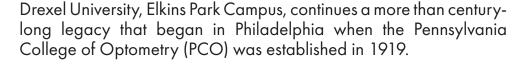
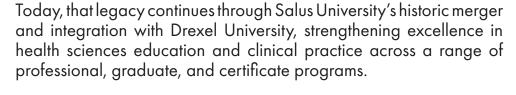
## Drexel University, Elkins Park Campus A Brief History









PCO's first class was compromised of 33 students and held at 1809 Spring Garden Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

1919



PCO is the first school of optometry in the United States to award a Doctor of Optometry degree.

1923



PCO's growth requires a move to a large, 32-acre campus in the Oak Lane section of the city.

1932



The Eye Institute (TEI) opens.

1978



PCO is the first college to offer graduate degree and certificate programs in Blindness and Low Vision Studies.

1983

The college moves to an 11.5-acre main campus in the Philadelphia suburb of Elkins Park.

1998

The PCO School of Audiology is founded by Dr. George S. Osborne.

2000



	The Pennsylvania Ear Institute (PEI), the clinical practice for the Osborne College of Audiology, opened.	2004
	The Pennsylvania College of Optometry applies to the Pennsylvania Department of Education for University status.	2005
	The Physician Assistant Studies (PA) degree program is established.	2007
	PCO is granted University status and Salus University is born.	2008
	The Occupational Therapy (OT) program welcomes its first class.	2012
SALUS EN MONTERITOR DE LA MARIOCE PATTIFICA	The Speech-Language Pathology (SLP) program welcomes its first class and opens its clinical facility, the Speech-Language Institute (SLI).	2015
	The Post-professional Doctorate in Occupational Therapy is established.	2016
	TEI celebrates 40 years of service to the Oak Lane community while Salus University celebrates its 10th year as a multidisciplinary institution.	2018
	PCO celebrates its centennial anniversary.  Salus University launches a Post-baccalaureate in Health Sciences program.	2019
	The Orthotics and Prosthetics (O&P) program officially launches.  Salus University launches a Post-baccalaureate in Speech-Language Pathology program.	2022
© SALUS WINDERS	Salus University signs an agreement to merge with Drexel University, launching phase 1 on June 30, 2024.	2023 2024
	Salus University officially becomes Drexel University, Elkins Park Campus, on July 3, 2025.	2025