



## New Dean Announced

The College of Nursing and Health Professions continues to enhance community health care access, expand its robust online-learning presence and attract critical resources for cutting-edge research. To help keep its place at the forefront of innovative health care education and research, a dynamic leader and distinguished professor was appointed as the College's new dean.

**Laura N. Gitlin, PhD**, an applied research sociologist, esteemed professor at Johns Hopkins University and true interprofessional pioneer, brought the patient/family and team-centered approach in which she frames her work as a researcher and practitioner to Drexel when she began her tenure on February 1, 2018.

## Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research Collaborative

The College formally kicked off its **Interprofessional Practice, Education, and Research (IPER)** initiative on May 5, 2017. IPER supports the College-wide effort to remain at the forefront of innovative health care education. Critical, not only for a well-rounded education, but also for superior patient-centered care, integrating three or more disciplines to solve health challenges prepares students to better communicate with members of health care teams and participate in decision-making across disciplines.



## PA Program Celebrates 45th Anniversary

Our physician assistant program celebrated a big milestone; its 45th Anniversary. The program, established in 1971 at the Hahnemann Medical College and Hospital, is among the oldest in the country, matriculates one of the largest classes each year, and has a long history of innovation in primary care education for physician assistants while addressing its mission to improve healthcare in rural and urban underserved communities.



Dr. Veronica Carey

## Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Veronica Carey, PhD, associate clinical professor in the Counseling and Family Therapy Department, became assistant dean of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion on January 1, 2017. With the College dedicating itself to creating a cultural climate in which all members of the College community feel welcomed, respected, valued and included, Dr. Carey's efforts

focused on surveying members of the College community to collect data, report, and begin program development. She and members of the College Advisory Board for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion seek to meet the needs of the diverse populations whom we teach, collaborate with, and serve as we work together to promote health and eliminate health disparities.



## The Dornsife Community Wellness HUB Opened

In partnership with Mantua and the Powelton Village Civic Associations and the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships, the College officially opened its newest clinical practice, the Community Wellness HUB, in West Philadelphia at the Rally 4 Wellness Health Fair on April 8, 2017. Some of the ongoing services at the HUB including health education and screenings, individual, couple and family therapy, cooking demonstrations, referral services, case management and clinical treatment for residents are provided by volunteers from the College.



The Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions' performance in 2016–17 was productive on all fronts including:

- Civic Engagement
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion
- Enrollment
- Interprofessional Practice, Education and Research Initiatives



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## 2017–2018 Academic Year Enrollment

Enrollment statistics for fall 2017 indicate that the Drexel University College of Nursing and Health Professions continues to be among the largest Colleges at the University.

**4,450**  
undergraduate, graduate and certificate students

**19.7%**  
of overall University enrollment (includes all colleges and programs).

**2,232**

of our students are online, making up 47% of all online programs managed by Drexel University Online.

**28,133**

active alumni

## 2016–2017 Graduation Statistics

Graduates earned **1,680** degrees and certificates. Of those, **811** or **48%** were completed online.

**89 Doctoral Degrees**

**537 Master's Degrees**

**882 Bachelor's Degrees**

**172 Certificates**

## WORKFORCE TRENDS

On January 10, 2018, *US News and World Report* published their 2018 Best Jobs list and 47 of the top 100 are in healthcare. Physician Assistant and Nurse Practitioner are numbers 3 and 4 on that list with no surprise as the demand for more skilled healthcare professionals skyrockets. This expansion can be attributed to a few factors including a move to patient-centered care models and an aging population.

Regardless of the career path an individual chooses, a decision to pursue a career among the next generation of healthcare industry leaders at Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions is a wise one.

## 2016–17 Professional Licensing and Board Certification Results

Program	Type of Exam	Number of Students Tested	Drexel First Time Pass Rate	State or National Benchmark, if available
Bachelor of Science in Nursing	NCLEX (National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses)	296	94%	State—91% National—87%
Master of Science in Nursing	ANCC (American Nurses Credentialing Center) Certifying Exam	AGNP—34 PMHNP—34	AGNP—100% PMHNP—100%	NA
Master of Science in Nursing	PNCB (Pediatric Nursing Certification Board) Certifying Exam	PNP—20	PNP—100%	NA
Master of Science in Nursing	AANP (American Association of Nurse Practitioners)	FNP—44	FNP—100%	NA
Master of Science in Nursing	NCC (National Certification Corporation)	WHGP—28	WHGP—100%	NA
Master of Science in Nurse Anesthesia	NBCRNA (National Board of Certification & Recertification for Nurse Anesthetists) Examination	19	95%	NA
Master of Science in Nursing	CNC (Commission on Nurse Certification)	11	100%	NA
Doctor of Physical Therapy	NPTE (National Physical Therapy Exam)	53	100%	National—93.9%
Master of Health Science with Physician Assistant Certificate	PANCE (Physician Assistant National Certifying Exam)	64	100%	National—96%
Bachelor of Science in Nutrition & Foods	Registration Examination for Dietitians	17	100%	National—80%
Master of Science in Human Nutrition	Registration Examination for Dietitians	19	90%	National—80%
BS or MS in Nutrition—Individualized Supervised Practice Pathways	Registration Examination for Dietitians	8	89%	National—80%

## Funding Research by the Numbers

In 2016–17, College faculty significantly exceeded goals to increase proposal submissions and funding.

**13**

Research proposals funded

**\$2.3**  
million

Awarded

**46**

Active projects

### Awards included:

- **\$1.3 million**—National Institutes of Health R01 grant to **Joke Bradt, PhD, MT-BC**, principal investigator;
- **\$660,000**—United States Department of Defense to **Margaret Finley, PT, PhD**, principal investigator; and
- **\$149,000**—National Endowment of the Arts to **Girija Kaimal, EdD, MA**, principal investigator.

Portfolio of funded projects: **\$11.4 million**

### Top sponsors including:

- **National Institutes of Health:** 4 awards to Drs. Guy Diamond, Jerome Dugan, Rose Ann DiMaria-Ghalili, and Margaret O'Neil
- **National Science Foundation:** 4 awards to Dr. Patricia Shewokis
- **Coulter—Drexel Translational Research Partnership Program:** 3 awards to Drs. Rose Ann DiMaria-Ghalili, Margaret O'Neil, and Sheri Silfies