Guide to Higher Education

Widener University – excellence that crosses the border by WIDENER UNIVERSITY

IF YOU ARE ASKED what state is Widener University located in, there are actually two correct answers. The university's Delaware Law School is located along Concord Pike north of Wilmington, and its main campus is a short 13 miles away just north of the Pennsylvania line in Chester. Together, they offer powerhouse programs that accelerate careers with a focus on professional leadership.

"Our graduates don't just leave Widener with degrees, they leave with relationships," said Widener President Julie E. Wollman. "Those relationships give them an undeniable edge and access to an inside track that will help accelerate their careers."

Delaware Law School offers a traditional juris doctor program as well as multiple legal graduate degree options, including many available online. The school's extended division is popular with working professionals who study part-time in the evenings and earn their JDs over four years.

Widener emphasizes hands-on learning experiences and law students take at least 12 credits that are experiential in nature, including at least six of which are clinics, externships or live-client experiences.

The school's prestigious Josiah Oliver Wolcott Fellowship is the only program of its kind in American legal education that offers students an opportunity to serve as a clerk for a justice of the Delaware Supreme Court or the Delaware Court of Chancery. Students placed into these five annual fellowships earn academic credit and scholarship grants.

This spring, preLaw magazine named Delaware Law to its list of Top Schools for Environmental Law. The publication also put Delaware Law on its list of Top Law Schools for Trial Advocacy and ranked it 15th in the nation for the percentage of law graduates -23.5 percent - who secured clerkships.

The school offers additional degrees through its Graduate, International, Compliance and Legal Studies Office. Seated and online programs attract students from the region and around the world seeking legal graduate programs, including specialties in corporate law, health law and compliance. The school also offers paralegal studies degrees and certificates.

A short drive from the law school and just off I-95, on an equally picturesque property, lies the Widener University main campus. The university offers 40 undergraduate programs for traditional full-time college students, plus nearly 100 bachelor's, master's, doctoral, and professional certificate programs designed for adult learners. Graduate programs combine traditional classroom and online offerings.

Widener offers a wide array of flexible graduate programs that adapt to students' individual goals and help them become the professionals they aspire to be. Students have the opportunity to build resumes distinguished by career-specific learning experience by studying with faculty whose



leadership, thinking and research are shaping their industries.

Widener's 2017-18 enrollment of 6,500 students was split almost evenly between graduate and undergraduate students. The university offers programs through its College of & Arts and Sciences, School of Engineering, School of Nursing, School of Business, School of Human Service Professions, Delaware Law and a second law school, Commonwealth Law School, in Harrisburg.

The Wall Street Journal has ranked Widener a top Philadelphia-area college, and Payscale placed the university among the top 25 percent of universities nationwide on the basis of alumni median salary. Widener's online social work graduate degree program is ranked number one in the country by graduateprograms.com.

Online programs are particularly popular with busy graduate students. Innovative choices include an online MBA, with courses administered in an accelerated seven-week format, a health care management MBA, built specifically for the professional demands of the rapidly growing U.S. health care industry, and a master's in Allied Health Education, which is ideal for practicing allied health professionals who want expanded roles in teaching and educational administration related to their professions.

Widener's graduate programs are challenging and competitive, taught by faculty who are committed to academic excellence. Programs are available for full- or part-time study. Working adults choose Widener for its state-of-the-art facilities, hands-on experiential learning, renowned faculty, financial aid options, and civic engagement initiatives.

No matter where Widener students study, or what degree they are pursing, a Widener University degree holds value for a lifetime. That value is rooted in the university's commitment to the professional and personal success of each student.