

# World Changing Degrees

**WITH THE EVER-EVOLVING JOB** market and a new generation entering college, our Marketing & Enrollment Management team and academic departments have been hard at work researching the best career opportunities for our students. Market research has shown that we are on the right track with what is on the horizon for Andrews University. Based on our research, we are placing additional emphasis on degrees which will offer our students the highest opportunity for a return on their investment. These degrees include engineering, public health and our brand-new degree in informatics beginning fall 2019.

Although engineering is not new to Andrews, market research shows that the field is consistently growing. Students who study engineering at Andrews will develop a strong foundation of core knowledge that prepares them to specialize in any area of the field. Our program promotes relationship building with faculty and fellow students, while maintaining a rate

of almost 100 percent job placement after graduation.

We have offered a Master of Public Health for a number of years, but this fall we are proud to introduce a Bachelor of Science in public health as well. This degree is for students who are looking to make an impact on our population's health by combining big data, science and compassion. Students in the public health program will have the opportunity to participate in community-based research, coming face-to-face with the population they study. Studying public health also opens the door to a wide range of career opportunities, with starting salaries beginning at \$70,000 after graduation.

We are very excited to introduce a new degree in informatics, which combines the best parts of computer science and information systems for a marketable hybrid. Informatics students at Andrews will learn to use technology to solve society's big problems. In addition to promoting creativity and innovation, many students in informatics are hired six months to two years prior to graduation. This comes as a result of engaging in top tier research opportunities and paid internships while still in school.

In addition to these programs, we will also introduce new degrees in data science and biomedical physics this fall. Both areas offer excellent opportunities for employment right out of school, while offering a well-rounded experience in their departments.

## MORE FOR LESS

**Andrews University has identified seven programs that allow students to accelerate their degrees. These are called "More for Less."**

Accelerated programs help students cut down on their time in school, save money on tuition and get into the job market faster.

One of the students who has taken advantage of this opportunity is Kaitlyn Kim, current MS student in speech-language pathology.

When Kaitlyn came to Andrews University at the beginning of her freshman year, she started on the accelerated track through the Department of Speech-Language Pathology & Audiology (SPLAD). This track, like others on campus, is part of the University's More for Less program.

For Kaitlyn, this means she will obtain a Bachelor of Science in speech-language pathology & audiology and a Master of Science in speech-language pathology in five years.

"The biggest benefit about this program is definitely being able to cut off a whole year of school. Because this program allows you to do two years in one, I was able to save money," she explains. "Educationally, it motivated me to work hard to maintain my grades and be responsible with the time I had. Although it seemed like everything was nonstop, it definitely was worth it!"



Despite her rigorous academic pursuits, Kaitlyn has grown to love her career path and her department. She really enjoys working with people and is excited that this is such an integral part of her job as a speech-language pathologist and audiologist.

When asked what opportunities she's gained from being a part of SPLAD, Kaitlyn said, "I definitely was able to gain a family. One of the biggest benefits of our department is their willingness to get to know each person in the department and make sure you're being taken care of."

This camaraderie and family atmosphere was part of what drew Kaitlyn to attend Andrews in the first place. After attending a huge public high school, she wanted a change and Andrews provided that. Now, as a senior approaching graduation, she admits these close friendships are what she will miss the most.

"My time here at Andrews definitely helped me prepare myself for life after college by allowing me to grow educationally, socially, spiritually and mentally," she reflects. Even though Kaitlyn feels a bit daunted by the prospect of life after graduation, she is thankful for the time she spent here and she knows that God has a plan for her.