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## **Drexel University Partners with Salus University to Offer New Sequential Degree Program**

*High-achieving Drexel students can earn a master's in occupational therapy from Salus University*

**PHILADELPHIA, PA (January 13, 2016)** – Drexel University's Health Sciences Department and Salus University's Occupational Therapy Department have partnered to offer a sequential degree program to high-achieving undergraduate students enrolled in the Health Sciences program at Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions.

The articulation agreement creates the potential opportunity for up to four select undergraduate students from Drexel University, who successfully complete all necessary requirements, to continue their education in occupational therapy studies at Salus University, beginning fall 2016.

"We are excited to partner with Salus University to offer students an opportunity to expand their career possibilities," said Sinclair Smith, ScD, chair of the Health Sciences Department at Drexel University's College of Nursing and Health Professions. "We are deeply committed to training future healthcare professionals, and are confident that our graduates will uphold excellent standards of compassion and care as they go on to further their education in pursuit of a rewarding career in occupational therapy."

Through the newly-established BS/MSOT Option, students on the traditional four-year Bachelor of Science (BS) degree track or the accelerated three-year BS degree track first complete a [BS degree in Health Sciences](#) at Drexel University, and then enroll in the two-year [Master of Science in Occupational Therapy \(MSOT\) program](#) at Salus University. Upon completion of Salus's MSOT program, students will sit for the national certification exam to become Registered Occupational Therapists (OTR).

"We are delighted to partner with the Health Sciences Department at Drexel University in an effort to identify and prepare Drexel students for the profession of occupational therapy," said Fern Silverman, EdD, OTR/L, director of Salus University's Occupational Therapy program. "We share Drexel's goal of supporting students in healthcare education who will become caring, knowledgeable, and competent practitioners. Given the strong academic program at Drexel, particularly in the sciences, I know Drexel students will be ideally prepared to successfully handle the Salus MSOT curriculum."

For more information, including application information and requirements visit Drexel University's [website](#).

### **ABOUT DREXEL UNIVERSITY'S COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS:**

The College of Nursing and Health Professions has more than a century-long history of educating nurses and health professionals. Since 2002, the College has embraced the practical ingenuity of Drexel through the refinement and development of more than 25 undergraduate and graduate nursing and health

professions programs characterized by the integration of learning and work through cooperative education, a culture of excellence, innovation and technology infusion, research and deep civic engagement. The College has grown to include more than 5,000 students, 200 full-time faculty and 104 staff. The College uniquely prepares clinicians to practice and lead in a rapidly changing healthcare system.

Salus University, founded as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry in 1919, today is a diversified, globally recognized professional academic center of learning that offers a wide range of degree programs in the professions of Optometry, Audiology, Physician Assistant, Public Health, Education and Rehabilitation for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Biomedicine, Occupational Therapy and Speech-Language Pathology. Salus operates four clinical facilities in the Philadelphia area that provide highly specialized vision, hearing and balance, and speech-language pathology services. The University has more than 1,100 students, including PhD candidates, and more than 12,500 alumni worldwide. For more information, please visit [www.salus.edu](http://www.salus.edu).

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