

Certificate Program

Post-baccalaureate in Health Sciences

Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) is proud to offer a Post-baccalaureate Program in Health Sciences which will help develop each student's scientific skills and foundational knowledge in basic health sciences while also exposing them to patient care experiences in a variety of settings and disciplines.

Why Drexel?

- Graduate-level courses designed to strengthen students' background in health sciences.
- Faculty and staff dedicated to the education of healthcare professionals.
- Assigned a profession-specific mentor who helps the student appreciate the profession they seek, the education involved to obtain a degree in the career, and the process of applying to professional school.
- Development of academic skills and scientific skills in preparation for a graduate or professional health science degree.
- Clinical and patient observation in The Eye Institute (TEI), the Pennsylvania Ear Institute (PEI), and the Speech-Language Institute (SLI) of Drexel University.*
- Career and academic guidance for future professional success.
- Non-certificate seekers, can take courses a la carte.
- Successful completion of the program results in a guaranteed interview for an Elkins Park Campus program.
- Eligible for admission to Temple University's Podiatry Program through an articulation agreement, provided all specified requirements are met.

*Only students enrolled full-time are eligible for patient observation.

Admissions Checklist

- ☐ Complete an application at PostbacCAS.
- ☐ Complete a bachelor's degree from an accredited institution.
- ☐ Submit official undergraduate transcripts.
- ☐ Submit two short-answer essays (250 words maximum).
- ☐ Submit a CV/Resume.
- ☐ Submit one letter of recommendation.

For specific details on the above admissions requirements and deadlines, visit ***Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Admissions.***

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What is a Post-baccalaureate Certificate?

Post-baccalaureate programs are for students who have already completed an undergraduate degree or are working toward a secondary degree from an accredited institution.

According to U.S. News and World Report, benefits to completing a Post-baccalaureate program are many: it can provide an opportunity to take required prerequisite courses after undergraduate graduation, boost a competitive GPA or help students become better prepared for admission to a professional, graduate or medical school.

About Drexel University, Elkins Park Campus

- Commitment to interprofessional education and interdisciplinary training.
- Primary care philosophy and holistic approach that assesses the whole patient for prevention, treatment and rehabilitation.
- Exceptional clinical training sequence that begins early and includes clinical practice experiences in a variety of healthcare delivery settings.
- Innovative learning strategies that include small group, interactive and self-directed learning experiences as well as clinical problem-solving.
- Integration of cutting-edge technologies to prepare students for ever-evolving professions.
- Commitment to the ongoing professional and personal development and the success of each student.



FOR MORE INFORMATION: Contact ***1.800.2.DREXEL*** *or visit* ***Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Admissions.***

Drexel University is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE). For program specific information about accreditation, visit Drexel.edu/ElkinsPark/Accreditation.