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Title: Philadelphia universities add travel options to cope with SEPTA strike

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Colleges and universities in the Philadelphia region have added travel options to help their students and employees get to school in the wake of a SEPTA strike that began Tuesday morning.

But one thing they aren't doing is canceling classes or events.

The city's universities, which educate tens of thousands of students and have a large employee roster, attempted to operate as close to a regular schedule as possible.

"We are not changing our schedules," said Ray Betzner, a Temple University spokesman. "We have a plan and we know how we'll get folks around to the best of our abilities."

As of mid-afternoon, Betzner said preliminary reports indicated that students and employees were getting to campus.

"We haven't seen any fall or decline in attendance," Betzner said. "We've seen some employees and students getting in a little later than anticipated."

Temple increased its shuttle service through a local consortium and offer reduced rate parking. Shuttles are operating from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 10 p.m. at 20 to 30 minute intervals.

The University of Pennsylvania and Drexel University are offering bus rides to and from major transportation points in Center City during peak morning and evening travel hours. Drexel also will operate a campus bus service.

Drexel University has asked its administrators to be flexible in adjusting hours for staff who use SEPTA to get to work. They also are asking students and staff to walk, bike and car pool as alternative travel.

"All personnel should allow sufficient time for the delays they are likely to encounter," the university said.

Penn's shuttle transported 236 passengers Tuesday morning. During the five-day SEPTA strike in 2009, about 2,000 students and employees used the university's alternate transportation, said spokeswoman Amanda Mott.

One program that is especially concerned about the strike is Penn Veterans Upward Bound, which works with adult veterans pursuing their education. Almost all of the 42 veterans in the program use public transportation, Mott said, and many of them have disabilities that make it impossible for them to walk or bike a distance.

For more information on Penn's plan, see <http://cms.business-services.upenn.edu/transportation/images/stories/septa-strike-contingency-plan-oct2016.pdf>

La Salle University will run shuttles between main campus and two regional rail stations, Wayne Junction and Fern Rock, said spokeswoman Jaine Lucas. The school also will pick up riders at the Wister Station with five to ten minutes of advance notice. The university plans to post a ride share board for employees who want to car pool, she said.

"We expect some will shift schedules if driving, and obviously there will be some real inconveniences for those who do - especially those on Roosevelt Blvd and the Schuylkill Expressway," she said. "The goal is to insure classes start on time with all students and faculty in attendance" with sports and other activities continuing as scheduled. "We'll continue to monitor and make necessary pivots and adjustments as needed."

One local college that won't feel the impact of a SEPTA strike is Peirce. The college's "Peirce Fit" format already allows students to attend classes online if they can't make it to campus.

"Students affected by the SEPTA strike can stay current in all of their classes and complete all of their work simply by following the online version of the course, then come back to campus once the strike has concluded," said Peirce President Jim Mergiotti.

At Community College of Philadelphia, Faye Allard, an assistant professor of sociology, recorded online lectures for her classes.

"Yesterday I spent the first part of class letting my students discuss and decide what worked best for them in terms of accommodating their needs," she said. "They made some terrific points and really showed maturity and insight. All 5 classes decided that online lectures would work best for them as they can watch them on their phone."

Title: Top Online Health Science Programs Highlighted by AffordableCollegesOnline.org

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Leading higher education information and resource provider AffordableCollegesOnline.org is highlighting schools with top online health sciences degree programs in a new ranking for 2016-2017. Two lists compare four-year and two-year schools offering health science degree programs nationwide, determining which offer the best combination of cost and quality for students. Of the lists of top 100 colleges, the highest finishers among four-year schools include the University of Mississippi, Washburn University, Siena Heights University, Weber State University and Davenport University, while top two-year schools include East Mississippi Community College, Holmes Community College, Hutchinson Community College, Metropolitan Community College and Barton County Community College.

"Employment in healthcare occupations is projected to grow 19 percent, or much faster than the national average, from 2014 to 2024," said Dan Schuessler, CEO and Founder of AffordableCollegesOnline.org. "Students pursuing health science degrees can now find affordable, high quality learning options online through these schools, who are ultimately being highlighted here for their efforts to help students excel."

AffordableCollegesOnline.org has several minimum eligibility requirements each school on their rankings must meet. Colleges must be accredited, public or private not-for-profit institutions and must offer in-state tuition rates as follows: under \$5,000 per year for two-year schools; under \$25,000 per year for four-year schools. Those meeting eligibility requirements are then scored and ranked based on more than a dozen school-specific statistics, including financial aid offerings and graduation rates.

Each school recognized on the top online health sciences degree programs list is included below. For more information on each school's score and the data and methodology used to rank each can be found at:

<http://www.affordablecollegesonline.org/degrees/public-health-programs/health-sciences/>

The Best Two-Year Schools for Online Health Sciences Students in 2016-2017:

Allen County Community College

Barton County Community College

Beaufort County Community College

Bluegrass Community and Technical College

Central Texas College

Colby Community College

Collin College

Columbus State Community College

Cowley County Community College

Crowder College

Dakota College at Bottineau

East Mississippi Community College

Forsyth Technical Community College

Gateway Community and Technical College

GateWay Community College

Great Falls College Montana State University

Hazard Community and Technical College

Holmes Community College

Hutchinson Community College

Indian Hills Community College

Kansas City Kansas Community College

Kilgore College

Lakeshore Technical College

Lanier Technical College

Lenoir Community College

Madisonville Community College

Maysville Community and Technical College

Metropolitan Community College

National Park College

North Central Missouri College

North Dakota State College of Science

Northwest Mississippi Community College

Oklahoma City Community College

Pamlico Community College

Panola College

Pitt Community College

San Juan College

Seward County Community College and Area Technical School

Sinclair College

Southwest Mississippi Community College

Southwestern Community College

Spokane Community College

Spokane Falls Community College

State Fair Community College

Three Rivers Community College

Truckee Meadows Community College

Tyler Junior College

Western Nebraska Community College

Western Wyoming Community College

Williston State College

The Best Four-Year Schools for Online Health Sciences Students in 2016-2017:

Allen College

Augusta University

Baker College

Brigham Young University - Idaho

Clarkson College

Concordia University - Saint Paul

Dakota State University

Davenport University

East Carolina University

Ferris State University

Goodwin College

Granite State College

Indiana University - Purdue University Indianapolis

Keiser University - Fort Lauderdale

Kent State University at Kent

Midway College

Midwestern State University

Mississippi University for Women

Montana State University – Billings

Nebraska Methodist College of Nursing & Allied Health

North Carolina A & T State University

Northern Arizona University

Oregon Institute of Technology

Peirce College

Presentation College

Rutgers University – New Brunswick

Siena Heights University

St. Petersburg College

SUNY Polytechnic Institute

The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio

Thomas University

Tiffin University

University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of Arkansas at Little Rock

University of Cincinnati – Main Campus

University of Florida

University of Louisiana at Monroe

University of Mississippi

University of Missouri – Columbia

University of Northern Colorado

University of Oklahoma – Health Sciences Center

University of Southern Indiana

University of Toledo

Viterbo University

Washburn University

Weber State University

Western Carolina University

Western Kentucky University

Winston-Salem State University

Youngstown State University

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