

# **STUDENT HANDBOOK**

**Drexel University  
Dornsife School of  
Public Health**



## **Welcome**

Welcome to Drexel University School of Public Health. You are on a remarkable journey to join the community of public health professionals who trained at Drexel, now more than 1500 strong across the United States and around the world! Our academic program is designed to integrate rigorous academics with career-based learning and real-world workplace experiences. Our goal is to ensure that all students develop a public health world-view and develop competency in critical thinking, problem solving, and collaboration. The success of our academic program is built on the strong relationships you are able to develop with faculty, students, and administrators at the school.

This handbook is designed to guide you through the Drexel University School of Public Health experience. Please take time to review the materials and keep it with your essential graduate school resources.



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## Campus Map

The Drexel University, University City campus is located in the Powelton Village Neighborhood, in West Philadelphia from 32nd Street to 39th Street going west and Race Street to Spring Garden Street going north. Powelton Village has a long history where you can view the Victorian homes built in 18th century by the Powel and Bingham-Baring families. This culturally diverse neighborhood also serves as home to many Drexel students.

The home of Dornsife School of Public Health is located in Nesbitt Hall, at 33<sup>rd</sup> and Market Streets. Nesbitt Hall is Building 13 on the University City campus map. A larger version of the map can be found [here](#).

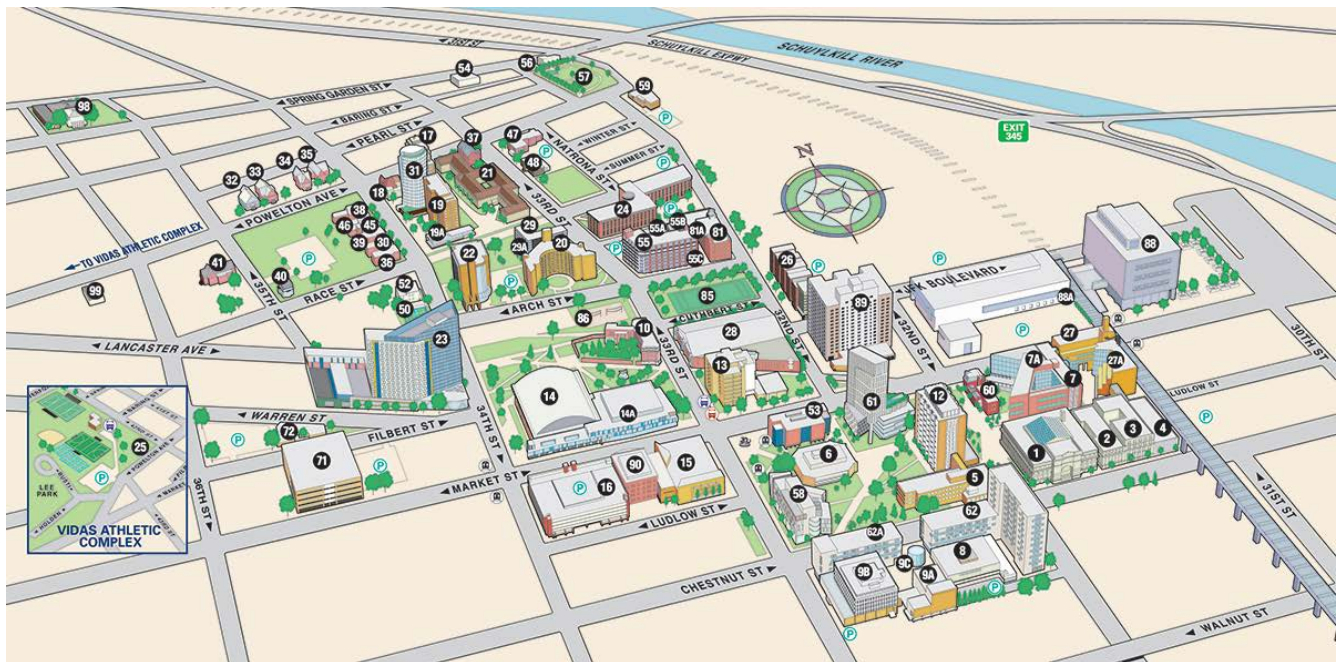


Figure 13 Nesbitt Hall (School of Public Health)

## Important Campus Contacts

Drexel's Main Operator/Switchboard..... 215.895.2000

Contact Directory: <http://drexel.edu/dbs/about/contact/>

Department	Campus Location	Contact Information
<b>Drexel Central Student Accounts, Bursars, Financial Aid</b>	Main Building – Suite 106	215.895.1600 or send email via Ask.drexel.edu
<b>Dragon Card (ID) Office</b>	First Floor - Creese Student Center	215.895.2820
<b>Graduate College</b>	Randall Hall- Room 240	215.895.0366
<b>Office of Student Life</b>	Second Floor - Creese Student Center	215.895.2501
<b>IRT/Technology</b>	First Floor Korman Building	215.895.2020
<b>Drexel Public Safety</b>	3201 Arch Street, Suite 350	215.895.2822 or 215.895.2222 for emergencies
<b>Recreation Center</b>	Corner of 33 <sup>rd</sup> and Market	215.571.3777
<b>Library</b>	Corner of 33 <sup>rd</sup> and Market	215.895.1500
<b>Drexel Bookstore</b>	First Floor – Creese Student Center	215.895.2860



## School of Public Health Administrative Contacts

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## **Drexel University**

# **Dornsife School of Public Health**

*“This school of public health is founded on a commitment – a commitment to public health as social justice. We see health not as a privilege, but as a right.”*

Jonathan Mann, MD, MPH - April 20, 1998

### **Mission and Core Values**

**Mission.** The mission of the Dornsife School of Public Health at Drexel University is to provide education, conduct research, and partner with communities and organizations to improve the health of populations. We view health as a human right and have a special commitment to improving health in cities, eliminating health disparities, and promoting health in all policies.

**Values.** The SPH faculty, staff and students are committed to the following:

- Health as a human right and the importance of social justice to health
- Integrity, rigor, critical thinking, and self-reflection in research, scholarship, and education
- Translation of knowledge into actions to improve population health and eliminate health disparities
- Sustainable and equitable community partnerships
- Inclusiveness, diversity, empathy and respect for others regardless of position or status.
- Human dignity and open and honest dialogue.
- Service to local communities while recognizing the value of a global perspective

## Communication Tools

### Drexel One

Drexel's intranet portal, [DrexelOne](#), is used by all members of the Drexel community. Once connected, you can access any service - including Drexel Blackboard Learn and BannerWeb without entering your password again. DrexelOne has information tabs, including, Student, Campus Community, Employee (if you work on campus) and a Welcome tab. Each with specific information you can access.

On DrexelOne, you can view grades, class schedule, register for classes, edit your personal information, update your emergency contacts and update Drexel Alert contact information, which is the electronic emergency notification system the University uses.

BannerWeb is the software Drexel uses to manage your academic and financial records. This is accessed on DrexelOne.

### Blackboard (Bb) Learn

Blackboard (Bb) is the course management software system we use at Drexel. To access Blackboard, visit: <http://learn.drexel.edu> and use your Drexel credentials to log on.

Course instructors use Blackboard for delivery of course materials, including your syllabus, assignments, and readings. You can use your Drexel One user ID and password to log in to Blackboard. There is also an app you can download to your smart phone. Course info is posted on individual Bb shells for each course in which you are enrolled. Be advised that courses may not be available until a few days prior to the start of classes.

### Drexel Email

Students are required to use their Drexel Email address to conduct official university business. Your email account will have limited space on the Drexel email server. Once you reach the maximum amount of storage provided, you will stop receiving emails altogether unless you delete emails from the server. However, you are able to forward your Drexel email to another email account. If you choose to forward your email, make sure you uncheck the box that reads, "Put it in my xyz123@drexel.edu mailbox." This ensures that the emails will only forward and will not stay on the Drexel server and you will never run out of space on the Drexel server. For more information, see the links below.

Access your email via Drexel One <http://one.drexel.edu>

Access Your Email via Webmail (secondary) <http://mail.drexel.edu>

Configure an email Client (optional) Ask Drexel <http://ask.drexel.edu>

Setup Mail Forwarding (optional) <http://accounts.drexel.edu>

Allows you to forward your Drexel e-mail to other e-mail accounts

## Facebook

You can network with other DSPH students, staff and faculty at the Dornsife School of Public Health Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/DrexelPublicHealth>. Follow DSPH on Instagram (@drexel\_sph) and Twitter (@drexelpubhealth) as well.

## Technology

### Tech Support

The Instructional Technology Group (ITG) supports faculty, students, and professional staff in their use of a wide array of applications and technologies in the teaching and learning space - whether delivery and engagement are face-to-face, in hybrid environments, or completely online courses and settings. Technologies and services include Drexel Learn, other online course tools, training sessions, and general technical assistance. The ITG can be reached at 215-895-1224 or [itg@drexel.edu](mailto:itg@drexel.edu).

### Computer Buying Guide

Personal Use: Students are advised to purchase computers listed under "Small Business" or "Business" categories rather than from "Consumer" product lines. Follow the specifications listed below to gain the most longevity from your computer. <http://www.drexel.edu/irt/computers-software/buying-guide/>

You can purchase Apple products and Dell products from the "Campus Community" tab on [Drexel One](#).

#### RECOMMENDED COMPUTER SPECIFICATIONS

- Component Recommendation: Processor Intel Core i5 or i7
- Operating Systems: Core Enterprise Business Application Users: 64-bit Windows 7 Professional is strongly recommended
  - NOTE: Microsoft Surface Pro 3 requires Windows 8.1
- All Other Users: For personal and academic use, choose Windows 8.1 or Apple OS X\*
  - Memory (RAM) Minimum: 8 GB
- Network and Wireless: Integrated Gigabit Ethernet and Ethernet Cable
- REQUIRED: Dual-Band 2.4 - 5 GHz Wireless 802.11 a/b/g/n
- NOT RECOMMENDED: Single-Band (2.4 GHz) Wireless Cards such as b/g/n
- Display & Graphics Card: If your work is graphically intensive or involves engineering design or web rendering, you should consider additional graphics memory and a large-screen laptop or an additional larger monitor.

## Drexel Central

### Financial Aid, Accounts, Bursars, Registrar

Drexel Central is your one-stop service for managing student finances and registration. This is the office responsible for the billing and collection of Drexel tuition and fees. You can visit the Drexel Central website by clicking this link: <http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/>

### Filing the FAFSA and Other Important Financial Aid Information:

Financial Aid assistance may be available for every term that you carry 4.5 credits or above for graduate students and 6 credits and above for undergraduate students. If you wish to receive financial aid, it is imperative that you do file a FAFSA. We recommend you see or speak with Financial Aid counselors who are familiar with our programs and financial aid processes at the University City campus Suite 106, Main Building or by telephone at 215.895.1600 or Toll Free at 1.877.DREXEL.5 or electronically via [Ask.Drexel.Edu](http://Ask.Drexel.Edu).

FAFSA Opens January 1<sup>st</sup> of every calendar. Make sure you file as early as possible for the next academic year. The online FAFSA website is [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

You'll need a pin to electronically sign your FAFSA. If you do not have a pin, you can apply for one at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

Include your parent(s) information in Parent Demographics and Financial sections of the FAFSA. If you are not supported by a family member, you are required to provide evidence to support this. Do not use the "skip" options available on the website or your application may be incomplete for purposes of grant consideration.

Once you complete your application you will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR). This report is a summary of the details you included on your FAFSA. Review your SAR to be sure it is correct, and to determine if additional information needs to be provided or corrected on your FAFSA application. Additional details will come along with your SAR.

The Institutional Financial Aid Application (FAAPP) is also required of all graduate students that seek financial aid, even if you are only borrowing Federal or Private Loans. The FAAPP can be completed via your DrexelOne account. It has no official due date but we encourage you to complete it shortly after you file your FAFSA to ensure that your financial aid is packaged in a timely manner. The application must be complete annually. This allows Drexel Central to see how many credits you will be taking each quarter, so that your financial aid can disburse appropriately. It is very important to fill this form out

correctly. Contact your Graduate Advisor if you need to know exactly how many credits you should be enrolled in each quarter/semester.

## Student Resources

### Office of Student Services

The Office of Student Services at Dornsife School of Public Health oversees many aspects of student life here at Dornsife and Drexel University. Our staff can assist you in navigating campus resources and partner with a variety of on-campus partners to provide you with additional cultural, educational and professional opportunities which complement your in-classroom learning and education. Our office is committed to providing you with a variety of support to enable you to reach your personal and professional goals. Our offices are located in Nesbitt Hall on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

#### **Director of Student Services & Alumni Relations**

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### Dragon Card/Student ID

All current students, faculty, and staff are issued an identification card, also known as your Dragon Card, for the purpose of entering campus buildings, attending university events, making purchases, dining on-campus/off-campus and providing access to many Drexel services.

In order to manage funds on your Dragon Card, which is accepted at many of the businesses and restaurants on campus. You can log into the GET portal: <https://get.cbord.com/drexel/full/prelogin.php> using your Drexel One log-in information.

### International Students

The International Students & Scholars Services (ISSS) Office have knowledgeable staff who can advise international students, scholars and faculty on immigration, cultural, financial, academic and personal concerns, and makes appropriate referrals when necessary. [http://drexel.edu/studentlife/get\\_involved/international\\_students\\_scholars/](http://drexel.edu/studentlife/get_involved/international_students_scholars/)

## Contact Information

Address: 215 Creese Student Center  
T: 215.895.2502

Email: [iss@drexel.edu](mailto:iss@drexel.edu)

## Academic Affairs

One of the many areas that the Office of Academic Affairs is responsible for is the provision of the administrative interface with the offices of the Registrar, Financial Aid, Student Accounts and the Bursar, known as Drexel Central. Stephanie Johnson is the director of Academic Services and serves as your liaison to these administrative offices. Her office is in room #216 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Nesbitt Hall. In addition, Jamel Long, serves as the Graduate Programs Administrator. He is on hand to assist the School Of Public Health graduate student population with their needs, such as directing students to various campus resources, policies, and/or addressing student concerns. He is located in room #221 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Nesbitt.

### **Director of Academic Services**

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## Registering for Class

Online registration normally happens during Week 6 of the quarter. You will receive an email from the Director of Academic Services to prompt you to register for class. Detailed information about how to register for class and a tutorial for using the registration system is available on this website: <http://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/courses/registration/>

## Academic Advising

Your academic, professional and personal success is our priority. Students are assigned to a specific graduate advisor as well as a faculty mentor. A graduate advisor is a professional staff person and will serve as your direct point of contact for academic and administrative issues. Your faculty mentor is an instructional faculty appointed in the School of Public Health who will serve as a mentor and will provide guidance in course selection and completion of the final master's project. The following graduate advisors are assigned to you by your major:

### **Advisees**

MPH in Biostatistics, MPH in Epidemiology, and  
PhD in Epidemiology

MPH and DrPH Community Health & Prevention

### **Graduate Advisors**

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267-359-6205

Patience Ajoff-Foster  
[pna24@drexel.edu](mailto:pna24@drexel.edu)

MD/MPH	267-359-6036 Stephanie Johnson <a href="mailto:snj22@drexel.edu">snj22@drexel.edu</a> 267-359-6065
MPH in Environmental & Occupational Health	Kristi Kao <a href="mailto:kk842@drexel.edu">kk842@drexel.edu</a> 267-359-6181
MPH in Health Management & Policy JD/MPH, and DrPH HPSJ	Allison Keene <a href="mailto:ah849@drexel.edu">ah849@drexel.edu</a> 267-359-6032
Executive MPH	Jamel Long <a href="mailto:jl884@drexel.edu">jl884@drexel.edu</a> 267-359-6229

Students have access to staff and faculty to whom they are not assigned and we encourage you to participate in academic and career support programs that will be available to you during your years at the Dornsife School of Public Health.

## Course Evaluations

Course evaluations are sent to students toward the end of every semester/quarter through AEFIS and can be accessed through the “AEFIS” hyperlink in Drexel One. It is important that students complete these evaluations so that faculty and administrators in the Dornsife School of Public Health can have a better understanding of students’ educational experiences. These evaluations take about 10-15 minutes to complete and the process is completely anonymous. The course evaluations are a critical component to Dornsife’s program evaluation process and the overall quality improvement of the courses. Student feedback is essential, if we wish to understand the strengths and address the limitations of the content and instruction of our Public Health courses.

## Important Dates

Please refer to the university’s academic calendar for important dates such as the add/drop period for start dates for each quarter, holidays and university closings, final exam period, etc. The academic calendar for the 2016-2017 academic year can be found below or found via the following link: <http://drexel.edu/provost/calendars/academic-calendars/quarter-2016-2017/>



### **2016-2017 AY Quarter Calendar**

Saturday, September 10, 2016 - Sunday, September 18, 2016	Welcome Week (New Undergraduate Orientation)
Friday, September 16, 2016	Convocation
Monday, September 19, 2016	Classes Begin
Friday, September 23, 2016	Last day to secure a Closed Section Override
Friday, September 23, 2016	Last day to Add/Drop a course with Academic Advisor assistance
Friday, September 23, 2016	Last day to resolve Financial Holds
Sunday, September 25, 2016	Last day to Add/Drop a course via DrexelOne by 11 p.m.
Monday, October 10, 2016	Columbus Day (University Holiday)
Friday, November 4, 2016	Last day to Withdraw from a course with Academic Advisor assistance
Tuesday, November 22, 2016	Thanksgiving Holiday begins at close of classes - 10 p.m.
Wednesday, November 23, 2016	Administrative Offices Open
Thursday, November 24, 2016	Administrative Offices CLOSED
Friday, November 25, 2016	
Monday, November 28, 2016	Classes Resume - 8 a.m.
Saturday, December 3, 2016	Classes End
Monday, December 5, 2016	Term Examinations Begin
Saturday, December 10, 2016	Term Examinations End

## **Academic Support Services**

The school is committed to assisting students who require support to succeed in graduate school. It is important for you to figure out the best strategies and services that work for you. We have listed a few campus resources available for you.

## **Graduate College**

The Graduate College of Drexel University is available to support graduate students, prospective students, faculty, and administrators with information about various resources, policies, programs, services, support, and everything else pertinent to a successful graduate education. The office serves as the liaison between the University regulations and all graduate programs. <http://www.drexel.edu/graduatecollege/>

## **Library**

With four physical locations and a dynamic online presence, the Drexel Libraries have 61 full time employees serving a Drexel community of over 25,000.

The Libraries offers a variety of services to the Drexel community, these include:



- [Borrowing of Books, DVDs, Laptops and other Equipment](#)
- [Course Reserves for efficient access to course related materials](#)
- [Access to printers, scanners, copiers and computers](#)
- [Reservation of spaces and equipment for meetings or group work](#)
- [Thesis & Dissertation Binding](#)
- [Data Management services for faculty & researchers](#)

## Location

W. W. Hagerty Library is located on Drexel's Main Campus in University City. View a [University City Campus map](#)

- Physical Address: Intersection of 33rd & Market Streets, Philadelphia PA
- Mailing Address: 3141 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia PA 19104-2816
- T: 215.895.1500

The Bookmark Cafe provides 24/7 study space with food service. The Library Building is also open 24 hours for study for final examinations beginning the Thursday before exams running through the last day of exams (Saturday). This schedule is subject to change. Holiday and term break hours may vary.

## Hours

W. W. Hagerty Library's normal term schedule is as follows:

- Monday – Thursday: 7:30 am – 2:00 am
- Friday: 7:30 am – 8:00 pm
- Saturday: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm
- Sunday: 10:00 am – 2:00 am

Please note that W.W. Hagerty Library, Hahnemann Library, and Queen Lane Library all have study spaces that are available **around the clock**. For more details, see the [normal term schedule](#).

## Center for Learning & Academic Success Services

The staff of the Center for Learning & Academic Success Services (CLASS) is committed to supporting students as they strive to achieve their academic goals. Our programs and services help students overcome barriers to become stronger, more successful students. Whether you want to work on time management, study skills, test-taking or just want help understanding course content, we encourage you to explore the many ways the CAS can benefit you. [academicsuccess@drexel.edu](mailto:academicsuccess@drexel.edu) T: 215.762.8121 [http://drexel.edu/studentlife/student\\_family\\_resources/class/](http://drexel.edu/studentlife/student_family_resources/class/)

Academic counseling gives students the opportunity to focus on developing the skills and strategies that will help them be successful at Drexel. Peer academic counseling, professional academic counseling and peer tutoring are just a few options for academic support. CAS tutors are students who have performed well in their programs and particularly well in the classes they tutor. Tutoring is

provided for courses in the College of Nursing and Health Professions, College of Medicine Professional Studies, and School of Public Health. All tutors are trained to help students improve their academic skills while also making strides with their specific course.

## Scheduling Appointments

1. Visit <http://drexel.accudemia.net> and log in using your user ID (example: abc1234) for both username and password. Click [here](#) for instructions on scheduling an appointment.
2. Appointments can be made up to 24 hours in advance, for up to 2 hours per class per day. Once you schedule an appointment, you will receive an e-mail to confirm the date and time of your appointment. Unless you make other arrangements with your tutor, the appointment will take place at the Center for Academic Success.
3. You can view your upcoming appointments by [logging in](#) at any time and clicking "Appointments" and then "View All."

To make an appointment for academic counseling with a staff coach, you can call 215.762.8121. Peer and professional academic counselors work with students on any topic related to being successful academically, including study skills, time management, navigating Drexel, organization skills, test-taking, overcoming test anxiety and more.

## The Writing Center

The Drexel Writing Center helps all members of the Drexel community think through and develop writing projects. They can offer one-on-one sessions to develop writing skills for all Drexel students. <http://drexel.edu/engphil/about/DrexelWritingCenter/appointments/>

## Appointments

The Writing Center offers in-person and online appointments. Faculty and peer readers can help by providing feedback and encouragement as writers develop topics, evaluate drafts, make decisions about formatting, and revise for clarity. [Additional Details on Appointments.](#)

## English Language Center

The ELC provides a one-stop shop for language, writing and research consultations for Drexel international students. Students receive expert help in three connected areas in one place rather than having to visit 3 separate centers for help and writing assignments. [http://drexel.edu/elc/resources/academic\\_resources/LWR/](http://drexel.edu/elc/resources/academic_resources/LWR/)

Also, ELC offers a **language support consultation**, a 50-minute diagnostic session and interview, followed by an individual development plan and support resources for self-study/on-going tutoring: [http://drexel.edu/elc/resources/academic\\_resources/language\\_support/](http://drexel.edu/elc/resources/academic_resources/language_support/)

Further, there is a **no-credit University course** (HUM006: Oral communication for non-native speakers) that is offered free of charge to graduate students and is offered to improve spoken language proficiency.

## Tutoring and Language Support

International students can face unique language challenges as they navigate university life at Drexel. The English Language Center's Tutoring and Language Support office currently offers free, one-on-one tutoring to any Drexel student for whom English is a second language. Topics include:

- Listening
- Speaking
- Reading comprehension
- Writing
- Vocabulary development
- Academic study skills
- Resources for self-study

Students new to the Tutoring program first complete a language support consultation, a 50-minute diagnostic session and interview in which a trained ESL tutor assesses the student's strengths and weaknesses in English. Then, based on the student's needs and goals at Drexel, the tutor can provide a detailed list of support resources and strategies for self-study, and/or recommend ongoing tutoring.

International graduate students are eligible for a free diagnostic consultation plus follow-up appointment. If the student wishes to continue with tutoring, the Tutoring center has a list of private ESL tutors available for hire. For more information, please contact Lawrence Moore, the Tutoring Program Coordinator, at [elctutoring@drexel.edu](mailto:elctutoring@drexel.edu).

[Students may access the schedule and sign up for an appointment here.](#)

### CONTACT US

Any questions may be directed to [elctutoring@drexel.edu](mailto:elctutoring@drexel.edu).

## Office of Disability Resources

The mission of the Office of Disability Resources is to provide equal opportunities and equal access to education, employment, programs and activities for individuals with disabilities at Drexel University.

Drexel University is committed to providing students who have disabilities with an equal opportunity to fully participate in its courses, programs, and activities. ***Students of Drexel University who have a disability and need accommodations in order to attain equal access must register with the Office of Disability Resources.***

## Contact Information

Physical Address: 3201 Arch Street, Suite 210, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
Mailing Address: 3141 Chestnut Street, 81-210, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
T: 215-895-1401  
TTY: 215-895-2299  
Fax: 215-895-1402  
Email: [disability@drexel.edu](mailto:disability@drexel.edu)  
[Staff Contact Directory](#)

## The Steinbright Career Development Center

The Steinbright Career Development Center offers personalized career guidance and world-class know-how.

In order to assist Drexel students with selecting majors and setting appropriate educational and career goals, the Steinbright Career Development Center offers individual career counseling appointments. Individual appointments are available to graduate students. To schedule an appointment with a career counselor call, 215.895.2185

## Contact Information

Address: 3201 Arch Street, Career Services and Co-op Faculty, Suite 250  
T: 215.895.2185  
F: 215.895.1473  
<http://www.drexel.edu/scdc/>

## Housing & Campus Living

### Off-Campus Housing

Drexel's [Off-Campus Housing website](#) is a one-stop shop for a student's off-campus housing needs. Use the Off-Campus Housing website to:

- Search for apartments in the University City and greater Philadelphia areas
- Buy or sell furniture or find future roommates through the message boards
- Learn more about leases, off-campus safety, sustainability and more through the many worksheets and guides in the resources section

## Exploring Philadelphia Neighborhoods

Philadelphia has 166 distinct neighborhoods and knowing where to begin your exploration of these neighborhoods can be daunting. [The Philadelphia Neighborhoods](#) publication, produced by Temple University, focuses on telling the story of the undiscovered and underserved neighborhoods of Philadelphia. Students tell the stories that represent the diverse voices of the multicultural and multinational Philadelphia neighborhoods. Philadelphia Neighborhoods provides a form of hyper-local coverage missing from our urban communities: journalism street by street.

If you are looking for housing closer to campus, Drexel University provides a wide variety of on-campus housing options, from university residence halls to Affiliated Housing properties (Chestnut Square, University Crossings, The Summit), that are conveniently located within a 5-10 minute walk from our academic buildings and campus shuttle bus stops. Please visit [drexel.edu/dbs/universityHousing/](http://drexel.edu/dbs/universityHousing/) and [phillystudentliving.com](http://phillystudentliving.com) for more details on housing options at a variety of rates and lease lengths.

## Transportation

There is free shuttle service offered between all campuses via the Drexel shuttle so there are transportation options between main campus, Queen Lane campus and Center City Campus. Drexel students can also use Penn shuttles by showing their DragonCard.

Parking <http://drexel.edu/dbs/parkingServices/permits/>

Drexel Bike Share <http://drexel.edu/dbs/parkingServices/bikeShare/>

Indego Philadelphia Bike Share <http://www.rideindego.com/>

Car Sharing <http://www.drexel.edu/dbs/parkingServices/news/Car%20Sharing/>

Public Transportation: Access to public transportation is affordable and convenient in and around Philly. <http://www.septa.org/>

Students who commute from their homes farther west of campus or to access the Fresh Grocer at 40th and Walnut Streets are encouraged to take advantage of Drexel's reciprocity agreement with the University of Pennsylvania, which allows Drexel students to ride [Penn's fixed route campus bus service](#) (must show valid Drexel ID upon boarding) and Penn students to ride Drexel's bus service free of charge.

Please note that the [Dragon Route \(Center City Loop\)](#) stops at the Trader Joe's at 22nd and Market streets upon request after 6 p.m. The Whole Foods Market at 2001 Pennsylvania Avenue is within walking distance from the Dragon Route stop at the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University (19th and Arch streets).

## Safety and Security

Drexel Public Safety offers a variety of resources and services to help keep you safe:

### Department of Public Safety Communications Center

3201 Arch Street, Suite 350  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
215-895-2222 (Emergency)  
215-895-2822 (Non-Emergency)  
<http://www.drexel.edu/publicsafety/>

Commuting and living in an urban environment is exciting and full of opportunity, however, your environment can change quickly. You need to be prepared to proactively respond to a variety of situations that may present themselves to you.

### Drexel ALERT

Drexel University has implemented an emergency notification system called [Drexel ALERT](#), which will enable fast and efficient dissemination of critical information to students, faculty and staff of the Drexel University community

### Walking Escorts

To ensure the safety of all students, faculty and professional staff walking to/from and around the University City Campus, Drexel Public Safety security officers provide walking escorts upon request within our patrol boundaries: 30th to 36th Streets and Chestnut to Spring Garden Streets. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. As a result of our partnership with the University City District, escorts are also provided by University City District Ambassadors from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. between 30th Street and 42nd Street from Wallace Street to Woodland Avenue and from 42nd Street to 50th Street from Market Street to Woodland Avenue. This service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For more information and to request a walking escort:

- Call Public Safety at 215-895-2822
- Use one of the many building and blue-light emergency phones located across campus
- Ask any Public Safety Officer on patrol or inside a building

### Drexel Guardian

[Drexel Guardian](#) Turn your cell phone into a personalized blue light emergency phone. In the event of an emergency, Drexel Guardian allows the Drexel Public Safety Communications Center to

immediately access important information about you, such as your name, photograph, important medical information, and location, when you call **267.298.1442** or use the app on your cell phone — dramatically increasing the odds that they can find you and help you. The service is free and voluntary, and the information you provide is kept completely confidential.

## Student Health

### Drexel Student Health Center

Drexel understands that the challenges of a rigorous academic program can impact the quality of life away from school. Managing the balance can often be difficult. There are a variety of places for you to go, both on and off campus, if you need support.

### Contact Information

University City Science Center, 3401 Market St., Suite 105B  
T: 215.220.4700 for an appointment  
Hours (please call to confirm hours) Monday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Tuesday: 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Thursday: 10:30 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

### Student Counseling Center

The [Counseling Center](#) offers free, confidential counseling services provided by mental health professionals to currently enrolled full-time undergraduate and graduate students in an atmosphere that is welcoming and comfortable for all students.

#### University City Campus Contact Information

Creese Student Center, Suite 210  
Call 215.895.1415 for an appointment  
[counseling@drexel.edu](mailto:counseling@drexel.edu)

### Health Insurance

In support of our students' continued good health and the health of our University community and in compliance with Drexel University policy, all full-time students, including online students, must carry health insurance. Those students who have comparable health insurance may waive participation in

the Drexel University sponsored plan by submitting proof of coverage. Students enrolling in the Drexel Plan will have their health insurance cost placed on their student account. Students must waive/enroll at the beginning of every academic year that they are a student at the University. Contact for Health insurance policy: [healthimmu@drexel.edu](mailto:healthimmu@drexel.edu)

Health insurance policy for domestic students: <http://drexel.edu/healthservices/insurance-immunizations/health-insurance/health-insurance-domestic/>

Health insurance policy for international students: Graduate international students may satisfy their requirement by purchasing the Drexel student health insurance plan or by submitting an insurance waiver. Graduate international students holding a J-1 visa must purchase the university sponsored plan so that federally governed J-1 mandates are met.

NOTE: All graduate students must either waive or enroll in the Drexel health insurance plan at the beginning of each academic year  
<http://drexel.edu/healthservices/insurance-immunizations/health-insurance/health-insurance-international/>

## Getting Involved at Drexel University

### School of Public Health Student Government

The Dornsife School of Public Health Student Organization (SGO) is the vehicle for formal representation. The overall purpose of the organization is to promote communication, collaboration between the School and the student body, and intellectual stimulation among students, Drexel University and the community-at-large.

All Dornsife School of Public Health students are voting members within this organization and are encouraged to contribute their time and services to the activities of the organization. These activities provide an avenue for students to participate actively in all levels of Drexel University's governmental system and ensure that the student body is kept informed of School of Public Health and University policy matters. School of Public Health Student Government Organization officers and graduate students who are representatives to councils and committees must be in good academic standing.

### Contact Information

Address: 3215 Market Street Nesbitt Hall Philadelphia, PA 19104,  
Email: [sphgov@drexel.edu](mailto:sphgov@drexel.edu)

### Activities and Clubs

The Office of Campus Activities recognizes more than 300 student organizations, including the [Graduate Student Association](#) and the School of Public Health Student Government Organization. There is also a database called Dragon Link on DrexelOne where you can find a listing of all the



graduate organizations registered on campus. For additional information about getting involved in graduate student organizations, visit: <http://www.drexelgsa.com/>

## Contact Information

Website: [http://www.drexel.edu/studentaffairs/get\\_involved/campus\\_activities/about/](http://www.drexel.edu/studentaffairs/get_involved/campus_activities/about/)

Address: 3210 Chestnut Street, Creese Student Center, Lower Level, Student Organization Resource Center (SORC)

T: 215.895.1328

Email: [askOCA@drexel.edu](mailto:askOCA@drexel.edu)

[For graduate student organizations, contact: mor23@drexel.edu](mailto:mor23@drexel.edu)

## Drexel Recreation Center

The state-of-the-art Drexel Recreation Center is the heart of fun and play at the University. Ranked the Best Gym in Philadelphia in 2015 by the readers of Philly.com, the 18,000 sq. ft. facility serves as the foundation for all recreational services at Drexel, including intramural sports, club sports, personal fitness, and health/wellness. The Recreation Center includes a multi-purpose gymnasium, elevated jogging track, squash courts, climbing wall, exercise studios, group fitness classes and more.

## Contact Information

Website: <http://drexel.edu/recathletics/>

Address: 3301 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA

T: 215-571-3777

F: 215-895-2037

Email: [recathletics@drexel.edu](mailto:recathletics@drexel.edu)

## Intramural Sports

Drexel's Intramural Sports Program is designed to offer various leagues, tournaments, one-day events, and special events throughout the year to serve a large & diverse student body. More information can be found [here](#).

## Lindy Center for Civic Engagement

Drexel University's Lindy Center for Civic Engagement promotes the ideals of social responsibility and public service by facilitating community based experiential learning for students, faculty, and staff. Through collaborations with the community, we improve the public good on the local, national, and global levels while enriching the scholarship and character of Drexel through enhanced education. Volunteer Information can be found [here](#).

## Contact Information

Address: 3210 Cherry Street, 2nd Floor, Philadelphia, PA 19104  
T: 215.895.6130  
F: 215.895.6288  
Email: [lindycenter@drexel.edu](mailto:lindycenter@drexel.edu)  
Walk-in Hours: 9 am – 5 pm

## The Dana and David Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships

The [Dornsife Center](#) is dedicated to engagement in our neighborhood, offering enriching resources for a diverse community. At the Dornsife Center, Drexel provides resources and skilled training in order to develop a community of shared opportunity. We address the needs of our communities in a way that strengthens, empowers and educates, while maintaining a strong commitment to economic and social justice.

## Contact Information

Address: 3509 Spring Garden St., Philadelphia, PA 19104,  
T: 215.571.4013  
Email: [dornsife@drexel.edu](mailto:dornsife@drexel.edu)

## Academic Departments & Programs

### Departments

The School is organized into four departments, reflecting the five core disciplines of public health.

**Department of Community Health and Prevention.** The mission of the Department of Community Health and Prevention (CHP) is to promote the health of communities through education, research, service and advocacy focused on the societal conditions required for people to be healthy. This necessitates long-term partnerships with communities and organizations in the context of respect for community values, strengths, and assets. Central to this goal is the understanding of the relationship between human rights, dignity, and health status.

**Department of Environmental and Occupational Health.** The mission of the Department of Environmental and Occupational Health (EOH) is to prevent adverse health effects related to environmental and occupational exposures through research, education, and service. These activities

are carried out in the context of the School's focus on communities, social justice, and human rights. The central theme of the department's activities is prevention, focusing on initiatives that will ultimately decrease, in a measurable way, the burden of environmental and occupational health effects, with a particular focus on disadvantaged populations in the Delaware Valley.

***Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics.*** The mission of the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics (EPI/BIO) is to conduct public health, medical and methodological research both within the University and the community at large, as well as engage in related collaborations. The Department also trains public health practitioners to have the knowledge, skills, and tools to conduct public health research in a scientifically competent manner, using biostatistical principles and methods.

***Department of Health Management and Policy.*** The mission of the Department of Health Management and Policy (HMP) is to develop and support highly qualified and appropriately trained public health leaders to assume management and policy making roles to support population and community health improvement. The focus of the department is on skills and leadership for the planning, implementation and operation of systemic, effective and community responsive programs and organizations, as well as organizational and policy interventions requiring some combination of management, organization, finance, advocacy, political action, and public policy analysis skills.

## Degree and Certificate Programs

### Undergraduate Degrees:

- ***Bachelor of Science in Public Health*** — The Bachelor of Science in Public Health allows undergraduate students to gain training in the principles of public health an undergraduate level. Students declaring the major will take courses in Public Health core disciplines, including Epidemiology, Community Health and Prevention, Environmental and Occupational Health and Health Management and Policy. Students will also participate in a public health-oriented Co-op experience, as well as a capstone course in their senior year.
- ***Undergraduate Minor in Public Health*** — The Public Health undergraduate minor degree is designed to give students a broad overview of the field in combination with another major. The minor in public health is a good complement for students pursuing pre-med, pre-law, biology and business curricula and students interested in population-based applications of engineering, environment, psychology, sociology and communications.

### Master's Degrees:

- ***Masters of Public Health (MPH)*** — Two-year full-time program encourages a solid understanding of the fundamentals of public health by immersing students in five core

disciplines. Focus on health and human rights, social justice, urban health and health disparities.

The program emphasizes practice, policy and community engagement. The first year practicum provides 120-hours of practical experience with one of our 300+ community partners. In the second year, MPH students undertake a community based master's project that expands upon and synthesizes classroom learning, and prepares students to begin a professional career in public health.

**Concentrations:**

- Biostatistics
  - Community Health and Prevention
  - Environmental and Occupational Health
  - Epidemiology
  - Health Management and Policy
- ***Master's of Public Health, Executive Program*** — Working professionals are offered a blended curriculum, with online coursework punctuated by a weekend in residence once a month. Most students complete the program in 21 months. Classes provide knowledge and tools for students to advance to leadership roles in public health.
  - ***Master's of Science (MS) in Biostatistics*** — Prepares students for careers in quantitative analysis in various health related fields and environments, including government, industry and academia. Includes course work in statistical theory and methods, computing and data management, epidemiology and For students interested in aPrepares students to make immediate contributions to the public health and biomedical research enterprise upon graduation.
  - ***Master's of Science (MS) in Epidemiology*** — For students who are interested in epidemiologic and medical research and applicants who wish to eventually pursue doctoral training in epidemiology.

**Doctoral Degrees:**

- ***Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Community Health & Prevention*** — Prepares candidates for leadership roles in education, research, and practice through theoretical and content study as well as practical experience.
- ***Doctor of Public Health (DrPH) in Health Policy and Social Justice*** — Prepares students to play strong professional roles in developing and implementing policies that improve public health by focusing on those who are most vulnerable.

- **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Epidemiology** — Full-time research-focused degree program that will prepare graduates to use the science of epidemiology in research to ask and answer substantial and innovative public health questions.

#### Joint Degrees:

- **Joint Doctor of Medicine and Master of Public Health (MD/MPH)** — The MD/MPH combined-degree program is designed to prepare physician leaders. The program provides strong interdisciplinary training for highly motivated students. Students in this program have enriched public health content starting with three years of medical school, followed by a year of full-time study in the Dornsife School of Public Health before returning to the College of Medicine to complete their final year of medical school. Students are able to enter residency selection having obtained the MPH degree. For additional information about the program contact MD/MPH Faculty Lead Ted Corbin, MD, MPP, or Director of Joint Programs Esther Chernak, MD, MPH, FACP.
- **Joint Juris Doctorate and Master of Public Health (JD/MPH)** — The joint program in law and public health allows students complete courses and earn degrees from both at Drexel's Kline School of Law and Dornsife School of Public Health and earn degrees from both.

#### Certificate Offerings:

- **Certificate in Epidemiology and Biostatistics** — This program provides research-oriented training in the theory and tools of epidemiology and biostatistics. Students acquire the skills needed to conduct research and learn how to develop hypotheses, analyze data, interpret and communicate results.
- **Certificate in Global Health** — This unique certificate program, which is part of the Dornsife School's Global Health Initiative, is designed for current students and working professionals seeking additional skills in global health. The curriculum for the global health certificate blends online courses, seminars and international field experiences.
- **Certificate in Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Health** — The LGBT Health certificate program provides students advanced skills in research, sampling and measurement methodologies in order to address health disparities specifically pertinent to LGBT populations.