

NURSING CO-OP



Nursing Co-op at Drexel

Although the tools that nurses use have evolved over time, the values of competence, caring, quality, and excellence in patient care that were the foundation of nursing practice have endured. Drawing on its 130-year legacy of educating nurses, Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions has a national reputation as a leader in nursing education.

The Nursing Co-op program is designed to build knowledge, enhance nursing practice, foster professional integrity, and ultimately improve the health outcomes of patients, families, and communities. Drexel nursing students graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and are eligible to sit for the RN licensure examination.

Drexel Co-op for Nursing

A key part of the program is Drexel's prestigious co-operative education program, in which students alternate periods of classroom study with periods of professional work experience. Nursing students can choose from the following:

- Three Co-op Option (Five Years): includes three six-month periods of full-time employment
- One Co-op Option (Four Years): includes one six-month period of full-time employment

A Few Drexel Co-op Position Titles

- Care Team Associate
- Critical Care Technician
- Nurse Assistant
- Outpatient Assistant Nurse Coordinator

Employers

Here are some of the companies that have hired Drexel students as co-op or full-time employees:

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Fox Chase Cancer Center
- Hahnemann University Hospital
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Keystone Home Health
- Mercy Health System

Potential Careers

Psychiatric Nurse. Cares for mentally impaired or emotionally disturbed individuals. Works under a team that may include psychiatrists, psychologists, psychiatric nurses, social workers, and therapists. Socializes with patients and leads them in educational and recreational activities. Observes patients and reports any physical or behavioral symptoms. Can have a great deal of influence on a patient's outlook and treatment because of such close contact.

Registered Nurse (RN). Treats and educates patients and the public about medical conditions, and provides advice and emotional support to patients' family members. Records medical histories and symptoms, helps perform diagnostic tests and analyze results, operates medical equipment, administers medications and treatment, and helps with follow-up and rehabilitation.

Courses You'll Really Enjoy

Women's Health Nursing. Emphasizes the nurse's role in health assessment, health promotion, and promotion of adaptive processes for the maternity patient and the promotion of women's health. Examines sociocultural, economic, political, and ethical factors that impact health promotion, disease prevention, and risk reduction for childbearing families and women. Selected women's health clinical settings will be utilized for clinical practice.

Nursing of Children. Focuses on the development of competencies for the nursing care management of children experiencing potential and actual alterations in health. An emphasis is placed on the nurse's role in health assessment, health promotion, and promotion of adaptive processes for the child within the context of the family.

Leadership, Management, and Entrepreneurship in Nursing. Focuses on the professional nurse's role in applying the principles of leadership and management in health care organizations. Explores the emerging role of the nurse entrepreneur and alternative roles for future professional practitioners. Emphasizes the role of the professional nurse in efficient patient care management in complex health care settings.

Learn More: University Catalog

A list of required courses for the Nursing Co-op major is available online at www.drexel.edu/catalog.

Accelerated Degree Options

Accelerated degree programs, such as the BS/MD, BS/PhD in Engineering, BS/JD, and BS/MBA, enable academically qualified students to earn both a bachelor's and an advanced degree, graduating sooner than they would in traditional programs. Eligible students can be admitted to an accelerated degree program in one of two ways: apply as an incoming freshman through Undergraduate Admissions or apply to the Office of Graduate Studies after completing a minimum of 90 credits. To learn more about accelerated degree options, visit www.drexel.edu/em/ug/accelerated.

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