



### Montgomery Hospital Medical Center - Drexel University Online Launch Educational Partnership

**Philadelphia, PA (PRWEB) April 9, 2007** - [Drexel University Online](#), winner of the 2006 21<sup>st</sup> Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the United States Distance Learning Association, recently announced an educational partnership with Montgomery Hospital Medical Center (MHMC), a 210-bed comprehensive community hospital that offers primary care for more than 80,000 patients each year throughout central Montgomery County, Pa.

Through this alliance, Montgomery Hospital Medical Center 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 nursing and health professions, clinical research, public health, information science, business, computer science, communications, and computing technology.

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 highest 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](#) has been expanding its partner network for the past four years. Through a partnership with Drexel, participating corporations, health systems, and professional associations across the U.S. 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 health systems 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 Montgomery Hospital Medical Center and in assisting them in meeting the educational needs of their employees."

#### **About Montgomery Hospital Medical Center:**

Montgomery Hospital Medical Center is a 210-bed comprehensive community hospital, staffed by more than 1,000 health care professionals, who meet the needs of approximately 10,000 inpatients and more than 100,000 outpatients each year. The hospital has a 116-year history in the central Montgomery County community and is the largest private sector employer in the Norristown area. The physician

practices of the Montgomery Healthcare System offer a network of primary care and specialty physicians, caring for more than 80,000 patients throughout central Montgomery County.

**About Drexel University Online:**

[Drexel University Online](#), winner of the 2006 21<sup>st</sup> Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the United States Distance Learning Association, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Drexel University, specializing in innovative, Internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations in the United States and abroad. A pioneer in online education, Drexel has offered programs online since 1996.

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