CAREER PATH

Phase I: Choosing Concorde
Your Journey to a Career in Health Care Begins Here
WHY A CAREER IN HEALTH CARE

You've decided to make a change. It's time to pursue a future different from your present situation. The question now is: What will that future look like? What type of career should you pursue? We know there are many options from which to choose. That's why we've put together a few reasons why you should consider going into a health care profession.

There is a wide variety of fields from which to choose, with all promising to be as rewarding personally and professionally as they are challenging.

Growing Industry
It’s a great time to work in health care. The industry continues to grow quickly, and jobs in the medical field are expected to grow by 19 percent by 2024, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Rewarding Career
You’ll have the opportunity to become a compassionate, capable and contributing member of your community, bringing yourself fulfillment by providing aid, comfort and health to your patients.

Diversity of Programs
Many people think of Nursing when they think of a career in health care. But there are so many more than that. You could be a Dental Hygienist, Surgical Technician or a Physical Therapist Assistant. Some professionals work in a lab environment, while others conduct sleep studies on people suffering from insomnia. The opportunities are abundant. There are health care careers available for every type of personality, every strength set.
PICKING A HEALTH CARE SCHOOL

So you've decided that health care might be right for you. Where should you go to get your education? What program would you like to study? This can be a big decision. It's important to know what sort of things you should be looking for as you consider a school. Here are few of them:

Reputation
You want a school that is focused on health care and focused on you! We focus exclusively on the health care industry. Being student-centered for us is defined by each student graduating and successfully working in the health care career of his or her choice.

Affordability
When considering the cost of education, we recommend you weigh the time it takes to earn the degree or diploma - actual all-in cost - and the support services to include lifetime career placement. Once you have these comparisons in front of you, we recommend you measure the value of similar programs. If you’re reviewing options and one is a diploma program that runs nine months, another is an associate’s degree, and the last a general liberal arts degree, you will be measuring apples to oranges regarding affordability. We want you to choose the best career path for you.

Accreditation
Many times, employers are more likely to consider hiring you when you come from an accredited institution or program. Accredited programs and schools assure that you received an education from a college that meets very specific standards of quality.

Location and convenience
You want to find a school that has your learning experience in mind. This can be seen and felt when you tour a campus. Look for the services: The services in support of your progress should be easily accessible and responsive.

Helpful Hints:

- Write a pro/con list
- Determine what programs are offered at which schools
- Check out each schools’ social media pages
- Take notes so you don’t get your options mixed up
- Ask your family/support team for their opinion
WHY CHOOSE CONCORDE

Health care education is all we do.
We offer more than 20 programs and every single one of them is in the health care field. Many of these careers rank among the fastest-growing and most in-demand job sectors in the U.S.

We are coast-to-coast.
Concorde operates 16 campuses in eight states — California, Colorado, Florida, Mississippi, Missouri, Oregon, Tennessee and Texas.

People are on-board.
Over its history, which stretches back more than 50 years at some campuses, Concorde has trained and graduated more than 100,000 students* in health care degrees and diplomas.

We are fully accredited.
Fourteen of Concorde’s 16 campuses are accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). The other two campuses are accredited by the Council on Occupational Education (COE). In addition, some of Concorde’s programs earn programmatic accreditation, which ensures that students who complete those programs are eligible to sit for licensure and certification exams.

We help you with student loans.
Concorde’s Student Loan Support Center (SLSC) is dedicated to answering any questions students or alumni might have regarding any outstanding student loans and the repayment of those loans. That includes questions about repayment plans, loan consolidation, or other strategies to help you get up-to-date and in good standing with your financial aid.

Your success is our goal.
Everyone at Concorde is dedicated to helping our students succeed, whether it’s your instructor or campus president. We live by our mission statement: “Concorde prepares committed students for successful employment in a rewarding health care profession through high-caliber training, real-world experience and student-centered support.”

We make it easy to get started.
You’ve already taken the first step by reaching out to us for more information. A friendly representative will be reaching out to you shortly to answer your questions and arrange a meeting with a member of our admissions team. We know this is a tough decision and we will make the process as easy as possible.

*Concorde graduate figures from 2000 to present
Choosing to go to Concorde could be the best decision you can make for yourself and your family. Thousands of people just like you have changed their lives by starting their career path here.
Student Central is Concorde’s one-stop customer service commitment. In Student Central, there are a variety of departments eager to assist students with a multitude of services. Student Central associates are cross-trained and can also direct students to the right person to fulfill their needs. Student Central consists of the Student Affairs department (Graduate Employment & Student Services), Financial Aid, Business Office, LRC, Registrar and Military Central. We are dedicated to helping every single one of our students, no matter their situation.

Our Student Central department has an open-door policy, so no matter what time of day or what the situation is, we are ready to help you.

**Student Affairs**
This department provides a multitude of services for students such as student activities, community resources, campus connections, employment advising and placement assistance.

**Military Central**
The goal of this comprehensive program is to ensure that veterans and military-affiliated students achieve their educational and career goals in a supportive environment with appropriate resources and support.
**Registrar's Office**
This office assists in program enrollments, class registration, enrollment verification, degree audits and graduation, diplomas, transcripts, updating of personal information and preservation and privacy of student records.

**Learning Resource Center (LRC)**
The LRC supports students by facilitating access to educational resources in many forms such as hard copy books and journals, access to electronic libraries, access to interlibrary loans and supplemental curriculum-based content.

**Financial Aid**
The staff provides loan counseling for all students receiving a federal loan. The staff also provides assistance for veterans who have applied or might be eligible for funding through the Veteran’s Administration.

**Business Office**
This office ensures that student accounts are maintained in an accurate and timely fashion. It is here to help students who might experience challenges with making payments while in school and also is the contact for questions related to textbooks and student supplies.
Students come to Concorde Career College for one important reason — to train for a new career in a health care field. Once you graduate, Concorde offers valuable assistance to help you find that all-important health care job.

**Resume Preparation and Interviewing Techniques**

A professional-looking resume and the ability to interview well are extremely important. As a Concorde student, you’ll receive expert training in resume preparation and interview skills.

**Providing Useful Information on Career Opportunities**

As a Concorde graduate, you’ll receive valuable information on a variety of job opportunities in the health care field. Advisors work closely with each graduate to identify the best jobs available.

**Assistance in Placement for the Length of Your Career**

As a Concorde graduate, you’ll have access to Graduate Employment throughout your career. The same service will be available should you relocate near another Concorde campus.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Do I have the time to complete an accelerated program?
The length of program varies by program. It can range from seven months to 20 months. And many programs have classes scheduled during evening hours so that students may keep working jobs during the day if necessary.

What are typical class sizes? What is the student-to-teacher ratio at Concorde?
Class sizes at Concorde range from 20-30, subject to restriction (for example, some labs, because of equipment availability, might have fewer than 10). Therefore, student-to-teacher ratios vary anywhere from 6:1 to 24:1.

Does my program include clinical hours or externship opportunities?
It depends on the program, but yes, many of Concorde’s programs offer opportunities to gain real-world, hands-on experience in a professional setting as part of the course curriculum.

How will I pay for my education?
We have several forms of financial aid available. Concorde participates in several of the U.S. Department of Education’s Federal Financial Aid Programs. Our financial aid team is specifically trained to help you find ways to finance your education. They can assist you in completing necessary applications and paperwork for various aid programs. We also have grants and scholarships available.

Is there post-graduation support or following the program?
Students come to Concorde for one important reason – to train for a new career in a health care field. Once you graduate, Concorde offers valuable assistance to help you find that all-important health care job. Our Graduate Employment Services team offers guidance in resume preparation and interviewing techniques, provides useful information on career opportunities and provides assistance in placement for the length of your career.

Do I get to wear scrubs every day to class?
Yes. You will be issued official scrubs with a Concorde logo that you can wear every day to class. Most students’ scrubs will be blue, but campus Lamplighters will be issued black scrubs.

What technology will I be responsible for buying up front?
Your tuition cost covers all the software technology you should need to successfully complete your courses. You will need access to a computer/tablet device.

Are there breaks or holidays worked into the schedule?
Campuses usually are closed between Christmas and New Year’s Day. Oftentimes, a 10-week program has a one-week break worked into the schedule. Many shorter programs work days off into their schedules.
When you come in for a visit, you will meet with a friendly admissions representative. They will chat with you about all your career options and collaborate with you to match you with the one that is best for you.
YOUR NEXT STEP: CAMPUS VISIT

Up next is a tour of the campus! You’ll be able to see classrooms, labs and student lounge areas.

Prep Tip #1
Bring a friend or family member.
(Your support team is important to your success.)

Prep Tip #2
Bring questions.
(Writing them down before you arrive will help remind you.)

Your next stop will be to meet with a Financial Aid representative for a quick intro on the options we have available to help you pay for your education.

That’s a wrap! This will be a no-pressure experience! You can go home and think about it before making any commitments. We’ll keep in touch with you and look forward to hearing your decision.
WE LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU!

We’ll be reaching out to you.
If you have just recently requested information, we will be reaching out with the next few days to speak with you and set up an appointment with admissions. We’ll work around your schedule and let you know the location of the campus closest to you.

Don’t forget to come to your appointment!
Date: _______________________________ Time: _______________________________
Your Representative: __________________________________________________________
Location: ________________________________________________________________

Bring your friends & family.
You are welcome to bring your parents, spouse or friend to this meeting. It’s an informal chat and we’ll be more than happy to have it with the people who are important in your life.

Have questions?
Take a moment to write down any questions that you have about Concorde or the admissions process. Bring this in with you when you visit the campus and we’ll be happy to answer all of your questions.

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