

# CONGRATULATIONS

ON YOUR ADMISSION TO DREXEL UNIVERSITY



# YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS HERE

We are excited to welcome you to Drexel's Accelerated Career Entry (ACE) BSN program. Located in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, one of the leading and most dynamic medical communities in the country, this intensive and immersive program will allow you to build the knowledge and skills needed to excel as a health care professional. Here are a few of the aspects that make our BSN program unique:

- At 11 months, our ACE program is the shortest accelerated program in the country.
- The program incorporates NCLEX preparation in the capstone course: Senior Seminar in Nursing. Drexel produces the greatest number of baccalaureate nurses in Pennsylvania and has an average NCLEX pass rate of 96.38 percent.
- Learning takes place in expansive clinical skills labs, physical assessment labs, and computer cafés. Quarterly practice sessions, which assist in perfecting key core skills, are also offered.
- Special course offerings include Genetics and Gerontology.
- Students leverage the latest technology in learning simulated patient scenarios and computer-assisted learning. ACE students are introduced to patient care scenarios with the Sim Family (adult, baby, and birthing simulators) and have access to the latest software to improve the care of the patient.
- Our state-of-the-art Center for Interdisciplinary Clinical Simulation and Practice allows for real-time reviewing and promotes students' self-critique of performance. Students receive immediate feedback from patient actors trained in feedback techniques, with a focus on improving disease assessment skills and bedside manner.
- We offer apartment-style student housing on a first-come, first-served basis in Stiles Alumni Hall, which is located one block from the College of Nursing and Health Professions in Center City, Philadelphia.





## CLINICAL COMPLIANCE

Students enrolled in nursing at Drexel University must meet the requirements of the clinical compliance policy. This includes but is not limited to:

- Background Checks (including criminal and child abuse clearances)
- CPR Certification
- Drug Screening
- HIPAA and Safety Training Modules
- Physical Examination Requirements
- Program-Specific Requirements
- Immunization Requirements, including hepatitis B (3-part vaccine series and proof of positive titer) and varicella (2-part vaccine series or a positive titer)

These requirements are subject to change as determined by our clinical agencies.

Once you confirm your intention to enroll at Drexel University, the Clinical Compliance department will contact you via email with steps on completing these important and time-sensitive items.

## CLINICAL AFFILIATIONS

The ACE program is accelerated, not abbreviated, so students receive the same amount of clinical training as those in traditional BSN programs.

Drexel cooperates with more than 60 clinical placement sites. Among them are some of the nation's leading institutions and health care providers, including:

- The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- Jefferson University Hospital
- Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania
- Abington Hospital-Jefferson Health
- Lankenau Hospital

## FINANCING

Drexel is here to offer guidance as you navigate the financial aid process, but because ACE is a second bachelor's degree we are unable to offer scholarships or grants for students in the program. Most ACE students secure personal loans or take advantage of outside private scholarships.\*

- You can find information about the cost of the program at [drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cost](https://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cost).
- To receive a financial aid package from Drexel, you must submit the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as a fifth-year undergraduate student at [studentaid.gov/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa). The amount of aid, if any, for which you might qualify will be determined by how much federal loan financing you acquired during your initial undergraduate degree. Drexel's school code is 003256.
- For information about private loans, visit [drexel.edu/drexelcentral/private-loans](https://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/private-loans).

If you have specific questions regarding financial aid or billing, please contact [ask.drexel.edu](mailto:ask.drexel.edu).

## Cost of Attendance per Term (2021–2022 year)\*\*

- Tuition: \$13,803
- General Per Term Fee: \$50
- First-Term College Program Fees: \$3,200

\*Students entering in the spring term will need to file the FAFSA and/or apply for private loans twice, as the program begins in the middle of one academic year and is completed in the middle of the following academic year.

\*\*View updated tuition and fees information as it becomes available at [drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cost/tuition/undergraduate](https://drexel.edu/drexelcentral/cost/tuition/undergraduate).





## The ACE Experience

As a member of the incoming class, you are beginning a program that will prepare you for a successful career in nursing. To give you a preview of what is to come, we'd like to share the story of one of our students.

**Name:** Ellen Giranda, Registered Nurse

**Degree:** Biomedical Engineering, BS, Nursing, BSN

“ After high school, I attended Drexel University to complete the 5-year cooperative education experiences in Biomedical Engineering. Though all of my co-ops were in the medical field, I felt like I wanted more direct patient care as opposed to the behind-the-scenes work that engineers focus on.

I looked into switching programs towards the end of my third year, and if I chose to do so, it would end up taking significant extra time for me to graduate. During my research, I came across the Drexel ACE program and decided that if I could get my BSN in 11 months, I would be saving time and coming out with two degrees!

I received my BS in Biomedical Engineering in June and started the ACE program that September. Finishing the ACE program, I felt completely prepared to take the NCLEX and even more prepared to enter the workforce. Though 11 months flew by, it was great to have the opportunity to experience so many areas of nursing in a short time to figure out which was the best fit.

During my time at Drexel, I really felt a connection to the psychiatric field and am currently working at a psychiatric hospital for adolescents in both acute and long-term care units. ”

**96.38%**

2020 NCLEX Pass Rate

# REVOLUTIONARY TOWN REVOLUTIONARY THINKING

In 1891, Drexel University was founded in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The City of Brotherly Love and the home of our University, Philadelphia is known for its cultural diversity, rich history, and passionate residents. At the heart of Philly is the idea that there is always room for change, innovation, and expanding the boundaries of what we can achieve. Drexel's interdisciplinary coursework, experiential learning, and cooperative education program reflect those same beliefs.

You are now a part of Drexel's history. We chose you because you are enthusiastic about changing the world. While your goals may be ambitious, the atmosphere at Drexel and throughout our great city will help you not only reach those goals but surpass them.

As you join us as a new student, you'll quickly see how Philadelphia influences Drexel and vice versa. There is a wealth of opportunities here in terms of co-op, hands-on learning, and civic engagement. We're not only located in Philly — we're a major part of it.





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Ranked  
**#1** best U.S. city to visit

- National Geographic Traveler, 2020

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Over  
**90** hospitals in the  
Philadelphia area

- U.S. News & World Report

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**6th** largest city in the U.S.

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## VISIT US

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The best way for you to learn about Drexel and the Nursing ACE program is to connect with us through an event. We offer a variety of options, including Information Sessions specifically developed for students admitted to the ACE program, to meet your needs.

For more information or to register for an event, go to [drexel.edu/undergrad/visit](https://drexel.edu/undergrad/visit) or call 1.800.2.DREXEL (1.215.895.2400 for international students).

## ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

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To learn more about the ACE program, visit: [drexel.edu/undergrad/ace](https://drexel.edu/undergrad/ace)

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### College of Nursing and Health Professions

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