

**Drexel University and PA Intermediate Units
Virtual Information Sessions**

July 14, 2026



Today's Agenda:

1. Drexel University — Mission
2. Leader in Digital Education
3. PAIU & Intermediate Unit Partnerships
4. IU Partnership Benefits
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 - 4b. Drexel Cooperative Education
 - 4c. Dedicated Partner Landing Page
 - 4d. Tuition Savings
5. Drexel's Colleges & Schools
6. Upcoming Program Information Sessions
7. Q&A & Breakout Rooms

Bill Friel - Director, Strategic Partnerships, Enrollment Mgmt & Student Success

Jack Barnes - Director of Student Recruitment, School of Education



Drexel University - Mission

"I know the world is going to change, and therefore, the university must change with it."

Anthony J. Drexel established the Drexel Institute of Art, Science and Industry in 1891.

<https://drexel.edu/news/archive/2025/July/when-the-world-changes-drexel-changes-with-it>

Mission: Drexel University is an urban research university that integrates education, scholarship, diverse partnerships, and our global community to address society's most pressing challenges through an inclusive learning environment, immersive experiential learning, external partnerships, transdisciplinary and applied research, and creative activity. We prepare graduates of diverse backgrounds to become purpose-driven professionals and agents for positive change.

<https://drexel.edu/institutionalresearch/about/mission>



Co-op

Founded
in 1919

R1

Carnegie
Classification

\$123M+

in Research
Annually

Top 100

U.S. News & World
Report 2026

1996

30+ years in
online education



Drexel University - Digital Pioneer

"The freshmen now entering Drexel [in the early 1980s] will spend the greater portion of their professional lives in the 21st century, in an environment in which the computer will be an everyday, even commonplace tool. ... In every field of endeavor the successful practitioner will utilize computer technology in order to understand and deal with the challenges of everyday life," declared Drexel University's then-president, William W. Hagerty, PhD, in 1982

The University secured a first-of-its-kind partnership with the Apple Computer, Inc. company (today's Apple Inc.). Students received new Apple Macintosh personal computers in early 1984 — before it was available to the general public. The story of Drexel's Microcomputing Program, as the initiative was known, is an example of Drexel leaders anticipating the workplace of the future, entirely in line with Drexel's 1891 founding mission to prepare students for a changing world.

<https://drexel.edu/news/archive/2024/March/drexel-apple-40th-anniversary-macintosh-1984>

"The manner in which students learn will continue to evolve as it has over these past two decades," said then-Executive Vice President and Provost M. Brian Blake, PhD, in 2016. "Instead of face-to-face lecture-based instruction, online lectures infused with hands-on sessions will be the norm for all classes on university campuses."

Drexel has a long history of pioneering new practices in the world of online education. A grant from the Sloan Foundation in the early 1990s — which was awarded to only 10 universities - allowed the University to begin exploring the world of online learning. That same exploration led to becoming the first university to launch a fully online degree program in 1996 by offering a MS in information systems.

<https://drexel.edu/news/archive/2016/december/duo-20-years>

12,395

Undergraduate
students

8,473

Graduate
students

3,055

Online
Students

160

Online
Offerings

15

Colleges
and Schools

500+

Industry
Partners

Drexel University - Partners with PAIU

Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU) and Drexel are investing in your future

Overview

Programs

Tuition

Financial Aid

Take Advantage of Exclusive Savings

Through a collaboration between Pennsylvania Association of Intermediate Units (PAIU) and Drexel University, you and your immediate family members can now earn a top-ranked degree or certificate and receive special tuition rates when you enroll in one of Drexel's distinguished online programs. Tuition reductions vary from program to program. To find out the exact reduction you will receive for your program of interest, please click on the Tuition tab. You may also be eligible for tuition assistance for job-related programs through your organization's benefits policy and deferred tuition payment plans through Drexel.

Drexel Partnership Features And Benefits:

- 10-54% off the regular on-campus tuition rates for the online programs
- Convenient online format; no commuting or career interruption
- Top-ranked programs from one of "America's Best Colleges"
- Coincides with tuition reimbursement, loans, and grants

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please complete the Request More Information form to contact your Drexel University Partnership Liaison.

Partner Landing Page: <https://online.drexel.edu/PAIU>

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DREXEL & PAIU PARTNERSHIP BENEFITS

For the IU (as) Employer

- Connect with Drexel faculty and university resources
- Become a Co-op Employer
- Dedicated partner page URL

For the IU (as) Employee

- 10-54% online program tuition savings
- Application fee waived
- Deferred tuition options available

Drexel Research Collaborations

Expressive and Creative Interaction Technologies (ExCITe) Center

Director: Youngmoo Kim, ykim@drexel.edu

Purpose: To inspire transdisciplinary research and discovery connecting technology and communities.

Center for the Advancement of STEM Teaching & Learning (CASTLE)

Director: Adam Fontecchio, Fontecchio@drexel.edu

Purpose: To affect institutional change in STEM teaching and learning across the educational spectrum by conducting, catalyzing and supporting fundamental research.

A. J. Drexel Autism Institute

Director: Diana Robins, dlr76@drexel.edu

Purpose: To apply a public health science approach to understanding and addressing the challenges of autism spectrum disorders (ASD).



Becoming a Drexel Co-op Employer

Why Become a Drexel Co-op Employer?

- Access highly motivated, career-ready talent for a 6-month work term
- Evaluate potential full-time hires
- Expand your team's capacity with meaningful project support

Why it Works

- 46% receive a full-time offer from their co-op employer
- 85% of employers would rehire their co-op student
- Ranked **#2** nationally for Co-op/Internship Programs (U.S. News & World Report, 2026)

[The Drexel Co-op Employer View \(video\)](#)

Become a Drexel Co-op Employer: Greg Law, grl38@drexel.edu

Participate in Drexel Career Fairs: Jillian Clark, jc4498@drexel.edu



Dedicated Partner Landing Page

Receive and host a dedicated URL for your Intermediate Unit.

- IUs with Partner URLs
 - Bucks (22) , Capital Area (15), CCIU (24), DCIU (25), Lancaster-Lebanon (13), MCIU (23)

Bucks County Intermediate Unit and Drexel are investing in your future

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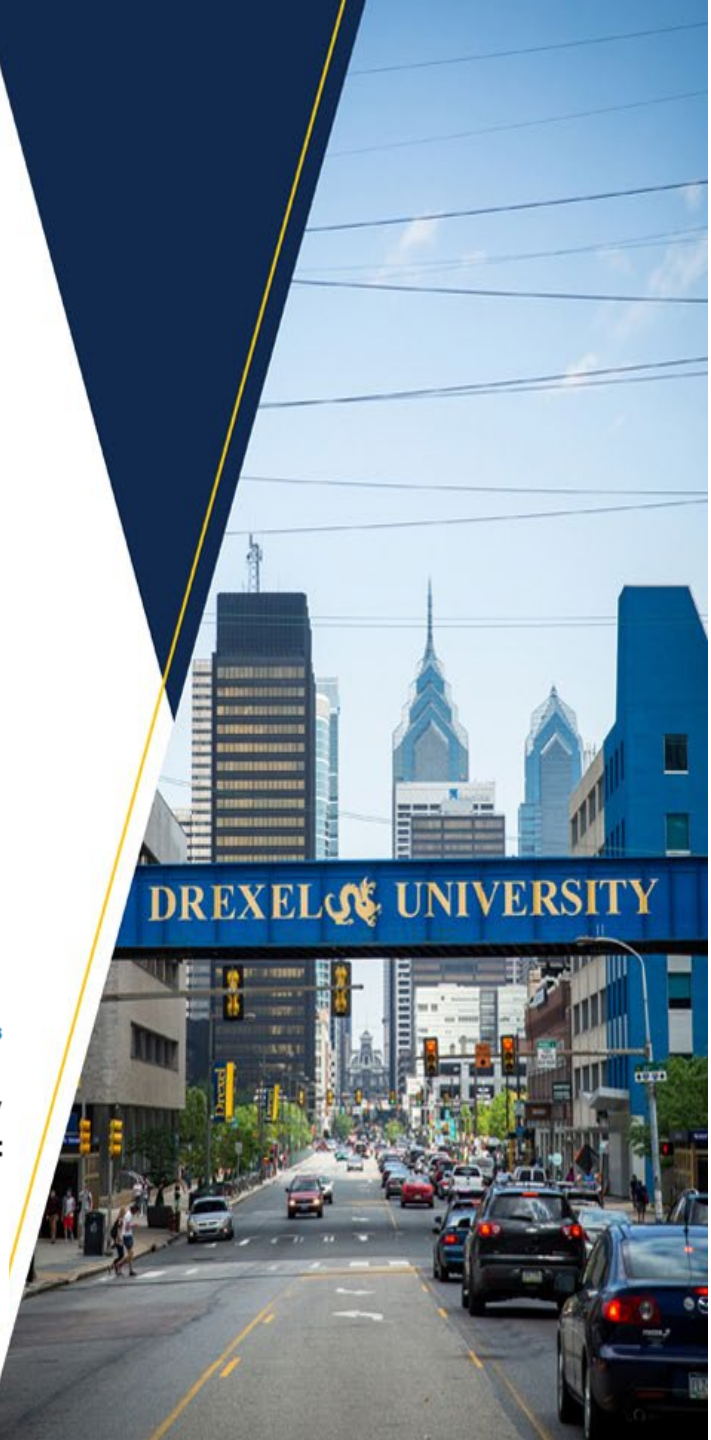
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Drexel's Colleges & Schools

- Westphal College of Media Arts & Design
- LeBow College of Business
 - Close School of Entrepreneurship
- College of Arts and Sciences
 - [School of Education](#)
- Howley College of Engineering and Computing
 - School of Engineering
 - School of Biomedical Engineering and Science
 - School of Computer and Information Sciences
- College of Nursing and Health Professions
- College of Medicine
- [Pennsylvania College of Optometry](#)
- [Dornsife School of Public Health](#)
- Goodwin College of Professional Studies
- Kline School of Law



Upcoming Dates of Interest

1

Take Drexel for an Online Test Drive

2

July 16 - Information Session EdD in Educational Leadership and Management

3

July 23 - Behavioral Health Education Programs Information Session

4

Drexel University Application Deadlines - Online Programs



Connecting (People, Purpose, Pathways) is the most important thing we can do to support healthy institutional partnerships.

Questions? New Ideas for Connection?

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