



Aqua America - Drexel University Launch Online Educational Partnership

Philadelphia, PA – September 28, 2006 - Drexel University Online (www.drexel.com) recently announced an educational partnership with Aqua America, the nation's largest U.S.-based, publicly-traded water company, providing water and wastewater services to approximately 2.5 million residents in 13 states.

Through this alliance, Aqua America employees will have the opportunity to complete an online degree or certificate program through Drexel and receive special tuition rates. Employees will be able to choose from a range of bachelor's, master's, and certificate programs that Drexel offers online in areas such as business, engineering, computer science, computing technology, and information science.

Drexel, which is ranked among the Best National Universities in "America's Best Colleges" by *U.S. News & World Report* for 2007, is accredited by the Middle States Association for Colleges and Secondary Schools and its curricula hold the most prestigious accreditations from their respective accrediting bodies such as AACSB (Business), NLN and CCNE (Nursing), and ALA (Information Science). Additionally, Drexel's online programs target adult learners and offer them the convenience of advancing their skills on their own schedule.

Drexel University Online (www.drexel.com) has been expanding its partner network for the past three years. Through a partnership with Drexel, participating corporations, health systems, and professional associations across the United States are able to offer their employees and members benefits such as special tuition rates and career development opportunities, as well as the chance to earn a degree, all with the flexibility working professionals need.

"A well-educated workforce is a competitive advantage for companies today," said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director of Drexel University Online. "Organizations have been selecting Drexel as their preferred online education provider because they know that our programs reflect the same high standards as those on-campus, but offer the convenience busy professionals desire. We look forward to this new venture with Aqua America and in assisting them in meeting the educational needs of their workforce."

For more information on forming an educational partnership with Drexel University Online, please visit www.drexel.com, e-mail corporate@drexelelearning.com, or call (877) 215-0009.

About Aqua America:

Aqua America, Inc. is the nation's largest U.S.-based, publicly traded water company, providing water and wastewater services to approximately 2.5 million residents in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Texas, New Jersey, Indiana, Virginia, Florida, North Carolina, Maine, Missouri, New York and South Carolina. Aqua America

also provides water and wastewater consulting and contract operations and management services to selected clients.

About Drexel University Online:

Drexel University Online (www.drexel.com) is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Drexel University, specializing in innovative, Internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations in the US and abroad. A pioneer in online education, Drexel has offered programs online since 1996.

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