



METROPOLITAN COOPERATIVE LIBRARY SYSTEM (MCLS) PARTNERS WITH DREXEL UNIVERSITY ONLINE

Philadelphia, PA – August 18, 2008 - [Drexel University Online](#), ranked among “America’s Best Colleges 2008” by *U.S. News & World Report*, recently established an educational partnership with [Metropolitan Cooperative Library System \(MCLS\)](#), an association of more than 30 libraries in the Greater Los Angeles area.

Through its partnership with Drexel, MCLS constituents will benefit from reduced group tuition rates when they pursue a bachelor’s, master’s or certificate online with Drexel. Available programs include a Master’s in Library and Information Science, ranked 11th in the nation overall by *U.S. News & World Report*, with its specialties in Information Systems and Digital Librarianship ranked 5th and 6th, respectively.

“Drexel has long been known for its top programs in library and information science. MCLS is pleased to partner with Drexel Online to make these programs available to MCLS library staff, giving them another high-quality option for their master’s degree,” said Rosario Garza, Executive Director, [Metropolitan Cooperative Library System](#).

Drexel University Online’s partner network continues to grow and presently includes more than 200 corporations, health systems and professional associations worldwide. By providing opportunities for educational advancement and career development, [Drexel University Online](#) aims to assist partner organizations with improving employee retention, job satisfaction and development of workforce skills.

“Through its new partnership with Drexel, MCLS can offer its constituents a convenient and affordable way to advance their education and develop the skills necessary to move up in the field of library science and information systems,” said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director of [Drexel University Online](#). “As MCLS continues to grow, we anticipate a long-lasting working relationship with them and look forward to supporting their commitment to improve library service and education throughout California.”

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About Metropolitan Cooperative Library System (MCLS)

[Metropolitan Cooperative Library System \(MCLS\)](#) is an association of 33 independent city and special district public libraries located in the greater Los Angeles area which have agreed to cooperate in providing library service to the residents of all participating jurisdictions. MCLS provides member libraries a resource-sharing network and a means for enhancing the level and diversity of resources available to library users, while reducing duplication of effort. Member libraries collectively have over eight million books, CDs, DVDs, magazines and other resources available.

About Drexel University Online

[Drexel University Online](#), winner of the 21st Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the U.S. Distance Learning Association, specializes in innovative, Internet-based online degree programs and certificates for working professionals and corporations in the U.S. and abroad. Drexel University is continually ranked one of the best national doctoral universities by *U.S. News & World Report* and enjoys regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools. For more information about Drexel’s online programs, visit <http://www.drexel.edu>, email info@drexel.com or call (877) 215-0009.

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