed to providing you with information and resources to help you with the cost of a college education. The first step toward receiving financial aid is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) beginning January 1. Students starting college the following fall should submit it by March 1 for maximum financial aid consideration. Drexel uses the information provided on the FAFSA to award need-based grants and scholarships.

For specific information about loan programs, grants, and scholarships, call 1-877-DREXEL-5 to speak with a representative from EdFinancial Services. EdFinancial Services provides a call center with trained staff to answer questions about paying for a college education. The staff at the call center are not Drexel employees but are employed by EdFinancial Services. They are required to give all students independent, expert advice about paying for a college education.

To learn more about financing options, visit [www.drexel.edu/financialaid](http://www.drexel.edu/financialaid). To contact a representative from Drexel's Student Resource Center/Financial Aid office, visit <http://ask.drexel.edu>.

## Visit Us

The best way to learn about Drexel is to visit campus. We offer a variety of convenient options. For more information on the programs below or to receive a schedule of upcoming events, visit [www.drexel.edu/em/ug/visit](http://www.drexel.edu/em/ug/visit) or call 1-800-2-DREXEL (1-215-895-2400 for international students).

- **Open Houses:** If you want to explore everything Drexel has to offer (all in one day), attend an Open House. Held on weekends in the fall and spring, Open Houses are large-scale campus events that offer information about academics, Drexel Co-op, student activities, and campus life.
- **Experience Drexel Days:** Offered throughout the year, Experience Drexel Days are ideal if you want a broad overview of Drexel's offerings. Experience Drexel Days are half-day programs to provide you with a glimpse of life at Drexel, with informative sessions, tours of campus, and an academic fair.
- **Campus Visit:** Consisting of an Information Session and a student-guided tour, Campus Visits are perfect if you want a more intimate introduction to Drexel. Campus Visits are offered on weekday mornings and afternoons and on Saturday mornings.

## Apply

Apply to Drexel University online at [www.drexel.edu/apply](http://www.drexel.edu/apply). The application fee is waived for students who apply online or during a campus visit.

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