

## 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.

The School of Education is located on Drexel's Main Campus 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.

## About Drexel

Drexel University is a private, nonsectarian coeducational 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 separate campuses. The University's 13 colleges and schools offer over 70 undergraduate majors, and more than 70 master's and 30 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.

## 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/edu](http://www.drexel.edu/apply/edu).

## Financing

Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually to be eligible for federal, state, or institutional aid. File online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Drexel's school code is 003256. To learn more, visit [www.drexel.edu/financialaid](http://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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# EDUCATION AT DREXEL UNIVERSITY GRADUATE STUDIES

Drexel University's Goodwin College School of Education offers master of science, doctor of education, and doctor of philosophy degrees, as well as a variety of post-bachelor's certification programs to meet the needs of educators and educational administrators at all levels. The curriculum goes well beyond conventional teacher training, offering students the instructional skills to provide leadership in settings from the classroom to the boardroom.

Our faculty is directly engaged in formal and informal approaches to learning through schools and colleges, cultural organizations, and the community. Our graduates are known for their leadership, creativity, technological savvy, and preparedness. Because of this, the School of Education ranks among the top graduate schools of its kind in the nation.

As we move forward, seeking new opportunities and new collaborations, we continue to address the needs of a socially, economically, and racially diverse group of multigenerational learners.

## Our Mission and Approach

The School of Education views learning as a lifelong activity, and seeks to enrich knowledge and practice in the field through the most current and appropriate research and methodology. Our goal is to improve understanding through programs and activities that emphasize creative uses of human effort, technology, and problem solving.

In order to fulfill this mission, we partner with local businesses and nonprofit organizations in the Drexel community and the city of Philadelphia and beyond to cultural associations, multinational corporations, the military, and state and national governments, to provide both formal and informal education and to improve individuals and society at large.

## Our Degree Programs

### Doctoral

- Educational Leadership Development and Learning Technologies (PhD)
- Educational Leadership and Management (EdD)

### Master of Science

- Educational Administration
- Global and International Education
- Higher Education
- Human Resource Development
- Learning Technologies
- Mathematics Learning and Teaching
- Special Education
- Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum (including initial teacher certification)

## For More Information

In order to stay ahead of pedagogical trends, we continuously review and update the number and content of programs offered. While a list of our graduate programs follows, prospective students are encouraged to visit these websites for the most current information:

Admissions

[www.drexel.edu/grad/edu](http://www.drexel.edu/grad/edu)

The School of Education:

<http://goodwin.drexel.edu/soe>

The Graduate Catalog:

[www.drexel.edu/catalog/grad/edu](http://www.drexel.edu/catalog/grad/edu)

## Our History

The roots of the School of Education can be traced back to the earliest days of Drexel when the Institute offered teacher training as part of its curriculum for women. Through much of University history, teacher training was offered by discipline within the various colleges. The school itself was established in 1997 and has quickly become one of the premier institutions in the field, with a reputation for collaboration and innovation.

## Faculty

In keeping with Drexel's focus on experiential education, faculty members in the School of Education are leaders in their fields, and many continue to be professionally active outside of the University. This relationship to the teaching profession benefits students, providing firsthand knowledge and useful contacts and resources in the Philadelphia area and beyond.

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 10 to 1.

## Doctor of Philosophy in Educational Leadership Development and Learning Technologies (PhD)

The program is designed for those who aspire to leadership roles as education researchers, university faculty, or research analysts. The program combines research and critical thinking abilities directed toward the creation of new knowledge, integration, original application and/or teaching of original knowledge, and scholarly inquiry in a specific field of study. The major emphasis of the program is on engaging individual students in collaborative research and inquiry with faculty experts in a given research area. Accepting only three full-time candidates each year, the program requires 60 quarter-credits beyond the master's degree, including the dissertation, with core sequences in leadership, research design and analysis, problem-based research, and technology. All students receive full tuition and a generous stipend.

## Doctor of Education in Educational Leadership and Management (EdD)

The EdD offers a professional practitioner's degree in a blended delivery format that combines on-campus classes and transcontinental, online education. Cohorts of 20 students study together through executive-style weekend classes and online coursework at Drexel's three locations in Philadelphia, PA, Harrisburg, PA, and the University's Graduate Center in Sacramento, CA. Interdisciplinary coursework is created by a partnership between the MBA program at Drexel's LeBow College of Business and the University's top-ranked School of Education, resulting in a comprehensive program of applied learning. Through collaborative discourse, action research, and the latest learning technologies, students acquire a facility in finance, leadership, management, creativity, and strategic thinking within the context of their individual education entity, university, and state. PA superintendent certification is available as a track in this program.

## Master of Science Programs

**Educational Administration.** Designed to provide the practical skills, knowledge, and internship experiences to prepare and mentor leaders for rural, urban, and suburban schools. This program accommodates both students holding teaching or counseling certificates who wish to earn credentials in school administration and those planning to change careers who will need to obtain principal certification along with the master's. PA principal certification is available in this program. (A minimum of five years teaching on a state-issued instructional certificate is required before issuance of a principal certification.)

**Global and International Education.** Prepares students to work within the complex economic, political, cultural, and social contexts that influence education in diverse parts of the world. Graduates are qualified to pursue careers in higher education, ESL programs, international education and outreach centers, law, government, NGOs, and more.

**Higher Education.** Provides the foundation for careers in higher education, national and international associations, government agencies, and corporations, as well as for doctoral study. Students may obtain secondary concentrations in Enrollment Management, Student Affairs, Community College Leadership, and other areas.

**Human Resource Development.** Prepares students for strategic human capital roles in promoting employee and organizational performance and change in a variety of workplace settings. Students may choose their areas of concentration from either the School of Education or the LeBow College of Business.

**Learning Technologies.** Aids students in meeting the critical challenges that schools and other organizations face related to technology learning needs. While classes are conducted online, the program provides multiple field experiences, extensive skill development in coaching and mentoring, a year-long internship, and occasional on-campus events and conferences offering presentation opportunities.

**Mathematics Learning and Teaching.** Synthesizes research-based best practices to provide students with the expertise needed to implement problem-based, student-centered, technology-intensive instruction. The program is developed in conjunction with the Math Forum @ Drexel, which was designed for current middle and secondary mathematics teachers.

**Special Education.** Seeks to produce professionals who are equipped with the fundamental skills, knowledge, and competencies needed to meet the needs of students at risk for or with disabilities in multiple settings. Intended for those interested in gaining greater skills and expertise in the area of special education or a teaching certification in this area, the program provides an opportunity to specialize. Concentrations include: Autism Spectrum Disorders, Technologies for Special Education, Language and Cultural Issues, and customized study (for those who already possess special education certification).

**Teaching, Learning, and Curriculum.** There are two options for this degree, initial Teacher Certification or Advanced Studies. The Teacher Certification option is designed for bachelor's-prepared students wishing to qualify for PA State Teaching Certification while earning their master's degree. The Advanced Studies option expands the professional knowledge base to education settings outside the mainstream K-12 classroom. Concentrations include Educational Leadership, International Education, Instructional Technology, Higher Education, or one customized to the student's needs.

## Certification and Certificate Programs

In addition to degree programs, the SoE offers a number of programs that result in a Pennsylvania state-issued teaching certification or a Drexel credential (a certificate acknowledging completion of a series of courses leading to a body of knowledge in a specific area). Students may consider matriculation into the graduate program upon successful completion of the certification/certificate and all other graduate admissions requirements.

- Advanced Teaching and Curriculum
- Autism Spectrum Disorders
- Community College Administration and Leadership
- English Certification\*
- Graduate Intern Teaching Certification\*
- Instructional Technology Specialist Certification\*
- Learning in Game-Based Environments
- Mathematics Learning and Teaching
- Teaching Certification (Elementary Education)
- Teaching Certification Secondary Education: Biology, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, Environmental Education, General Science, Mathematics, and Physics\*
- School Principal Certification\*
- School Superintendent Certification\*
- Special Education Certification\*
- Student Development and Affairs
- Teaching English as a Second Language Certificate
- Teaching English as a Second Language Certification\*

\*PA Teacher Certification programs

## Resources and Partnerships

In addition to the resources and facilities of the University, students in the School of Education have access to the nationally renowned Math Forum @ Drexel and the International Educators program. The school also maintains relationships with the school districts of Philadelphia, Mobile, Alabama, and Chester-Upland in Pennsylvania, and provides professional development and technology integration services at MaST Community Charter School in Philadelphia.

## Libraries

The Hagerty Library, located on the University City Main Campus, reflects the curricular strengths of the campus. It houses approximately 500,000 bound volumes, DVDs, videos, and archival resources, and provides access to an impressive array of electronic databases and periodicals.

Audiovisual materials are available for viewing and listening at home, in fully equipped study carrels, and in group viewing rooms. Scanners, printers, and software (including word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation programs) are available in the Computer Center. The Bookmark Café is open 24 hours a day for use by University students, faculty, staff, and residents.

Drexel University has three other libraries: Hahnemann Library, located on the Center City Campus, 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.