

**Institution Name:** DeVry University

**State:** IL

**Sector:** 4-Yr Private

**Program Name or Objective:** Advantage Academy

**Primary Program Type:** Dual Enrollment

**Program Description:** In 2004, DeVry University entered into a partnership with the Chicago Public Schools to establish the first DeVry University Advantage Academy, a dual-enrollment program that helps high school students get a head start on college. Students enter Advantage Academy at the start of their junior year; after completing two academic years and one summer term, students have earned both a high school diploma and an associate degree in Network Systems Administration, Web Graphic Design or Health Information Technology—all at no cost to themselves or their families. Tuition is paid by DeVry and Chicago Public Schools. Advantage Academy students have full access to DeVry University facilities and services. The program has grown to include Advantage Academies in Columbus, OH, and Decatur, GA. They are exploring an opportunity to open a new location in Fulton County, GA.

**Secondary Program Type:** Cost Savings

**Self-Reported Outcomes:** More than 94% of Advantage Academy students graduate from high school—a significantly higher rate than the national average of 78%—and 84% complete their associate degrees. Eighty-five percent of graduating students have gone on to bachelor's degree programs at DeVry University or other universities. To date, more than 1,100 students have enrolled in Advantage Academies.

**Undergraduate Population:** 18,264

**25<sup>th</sup> Percentile ACT Test Score (25% of students scored at or below):** Open Admission

**Website or Contact:** <http://www.devry.edu/high-school-students/advantage-academy.html>

**Source:** National Center for Education Statistics and U.S. Department of Education Promising and Practical Strategies to Increase Postsecondary Success