



The Philadelphia Teacher Residency (PTR) Program at a Glance:

- Residents co-teach alongside an experienced teacher in a PTR host school in Philadelphia for a full academic year
- Residents are hired as a full-time employee during the residency. Receive salary (\$38,611) and health benefits
- Residents average 38-42% candidates of color, a significantly higher percentage than Drexel's other teacher preparation programs
- Residents have \$7,500 of their tuition covered by the School District of Philadelphia. Residents pay \$2,826 out-of-pocket, but this cost may be covered by financial aid if the student is eligible
- Residents commit to teaching in Philadelphia public schools for three years after completion of the program. Residents are guaranteed employment if they successfully complete the program.
- Residents are trained to fill high-need positions:
 - Special Education (PK-12)
 - Secondary (7-12) or Middle years (4-8) STEM subjects
 - Middle years (4-8) ELA
 - PK-4 ("Grow your Own" model with SDP paraprofessionals)
- Residents are prepared in a "cohort" model where they learn and grow as teachers alongside their peers
- Residents gradually progress in their responsibilities: start with small groups and one-on-one instruction to full classroom instructional ownership
- Residents receive coaching and rigorous assessments from a content-specific Drexel University Site Director
- Residents complete course work to earn their PA teacher certification and/or master's degree in Education with certification

Highlights of the PTR Program: What makes us unique?

- Accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP)
- Only residency program in the region that is part of The National Center for Teacher Residencies (NCTR)
- 50% tuition discount for Residents to complete their certification and MS degree
- Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) funded residency – highest funded program in the Commonwealth
- Drexel offers Residents three years of ongoing professional development and networking activities
- Continued regular visits from teacher coach after certification

Admission and Residency Requirements:

- A bachelor's degree with a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0
- Strong content area knowledge to pass the Praxis II exam for their chosen content areas
- U.S. citizenship or permanent resident status
- Submit approved clearance forms: (FBI, PA Child Abuse, PA Criminal History & Skin TB)
- Successfully complete Drexel Selection Day (interview and demonstration lesson)
- Praxis II Exams: (Specific to Certification Area)
 - 15 credits of Core Pedagogy Coursework (earning a grade of a "B" or better)
- Residency & other field-based experiences
- Attendance in mandatory Summer Pre-residency Institute and competency-based professional development sessions during residency year