

# SCHOOL CATALOG

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## History of the Schools

### Miramar

The Florida College of Medical and Dental Assistants was established in 1980. In 1989, the school's name changed to Concorde Career Institute. In June 1990, the campus was relocated to a new facility designed to offer education benefits to the students in the southeastern region of the state of Florida. In March 2008, the school moved to its current location in Miramar.

## Locations & Contact Information

### Miramar

The campus is located at 10933 Marks Way, Miramar, FL 33025; Phone: 954-731-8880; Fax: 954-485-2961; [www.concorde.edu](http://www.concorde.edu). Class sessions are held at this location, with the exception of clinical/externship activities.

## Our Mission Statement

Concorde prepares committed students for successful employment in a rewarding healthcare profession through high-caliber training, real-world experience, and student-centered support.

This is Our Mission, our North Star, a guiding light that defines and illuminates the course to our future and for potential students, the path to a successful healthcare career. It defines our handshake with students and establishes the primacy of that covenant. We acknowledge their commitment, the financial and personal sacrifices they make to attend Concorde. We dedicate ourselves to making their sacrifices manageable, and we commit to truly preparing them for success in a gainful healthcare profession.

Our students have set very immediate goals for starting careers. The practical hands-on learning needed to attain their goals is foremost in their minds. We satisfy their expectations by modeling our faculty, facilities, equipment, and curriculum after the healthcare field they will enter.

We know that the ultimate judge of their preparation will be their future employers. Employers expect our students to have more than just knowledge and technical skills. They are looking for integrity, discipline, team play, and the drive that defines professionals, and we accept responsibility for modeling and instilling those values. We partner with employers to ensure our programs reflect real work expectations and settings through program advisory boards, externships, and clinical rotations. Once students have completed their training, we again call on our network of employer relationships to support students in securing a job in their chosen profession.

Throughout our students' preparation, we endeavor to meet the highest practicable standards, and our faculty, equipment, and facilities reflect that commitment. We strive for superior outcomes in student satisfaction, program completion and, most importantly, career placement.

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We are Concorde Career College and this is Our Mission.

## Values

### The five core values at Concorde are:

- Integrity
- Respect for the Individual
- Customer Service

- Teamwork
- Achievement

## Governing Body

Concorde Careers-Florida Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Concorde Career Colleges, Inc., 5800 Foxridge Drive, Suite 500, Mission, KS 66202-2336, is a national network of proprietary schools offering training in allied health occupations. Concorde is owned by a private equity firm, Liberty Partners.

The Corporate officers are:

Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Frazier, Jami		President and Chief Operating Officer
Fisher, Juli		Chief Financial and Administrative Officer
Hatcher, Jeremiah		Corporate Secretary

The Board of Directors are:

Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Foster, Timothy E.		Chairman
Evans, W. Chester		
Stakias, George M.		

## Accreditations, Approvals & Memberships

### Institutional Accreditations

#### Miramar

- Accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC), a national accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education.
- Eligible to participate in the student financial assistance programs authorized by Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.
- Licensed by the Commission for Independent Education, Florida Department of Education. Additional information regarding this institution may be obtained by contacting the Commission at 325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414, Tallahassee, FL, 32399; 888-224-6684; License No. 416.
- A member of the Florida Association of Postsecondary Schools and Colleges.
- Approved for the training of veterans and eligible persons under the provisions of Title 38, United States Code.



## Programmatic Accreditations

### Miramar

#### Dental Assistant Program

The Dental Assistant program is approved by the Florida State Board of Dentistry to certify Dental Assistant students in expanded duties and radiology. Department of Health, Board of Dentistry: 4052 Bald Cypress Way; Bin C-08, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3258; 850-488-0595; [floridasdentistry.gov](http://floridasdentistry.gov).

#### Nursing Program

This nursing education program is a candidate for accreditation by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing: Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) 3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850 Atlanta, GA 30326 404-975-5000

[www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

The Nursing program is approved by the Florida Department of Health, Division of Medical Quality Assurance, Florida Board of Nursing. Pursuant to Fla. Stat. 464.019 (5) (a) (2), Concorde Career Institute has been placed on probationary status until the program achieves a graduate passage rate that equals or exceeds the required passage rate for any one calendar year. Department of Health, Board of Nursing: 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C-02, Tallahassee, FL 32399-3252; 850-488-0595; [floridasnursing.gov](http://floridasnursing.gov).

#### Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA). The Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE): 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449. ACOTE c/o AOTA: 301-652-AOTA; [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org); email: [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).

#### Physical Therapist Assistant Program

The Physical Therapist Assistant program at Concorde Career Institute – Miramar is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314; telephone: 703-706-3245; email: [accreditation@apta.org](mailto:accreditation@apta.org); website: <http://capteonline.org>. If needing to contact the program/institution directly please call 954-731-8880 or email [VNieto@concorde.edu](mailto:VNieto@concorde.edu).

#### Respiratory Therapy Program

The Respiratory Therapy program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC). Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care: 1248 Harwood Road, Bedford, TX 76021-4244; 817-283-2835; [www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com).

#### Surgical Technologist Program

The Surgical Technologist program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP), 25400 U.S. Highway 19 North, Suite 158, Clearwater, FL 33763; 727-210-2350; [www.caahep.org](http://www.caahep.org), as recommended by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA), 6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 110, Littleton, CO 80120; 303-694-9262; [www.arcstsa.org](http://www.arcstsa.org).

## Campus Facilities

The campus occupies 33,141 square feet of space. Instructional areas are equipped with the type of equipment found in area medical and dental offices, clinics, laboratories, and hospitals.

## General Facilities

Among the various classrooms, laboratories, and other facilities provided for students are (varies by campus/program):

- A dental laboratory equipped with workstations used for preparation of models and other dental lab work;
- A dental x-ray laboratory equipped for the processing of dental x-rays;
- Medical labs equipped with computers, examining rooms, labs and microscope benches;
- A medical x-ray laboratory equipped with active x-ray equipment;
- An x-ray dark room equipped for the processing of medical x-rays;
- Occupational therapy laboratory space replicates an apartment setting in order for students to practice various life skill functions; mannequins and equipment found in hospitals, nursing homes, and other healthcare organizations;
- A pharmacy technician laboratory equipped with computers, IV flow hoods, compounding scales, and unit dose cart;
- A physical therapy lab equipped with treatment tables, exercise equipment, ambulation devices, and modality units;
- A nursing skills lab equipped with patient care equipment;
- A respiratory therapy laboratory equipped with ventilators and other related equipment;
- A surgical technologist laboratory equipped with simulated operating room and scrub area;
- Computer labs equipped with Microsoft® Windows, Microsoft® Office, office management software, and equipment for self-paced keyboarding and typing;
- A Learning Resource Center (LRC), providing a quiet area where students may refer to various publications, journals, and other technical manuals and use computers to access the Internet for research.

Students will be held responsible and accountable for books and other items belonging to Concorde Career Colleges, Inc., and the LRC. Once a book, or other item, is borrowed from the LRC by a student, it becomes the responsibility of the receiver (student) to maintain the integrity/condition of the book and return the item within three business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays). Students who have checked out a book from the LRC will have three business days to use the item in its educational capacity. If the book is needed for longer than the three-day checkout, it may be rechecked at the discretion of the LRC Coordinator. If the book is then not returned within the three-day period, a charge of \$.50 per day will be assessed. If the student loses the book, the student will be responsible for paying the original list price for the lost book. If the student damages the book, the student can be charged a minimum of \$10, up to full, original list price, depending on the damage and ability to reuse the book. Students are placed on Records Hold until all LRC materials are either returned or the replacement cost of any damaged or lost materials is paid.

- A nonsmoking student lounge, which includes vending machines and microwaves, is available for student use.

## Equipment

Equipment and instruments are available to instruct students in the skills they will need in their chosen careers. Concorde students acquire knowledge and technical skills through demonstrations, actual operation of equipment, and the practice of techniques. Among the major items of equipment available to Concorde students are the following (by program):

### Dental Assistant Program

This program offers fully equipped, fully functional dental operatories with dental x-ray units, panoramic x-ray, complete darkroom facilities, amalgamators and x-ray mannequins. In addition, it has a dental lab complete with lathe, model-trimmers, bench engine, vibrators, sterilization equipment, scutan (for fabrication of temporary crowns), visible curing illuminator light, and dental chairs. Computer systems and miscellaneous teaching aids are also available.

### Medical Assistant Program

The equipment for this program includes stethoscopes, a glucometer, sphygmomanometers, examination and treatment tables, simulated examination rooms, autoclaves, an otoscope, an ophthalmoscope, electrocardiogram machines, microscopes, centrifuges, teaching mannequins, computer systems, and other miscellaneous teaching aids.

### Medical Office Administration Program

Equipment for this program includes computer systems with Medical Manager® software and miscellaneous teaching aids.

### Nursing Programs

The Nursing program is equipped with catheters, nasogastric tubes, needles, syringes, suction machine, a wheelchair, stethoscopes, sphygmomanometers, an electronic thermometer, an ophthalmoscope, an otoscope, simulated patient units, hospital beds, teaching mannequins and models, drug cart, hoier lift, gurney, EKG machine, walkers, canes, glucometers, feeding pump, bedside commode, Noelle Maternal Birthing simulated mannequin, and other miscellaneous equipment.

### Pharmacy Technician Program

The laboratory includes flow hoods and a gowning area where students may scrub and dress in appropriate attire. The retail laboratory is stocked with a supply of over-the-counter medications and computer software for dispensing medications. Students also have access to a computer laboratory where they learn pharmacy-specific computer skills.

### Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

Assessment and treatment devices covering the lifespan of a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant's (COTA's) clientele are found in the Occupational Therapy Assistant lab, featuring a furnished apartment for training activities of daily living (ADL). The equipment used involves fine motor, gross motor, and perceptual motor activities for assessment and training purposes. Additional equipment includes mobility, adaptive/assistive devices, splinting materials, and positioning tools. An industrial work station, as well as therapeutic strengthening and exercise equipment, are available in the lab for additional training.

### Physical Therapist Assistant Program

Equipment includes treatment tables, electromagnetic and electrical stimulation devices, biofeedback units, ultrasound, traction, thermal modalities and adaptive equipment. Therapeutic exercise equipment includes a treadmill, parallel bars, exercise balls, free weights, balance boards, and other devices that promote fine and gross motor skills. Assistive devices include wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, and orthotics/braces. Assessment equipment includes stethoscopes, goniometers, postural screening boards, pulse oximeters, spirometers, and other teaching aids.

### Respiratory Therapy Program

The equipment for this program includes oxygen devices, aerosol/humidity devices, mechanical ventilators, lung expansion devices, airway maintenance devices, ancillary equipment, and a library complete with respiratory and respiratory-related medical journals, texts, and audiovisual equipment.

### Surgical Technologist Program

A lab equipped with operating room tables, back table, mayo stands, prep table, simulated autoclave, overhead operating surgery lights, anesthesia machines, medical and surgical supply disposal, scrub sinks, IV stands, operating room stretcher, and basic surgical instruments.

### Audiovisual Aids

Concorde's programs are supported with reference books, charts, field trips, demonstrations, and other teaching aids. Speakers from business and industry are used when possible to supplement classroom instruction.

# Admissions

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## Entrance Requirements

Prospective students are encouraged to review this catalog prior to signing an Enrollment Agreement.

The school reserves the right to reject applicants and/or rescind eligibility for an applicant to begin classes if all general and selective admissions requirements are not successfully completed within the required timeframe.

Admission to any one program does not automatically qualify a student for admission into any other program. If a student wishes to apply to another program in the future, the individual must independently meet all the admissions requirements in place for that program at the time of the future enrollment. The student will also be subject to all selection procedures in place for admittance into the other program. Admittance into the other program is not guaranteed.

## General Admissions Requirements

The following items must be successfully completed prior to enrollment and prior to being eligible to sit in class:

- Personal interview and campus tour
  - Completion of all admissions documentation, including but not limited to the Enrollment Agreement and disclosures
  - Completion and passage of applicable entrance assessments
  - Completion of Online Readiness Assessment
  - Acceptable proof of graduation from an institution providing secondary education or the equivalent of such graduation. A valid institution is one that is recognized as a provider of education by the U.S. Department of Education. <sup>(1)</sup>
- <sup>(1)</sup> Acceptable documentation of high school graduation must be received by the Institution prior to the student's first scheduled class of the program. It is the student's responsibility to provide acceptable documentation of high school graduation or its equivalency, as well as any additional documentation that may be needed to support the validity of the documentation. Any student who does not provide valid documentation of high school graduation or its equivalent within this timeframe will be unregistered from all classes and his or her program of study.

Prospective students may be conditionally accepted contingent upon satisfaction of all admissions requirements and receipt of supporting documentation no later than the first scheduled day of class.

Admission to Concorde is open to all applicants who will be 18 years of age at the time the clinical/externship portion of their program begins (as applicable). A parent, legal guardian, or spouse of legal age must co-sign the Enrollment Agreement for applicants under 18.

All applicants must be citizens, permanent residents, or eligible noncitizens of the United States. Documentation of eligibility status may be required.

A health certificate, immunization records, and the results of certain tests may be required for some programs.

Applicants must be able to read, speak, and write in English.

Please refer to the "Financial Information" section of this catalog for information on additional requirements applicable to tuition financing.

## Social Security Number

Applicants for admission must possess a valid social security number. Documentation must be provided upon request. A valid social security number is required to be registered and/or certified by appropriate boards. Other documents may be required by some licensing agencies.

## Foreign Students

Applicants indicating that they graduated from a foreign high school and have the equivalent of a U.S. secondary education must present original credentials (diploma, transcript, etc.). In addition, documentation from foreign countries must be translated and certified to be at least the equivalent of a U.S. high school diploma.

## Foreign Transcripts

Coursework taken at a foreign institution (excluding secondary school documents that are in English and are recognized by the U.S. Department of Education) must be evaluated for equivalence to coursework taken at a United States institution. Concorde only accepts for consideration the evaluations of foreign coursework conducted by agencies approved by the National Association of Credential Evaluation Services (NACES) or Association of International Credential Evaluators, Inc. (AICE), which charge applicants directly for these services. Listings of approved agencies can be found at:

- [www.naces.org](http://www.naces.org)
- [www.aice-eval.org](http://www.aice-eval.org)

## Document Integrity

Any forged/altered academic document, foreign or domestic, submitted by a prospective student will be retained as property of the Institution and will not be returned to the prospective student. The student will not be considered for admission.

If a student is currently attending, and the Institution becomes aware of a forged credential, the following applies:

- If the forged document was used to admit the student, and the absence of that credential would make the student inadmissible, the student will be dismissed from the Institution with no earned credits awarded; or
- If the forged document was used to gain transfer credit, the student will be dismissed from the Institution and any transfer credit already awarded from the forged credential will be removed.

## Personal Interview

The school requires a personal, on-campus interview with each applicant prior to acceptance into any program. The school encourages parents or spouses to attend the interview. This gives applicants and their families the opportunity to see the campus's equipment and facilities and to ask specific questions relating to the school, the curriculum, and the career training being considered. The personal interview also gives the school the opportunity to meet prospective students and evaluate their qualifications and aptitude. Certain programs may also require an interview with the program director prior to enrollment.



## Acceptance by the School

For Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Administration and Pharmacy Technician programs, available seats are filled on a first-come-first-served basis once all entrance requirements have been fulfilled.

For all other programs, once all entrance requirements have been completed, the applicant will be placed on a waitlist.

## Student Orientation

Prior to beginning classes, all new students attend an orientation program. Orientation facilitates a successful transition into Concorde; therefore, attendance for new students is imperative regardless of prior college experience. At orientation, students are acquainted with the campus, administrative staff, faculty and their peers. Administrative departments explain ways in which they assist students and clarify students' rights and responsibilities. In the event a student is unable to attend orientation, Student Affairs will meet with the student during the first week of class to ensure all relevant information is reviewed with him/her.

## Waitlists

Concorde limits the number of students who are accepted for admission to its programs to maintain optimum faculty to student ratios and ensure appropriate clinical opportunity for all students. Once all applicants are processed, those placed on the waitlist will be ranked using a rubric. The rubric is a points-based assessment, with points awarded based on applicant success in the following components: Online Readiness Assessment, clinical entrance assessment, interview with department personnel, and financial readiness.

## Alternates

Depending on circumstances, students may be conditionally accepted into certain programs as an Alternate Student. Alternates are chosen based on the rank order of the waitlist. Waitlist applicants selected as an alternate must attend orientation and all classes scheduled in the first seven calendar days. Alternates are subject to the requirements of the school catalog, including attendance, behavior, dress code, and classroom assignments.

Should space become available within the seven days, alternates have the opportunity to be accepted as regular students. If not formally accepted as regular students during the seven days, alternates will not be able to attend further classes. If not accepted as regular students, alternates will not incur any tuition charges. Alternates may be charged for books and equipment not returned in accordance with the requirements of the school catalog and the Enrollment Agreement. Alternates not accepted as regular students have the option of transferring their enrollment to a future start date or canceling it.

## Retesting for Waitlist Students

Prospective students who are placed on a waitlist for any program may retest for a higher score at their own expense. Contact the Director of Admissions for further information.

## Distance Education

Currently, the school offers General Education classes and certain core classes through online delivery. The online courses are offered through a consortium agreement with Concorde Career College, Kansas City, Mo. Certain courses may only be offered in a distance education format; therefore, all students must meet the requirements outlined in the "Distance Education/Online" section of this catalog.

In addition to the Entrance Assessment Requirements below, all students must take an Online Readiness Assessment (ORA) immediately following the first attempt of the Wonderlic. A passing score on the Wonderlic does not preclude the requirement for the applicant to complete the ORA. The ORA is used for assessing the applicant's readiness for online coursework and to identify any obstacles where he or she may need extra support or guidance.

Online delivery is not approved by the Florida Commission for Independent Education. Students may be required to take courses in an online format. These courses are delivered by the Concorde Career College in Kansas City.

## Entrance Assessment Requirements

Prospective students applying for admission who are high school graduates or hold a GED must meet the minimum assessment scores as follows:

	Wonderlic SLE	HESI A <sup>2</sup>
Dental Assistant	8	N/A
Medical Assistant	8	N/A
Medical Office Administration	8	N/A
Nursing	21	75
Pharmacy Technician	10	N/A
Physical Therapist Assistant	18	70
Occupational Therapy Assistant	17	60
Respiratory Therapy	17	70
Surgical Technologist	17	65

Applicants for all programs may attempt the Wonderlic a total of three times and, when required, the Health Education Systems, Inc. (HESI) A<sup>2</sup> entrance assessment a total of two times. If the minimum score is not met, the applicant must wait six (6) months before retesting.

All previously completed HESI assessments from Concorde or another institution will be accepted at Concorde's approved acceptable minimum scores if completed within two years of enrollment. In addition, assessments from other institutions must not have been taken within 30 days of enrollment.

A valid U.S. government-issued photo identification card is required for all entrance assessments.

The Wonderlic SLE requirement may be waived upon receipt of documentation of any of the following:

- SAT score of 1300 or above achieved within five years of the date of application to Concorde.
- ACT score of 19 or above achieved within five years of the date of application to Concorde.
- All applicants, including reentry students and former graduates, are exempt from Wonderlic SLE testing if they can provide official proof of earning an Associate's or higher degree that was taught in the English language. Applicants will still be required to take the ORA and HESI if applicable.
- Official proof of successfully passing the Wonderlic SLE within the last two years at the current required score.

## Clinical Programs

Prospective clinical students will sit for the Wonderlic SLE. Prospective students applying for clinical programs that lead to board exams and/or licensure who meet the initial Wonderlic SLE acceptable minimum score will be required to take the HESI. Candidates for these programs must achieve the minimum composite score to move forward in the admissions process.

Those meeting the Wonderlic SLE minimum score requirement and HESI minimum score requirement will be placed on a waitlist, if applicable. The list will be sorted high to low based on the current waitlist criteria. Students will be selected from the waitlist and notified at least two weeks to the start of the program.

## Core Programs

Prospective students will be allowed to attempt the Wonderlic SLE three times in a six-month period for a total of three attempts. All students who meet the initial Wonderlic SLE acceptable minimum score will be eligible for enrollment. After two unsuccessful attempts on the Wonderlic SLE, the student may attempt a third time, but this may not be on the same day, in a six-month period. All students who subsequently meet the acceptable minimum score will be eligible for enrollment.

## Nursing Program

Candidates must meet the minimum overall HESI A<sup>2</sup> assessment score listed above. In addition, candidates must meet the minimum assessment score on each of the three individual sections of the assessment. The minimum assessment score for each section is 10 points lower than the required HESI A<sup>2</sup> overall score listed above.

## Program-Specific Selective Admissions Criteria

In addition to meeting the General Admissions Requirements, applicants to the following programs must also meet the following selective criteria.

### Certification for Dental Radiographers

Applicants must provide documentation showing at least three months of continuous experience assisting in radiology under the direct supervision of a licensed Dentist. This training must have occurred within the previous 12 months. Applicants must be currently working for a Dentist and provide proper documentation that establishes their current position.

### Expanded Duties for Dental Auxiliary Personnel

Applicants must submit documentation showing completion of one year of experience as a Dental Assistant under the direct supervision of a licensed Dentist. Applicants must be currently working for a Dentist and have documentation that establishes their current position. Applicants may substitute the one year of experience required by submitting proper documentation showing completion of an accredited Dental Assisting program.

### Nursing

The Nursing program requires a criminal background check and an interview with the Program Director for admission. See the "Criminal Background Check" section in this catalog for details. The Program Director interview takes into consideration previous academic performance, healthcare experience, and overall professional presentation. The outcome of the Program Director interview is considered in ranking applicants.

## Pharmacy Technician

The Pharmacy Technician program requires a criminal background check for admission. See the "Criminal Background Check" section in this catalog for details.

## Physical Therapist Assistant

The Physical Therapist Assistant program requires a criminal background check and an interview with the Program Director for admission. See the "Criminal Background Check" section in this catalog for details. The Program Director interview takes into consideration previous academic performance, healthcare experience, and overall professional presentation. The outcome of the Program Director interview is considered in ranking applicants.

## Respiratory Therapy

The Respiratory Therapy program requires a criminal background check and an interview with the Program Director for admission. See the "Criminal Background Check" section in this catalog for details. The Program Director interview takes into consideration previous academic performance, healthcare experience, and overall professional presentation. The outcome of the Program Director interview is considered in ranking applicants.

## Surgical Technologist

The Surgical Technologist program requires a criminal background check and an interview with the Program Director for admission. See the "Criminal Background Check" section in this catalog for details. The Program Director interview takes into consideration previous academic performance, healthcare experience, and overall professional presentation. The outcome of the Program Director interview is considered in ranking applicants.

## Readmission

It is Concorde's policy to encourage previously withdrawn students to return to school to complete their education.

Students must meet all entrance requirements in place at the time of readmission. The reentry process requires review and approval of the student's financial status, financial aid eligibility (when applicable), completion of enrollment agreement, collection and review of official transcripts, as well as prior academic performance and any other documentation required by the program the student is reentering. Students may be required to demonstrate skill competency prior to readmission. Readmission is contingent upon space availability and requires final approval of the Campus President. Returning students will be enrolled into the program curriculum in place at time of reentry; exceptions may apply for students who are withdrawn in good standing. Students who are dismissed from the program are not eligible for readmission.

## Criminal Background Check

It is Concorde's policy to ensure that enrolling students are aware of the potential effect and consequences of past criminal behaviors. Externship/clinical sites, employers or state/national licensing agencies have requirements that could prevent a student from completing the program or finding employment in his/her chosen field. Consent to perform a criminal background check must be completed and received as part of the admissions process. Results will be evaluated immediately upon receipt, but no later than the add/drop period. Convictions, guilty pleas or nolo contendere pleas for certain drug-related, fraud-based, or other serious crimes will disqualify a prospective student from remaining actively enrolled: s/he will be unregistered from all courses and the Institution without incurring academic

or financial penalty. A listing of the specific offenses that are considered can be obtained from the Institution.

If a potential applicant believes that the results of the background check are incorrect, the Institution will provide the student with the contact information to appeal the Institution's decision. However, the application process will not move forward until the appeal is complete, and the student may need to reapply for a future class if the appeal is accepted.

Many states, employers, and agencies impose restrictions on the employment, registration, licensure, or certification of workers with certain criminal convictions. Facilities and institutions that accept Concorde students for clinical rotation and/or externships, as well as potential employers, may require an additional criminal and/or personal background check and may reject a student based on criteria different from those applied to the student during the enrollment process.

Additionally, some agencies and employers may require candidates to submit to a drug screening test. Students with criminal records that include felonies or misdemeanors (including those that are drug-related) or personal background issues such as bankruptcy might not be accepted by these agencies for clinical assignments, externship or employment following completion of the program. Employment and externship decisions are outside the control of the Institution.

Concorde cannot guarantee clinical rotation and/or externship placements for individuals with criminal, drug-related, or personal background histories that preclude them from working in a professional setting.

Applicants who have questions regarding how these issues may affect their clinical/externship placement or potential future employment should discuss this matter with a school official prior to beginning their program.

## Drug Testing

Externship and clinical facilities may require the school to follow drug-screening requirements, including unannounced testing, prior to working with patients. We reserve the right to random drug testing anytime throughout the program. Test results are confidential, and results are on a pass/fail basis. Students failing the screening will immediately be dismissed from the school and are not eligible for readmission. A student may request a retest, at his or her own expense, if he or she believes it was a false positive by submitting to a retest, consisting of an observed urine test, within 24 hours at a facility directed by Concorde. If the retest is negative, the student may continue in school. Diluted, adulterated, and/or substituted readings will be considered "flagged" and will be considered a failed test.

Students should be advised that Concorde is governed by federal law in matters regarding the possession and use of controlled or illegal substances. As referenced in the Drug & Alcohol Abuse Policy outlined in this catalog, the possession or use of amphetamines, cocaine, marijuana, opiates, and phencyclidine are illegal under federal law.

Concorde does not accommodate student requests to be exempt from placement at clinical/extern sites that require drug testing.

Pharmacy Technician students will be drug-screened during the admissions process. This information will be used to make appropriate decisions regarding acceptance to the program. Acceptable drug-screen results must be received within the first five class days. A prospective student may have his or her enrollment cancelled based upon the results of the drug screen. Students who have their enrollments cancelled will not incur any tuition charges.

The medical use of marijuana by a qualifying patient or personal caregiver is not subject to criminal or civil liability or sanctions under Florida law. Nothing under the Florida Medical Marijuana Use and Possession law affects or repeals laws relating to non-medical use, possession, production, or the sale of marijuana. While medical marijuana is available in Florida, federal law making its use illegal remains unchanged.

## Articulation Partnerships for

### Concorde – Florida

Concorde is proud to partner with a growing list of other institutions of higher education. Articulation partners allow students to continue pursuing their education by transferring credits earned at Concorde. Transfer of credit and program availability varies by each articulation partner.

Credits that transfer to an institution are done so on an individual course basis. Please contact the Academics or Student Affairs team for details.

### Articulation (Partnership) Agreements

Chamberlain College of Nursing

Colorado Technical University

Denver School of Nursing

Grand Canyon University

Grantham University

Independence University

Minnesota State University-Mankato

National American University

Park University

United States University

University of Phoenix

## Veterans Administration Students

Students applying for veteran's benefits must report all previous education and training. The school will evaluate any previous postsecondary transcripts to determine appropriate credit. The veteran and Veterans Administration will be notified of any reduction in training time or tuition.

## Statement of Nondiscrimination

No person shall be excluded from participation, denied any benefits, or subjected to any form of discrimination based on race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, disability, or any other factor protected by law.

# Programs of Study

## Dental Assistant

Diploma Program  
795 Contact Hours  
26.00 Semester Credits  
30 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

### Program Overview

The Dental Assistant program provides students with sufficient theoretical knowledge and practical skills to perform efficiently in a professional capacity in an entry-level position. This program includes courses covering management skills, appointment scheduling, laboratory procedures, maintenance of patient records, chairside assistance, instructing patients in proper oral hygiene, and assisting in the selection, placement, and removal of rubber dam, sutures, and periodontal packs.

### Program Objectives

- To provide a learning atmosphere that is similar to an actual working atmosphere.
- To provide experience in the clinical area to correlate with classroom instruction.
- To provide the education and skills needed to pass a national registry exam, if needed.
- To instill in the student a sense of professionalism in behavior, attitude, and dress.

Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

*Georgia residents who graduate from the program and practice in Georgia will not be permitted to practice some duties taught in the program due to differences in scope of practice for Dental Assistants in Georgia. Students are encouraged to request a copy of the current laws/rules governing the practice of dentistry in the state of Georgia.*

### Skills Proficiency

Students must be able to perform certain skills to work as a Dental Assistant. These skills are learned in the lab portion of the program. The classroom portion of the program is divided into one-half lecture and theory and one-half lab, which is where practical application of theory is performed. The instructor evaluates every lab experiment or practical work. Hands-on instruction with the actual tools of the trade facilitates the transfer from theory to practice. Students will perform certain activities on each other. All students must participate. All students must take and pass a clinical skills test before being released for their externship.

### CPR Certification

To be eligible for American Heart Association (AHA) certification, students must attend all scheduled hours of CPR lecture and pass practical checkoffs and a written exam. A student who is tardy or misses a lecture must repeat the lecture, even if the student passes the checkoffs and written exam. If CPR is offered during another shift in the same term, the student may attend that lecture. If not offered during that term, the student will receive an incomplete for the course until the lecture is repeated. AHA requires that students pass the CPR written test with a grade of at least 84 percent. If below 84 percent, they may retake the exam once. The original test score will be used to calculate the course grade. If the test is retaken and failed a second time, the student must repeat the entire course of CPR instruction. If a student is absent for the entire course, it is his or her responsibility to contact the instructor to find an appropriate session or class to attend. If the student does not do so, he or she may not graduate.

### State Certification

The Florida State Board of Dentistry will issue a certificate for dental radiographer after three months of continuous on-the-job training, assisting in the positioning and exposing of dental radiographic film under the direct supervision of a state-licensed Dentist.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Externship Hours	Semester Credit Hours
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CPSO1001*	Career Path Success A	15			0.50
CPSO1002*	Career Path Success B	15			0.50
CPSO1003*	Career Path Success C	15			0.50
CPSO1004*	Career Path Success D	15			0.50
CPSO1005*	Career Path Success E	15			0.50
CPSO1006*	Career Path Success F	15			0.50
DNTA1331	Introduction to Dental Assisting and Dental Terminology	40	40		3.00
DNTA1333	Dental Specialties	40	40		3.00
DNTA1335	Materials and Procedures	40	40		3.00
DNTA1337	Patient Care and Management	40	40		3.00
DNTA1339	Diagnostics and Orthodontics	40	40		3.00
DNTA1341	Dental Radiology	40	40		3.00
DNTA1348	Externship			225	5.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>26.00</b>

\* These courses are offered online.



# Certification for Dental Radiographers

*Program offered at Miramar*

## Course Objective

To prepare the student with sufficient theoretical knowledge to safely operate dental radiography equipment and pass the Florida State Board of Dentistry approved certification examination.

Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

## Course Descriptions

The course of study involves the fundamentals of Dental Radiography, safety, intra-oral radiography basics, the bisecting technique, the paralleling technique, extra-oral radiography, dental film types, and film processing.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Participants are required to pass clinical or written examination(s), which adequately test competency in each subject area. Participants must obtain an average score of at least 70 percent out of a possible 100 percent on each exam.

Total Weeks: 2

Theory Hours: 8

A certificate is issued upon successful completion of the course.

This program has been approved by the Florida Department of Health. It is not licensed by the Florida Department of Education, Commission for Independent Education or approved by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). This program is a continuing education program for Dental Assistant personnel.

## Expanded Duties for Dental Auxiliary Personnel

*Program offered at Miramar*

### Course Objective

To prepare students with sufficient theoretical knowledge and specialized skills to enable them to perform additional functions in assisting the Dentist.

### Course Descriptions

The course of study involves coronal polishing, alginate impressions, application and removal of periodontal dressing, sealant placement, base, liner and temporary restoration placement, matrice and wedge placement, amalgam polishing, rubber dam placement, and removal and fabrication of temporary crowns.

### Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

Participants are required to pass clinical or written examinations that adequately test competency in each subject. Participants must obtain an average score of at least 70 percent out of a possible score of 100 percent on each exam.

Total Weeks: 2

Total Clock Hours: 32

Theory Hours: 14

Lab Hours: 18

A certificate is issued upon successful completion of the course.

This program has been approved by the Florida Department of Health. It is not licensed by the Florida Department of Education, Commission for Independent Education or approved by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC). This program is a continuing education program for Dental Assistant personnel.

## Medical Assistant

Diploma Program  
795 Contact Hours  
26.00 Semester Credits  
30 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

### Program Overview

Whether in a physician's office, a clinic, or hospital-owned physician network, the Medical Assistant performs many services on the physician's behalf. These may include admissions work, preparing the patient for examination or treatment, operating diagnostic equipment, and performing diagnostic procedures. The Medical Assistant is also responsible for the patient's medical records and insurance forms as well as for scheduling appointments and maintaining medical records for the physician.

### Program Objectives

Upon completion of the Medical Assistant program, the student will possess the knowledge and skills required in the areas of anatomy, physiology, pathology, the body systems, medical terminology, medical front office procedures, venipuncture, laboratory diagnostic procedures, EKG, and administration of parenteral medications to function successfully in an entry-level position as a Medical Assistant in a clinic or physician's office.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Externship Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1001*	Career Path Success A	15			0.50
CPSO1002*	Career Path Success B	15			0.50
CPSO1003*	Career Path Success C	15			0.50
CPSO1004*	Career Path Success D	15			0.50
CPSO1005*	Career Path Success E	15			0.50
CPSO1006*	Career Path Success F	15			0.50
MDCA1312	Medical Assisting A	40	40		3.00
MDCA1322	Medical Assisting B	40	40		3.00
MDCA1332	Medical Assisting C	40	40		3.00
MDCA1342	Medical Assisting D	40	40		3.00
MDCA1352	Medical Assisting E	40	40		3.00
MDCA1362	Medical Assisting F	40	40		3.00
MDCA1573	Externship			225	5.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>26.00</b>

\*These courses are offered online.

# Medical Office Administration

Diploma Program  
795 Contact Hours  
26.00 Semester Credits  
30 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

Program offered at Miramar

## Program Overview

The Medical Office Administration (MOA) program is a generalist program that equips graduates with the skills necessary to function in a wide range of medical office, business, and financial settings. Specific skills include accounts receivable and payable, billing and fee collection, payroll and taxes, records management, insurance claims processing, insurance coding, typing and word processing, medical terminology, anatomy, oral and written communications, and public relations.

## Program Purpose

The purpose is to provide sufficient theoretical knowledge and practical skills to function successfully in entry-level positions. It prepares students for the American Academy of Professional Coders certification test. Students focus on computer skills, medical terminology, anatomy and physiology, medical office procedures, psychosocial skills, office procedures, insurance, and ancillary coding procedures with continuous practice in school labs, plus an intensive externship with a participating provider.

Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

## Program Objectives

- To prepare students with sufficient theoretical knowledge to secure entry-level employment in medical office positions.
- To provide a learning atmosphere that is similar to an actual working atmosphere and experience in the clinical area to correlate with classroom instruction.
- To instill a sense of professionalism in behavior, attitude, and dress and foster a basic work ethic that will enhance professionalism and skills in work performance.

## Skills Proficiency

Students must perform certain skills to work in a medical office position and be proficient in program work. Keyboarding/10-key lessons are designed to enable the student to perform at an acceptable rate. Hands-on instruction with tools of the trade facilitates the transfer from theory to practice. All students must participate.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Externship Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1001*	Career Path Success A	15			0.50
CPSO1002*	Career Path Success B	15			0.50
CPSO1003*	Career Path Success C	15			0.50
CPSO1004*	Career Path Success D	15			0.50
CPSO1005*	Career Path Success E	15			0.50
CPSO1006*	Career Path Success F	15			0.50
POFM1311	Medical Office Procedures	40	40		3.00
POFM1321	Computer Applications	40	40		3.00
POFM1331	Medical Terminology & Communications	40	40		3.00
POFM1341	Medical Insurance Claims Processing	40	40		3.00
POFM1351	Medical Insurance Coding	40	40		3.00
POFM1361	Medical Office Applications	40	40		3.00
POFM1571	Externship			225	5.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>26.00</b>

\* These courses are offered online.

# Nursing

Associate in Science Degree Program  
1,503 Contact Hours  
68.00 Semester Credits  
71 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

## Program Overview

The Nursing program prepares students for entry-level, Registered Nurse positions. Successful completion of the Nursing program leads to the award of an Associate in Science degree and permits the graduate to apply to take the National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses® (NCLEX-RN) and to the State Board of Nursing for licensure. Licensure may be denied by the Board of Nursing for reasons that include, but are not limited to, fraud/deceit in making application, felony or misdemeanor convictions, issues with drugs or alcohol, or charges pending in any state.

Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

## Program Mission

The mission of the Associate in Science in Nursing program is to prepare competent, safe nurses who possess sound ethical principles and collaborate with the healthcare team to provide caring services to clients and families.

## Program Philosophy

### Nursing

Nursing is an art and a science as a practice discipline that provides ethical, holistic, and compassionate care to diverse individuals in a variety of settings. Nursing care, the outcome of practice, is founded on the nursing process, which encompasses assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation, and evaluation. Nursing involves professional accountability while delivering competent, culturally sensitive nursing care with clients and groups.

### Wellness

Nursing works with individuals, families and communities to prevent and treat illnesses, promote and maintain health and improve quality of life.

### Person

Nursing views each individual as unique with value and dignity.

Nursing views education as a lifelong process that starts with undergraduate studies and continues with professional development and education.

### Environment

Nursing responds to healthcare's dynamic internal and external forces that affect individuals and groups.

## End of Program Student Learning Outcomes

1. Provide safe, compassionate and competent nursing care to patients and families from diverse backgrounds across the lifespan in a variety of healthcare settings.
2. Collaborate with members of the interprofessional healthcare team to manage and coordinate the provision of safe, quality care for patients and families.
3. Utilize the nursing process, best current evidence, critical thinking and patient/family input to promote health and achieve optimal patient outcomes.
4. Communicate effectively through verbal, nonverbal and technological methods with patients, families and members of the interprofessional healthcare team.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
MATH1320*	College Algebra	45			3.00
COMM1310*	Elements of Human Communication	45			3.00
PSYC1310*	General Psychology	45			3.00



PSYC1320*	Human Growth & Development	45			3.00
BIOL1111*	Anatomy & Physiology I VLab		30		1.00
BIOL1121*	Anatomy & Physiology II VLab		30		1.00
BIOL1310*	Anatomy & Physiology I	45			3.00
BIOL1320*	Anatomy & Physiology II	45			3.00
BIOL1330*	Microbiology	45			3.00
ENGL1310*	English Composition I	45			3.00
NRSG1210***	Pharmacology	35	15		2.50
NRSG1332	Mental and Behavioral Health Nursing	30		45	3.00
NRSG1640**/**	Adult Health Nursing I	45		135	6.00
NRSG1650	Adult Health Nursing II	45		135	6.00
NRSG1730**	Foundations of Nursing Practice	60	60	45	7.00
NRSG2360	Health Assessment Across the Lifespan	30	30		3.00
NRSG2410	Nursing Care of Childbearing and Childrearing Families	45		45	4.00
NRSG2470	Transition to Professional Practice	58		90	5.50
NRSG2570	Multisystem Disorders	45		90	5.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>68.00</b>
NRSG1230**	Practical to Professional Nursing Bridge	30			2.00

\*These courses are offered online.

\*\* Transfer Credit Option for LPN/LVN Applicants

An applicant who has passed the NCLEX-PN exam, holds an active, unrestricted Practical or Vocational Nursing license, and who graduated from their PN/VN program less than two years prior to the anticipated start date of the Nursing program, may be eligible for transfer credit. This transfer credit can shorten a student's anticipated time to graduation by up to ten weeks. During the enrollment process, the applicant must successfully complete a nursing skills assessment as well as a Foundations Specialty exam with a score of 850 or better on the first attempt. Upon successful achievement of both, the student will be scheduled for the "NRSG1030 Practical to Professional Nursing Transition" course. Upon passing NRSG1030, the student will be awarded transfer credit for: NRSG1730 and NRSG1640.

\*\*\*These courses include instruction on HIV/AIDS training to include an introduction, drugs and patient care.

# Occupational Therapy Assistant

Associate in Science Degree Program  
1,915 Contact Hours  
81.50 Semester Credits  
80 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

## Program Overview

Occupational Therapy Practitioners work with clients of all ages and diagnoses. The goal of occupational therapy intervention is to increase the ability of the client to participate in everyday activities, including feeding, dressing, bathing, leisure, work, education, and social participation. The Occupational Therapy Practitioner interacts with a client to assess existing performance, set therapeutic goals, develop a plan, and implement intervention to enable the client to function better in his or her world. Occupational Therapy Assistants provide quality occupational therapy services to assigned individuals under the supervision of a registered Occupational Therapist. Occupational Therapy Practitioners work in hospitals, clinics, schools, client homes, community settings, even prisons. Acute-care settings provide care immediately after trauma and typically involve short hospital stays. Rehabilitation settings provide longer-term care and intensive therapy from a variety of professionals. Occupational Therapy Practitioners consult with other team members, who may include physicians, physical or speech therapists, social workers, nutritionists, case managers, nurses, educators, and family members. Some practitioners consult or work in the workplace or in specialty settings, such as assistive technology centers. Occupational Therapy Assistant graduates from an educational program accredited by the Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE) of the American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) are eligible to sit for the National Board for Certification in Occupational Therapy (NBCOT) OTA Certification Examination. After successful completion of the NBCOT examination for the Occupational Therapy Assistant, the graduate will be a Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA). Licensure is required within the state where the COTA will practice. In addition, most states require licensure in order to practice; however, state licenses are usually based on the results of the NBCOT (OTA) Certification Examination. Note that a felony conviction may affect a graduate's ability to sit for the NBCOT (OTA) Certification Examination or to attain state licensure.

Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

## Program Objectives

The purpose of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program is to graduate knowledgeable, competent, self-assured, adaptable, and service-oriented patient/client care providers. Occupational Therapy Assistant education prepares the graduate to perform holistic therapeutic interventions to address the physical and mental rehabilitation of the whole person. Students will be trained to work under the direction, supervision, and collaboration of the Occupational Therapist in an ethical, legal, safe, and effective manner. Students are trained to complete selected components of data collection and assessment of the patients'/clients' daily occupations as well as their safety and response to the intervention. Students will be prepared to provide complete therapeutic interventions to address numerous conditions and disabilities for various populations. Graduates are prepared to work not only with the patient/client but also interact with members of the patient's/client's family and caregivers to provide the most comprehensive therapeutic experience possible. Graduates are prepared to participate with the Occupational Therapist in providing physical and psychosocial support for patients/clients and their families and caregivers with recognition of individual, cultural, and economic differences. Graduates will be equipped to work as productive members of the healthcare delivery team, by communicating, educating and interacting cooperatively with other healthcare providers.

## Program Mission

The Occupational Therapy Assistant program is dedicated to providing a supportive learning environment. At Concorde, the student can acquire theoretical knowledge, technical skills, and professional behaviors that provide graduates with the expertise needed to practice in settings where occupational therapy is currently established and where it is emerging as a service. The program is committed to quality performance, continuous improvement, and student-centered support. In working with professional organizations, regulatory agencies, and the community, information is gathered to maintain the highest practical and clinical standards.

The faculty, equipment, facilities, and fieldwork sites reflect the quality of education that will be provided, along with the organization's commitment to the profession. Program and student outcomes have been established that reflect the mission and vision of both Concorde Career Institute and the Occupational Therapy Assistant program as outlined by ACOTE of AOTA. Upon completion of the Occupational Therapy Assistant program, graduates will have met the established student outcomes and demonstrated competency and proficiency in appropriate knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed for entry-level practice.

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education (ACOTE): 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814-3449; ACOTE c/o AOTA: 301-652-AOTA; [www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org); email: [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
MATH Elective*	MATH1310: Contemporary Mathematics or MATH1320: College Algebra	45			3.00
ENGL1310*	English Composition I	45			3.00
COMM1310*	Elements of Human Communication	45			3.00
PSYC1310*	General Psychology	45			3.00
PSYC1320*	Human Growth & Development	45			3.00
SOCI1310*	Introduction to Sociology	45			3.00
BIOL1310*	Anatomy & Physiology I	45			3.00
BIOL1320*	Anatomy & Physiology II	45			3.00
OTAP1140	Occupational Analysis & Therapeutic Media	15			1.00
OTAP1145	Occupational Analysis & Therapeutic Media Lab		30		1.00
OTAP1150	Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics Lab		30		1.00
OTAP1210	Foundations of Occupational Therapy	30			2.00
OTAP1220	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Practice Lab		60		2.00
OTAP1230	Applied Kinesiology for OTAs Lab		60		2.00
OTAP1250	Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics	30			2.00
OTAP1320	Psychosocial Occupational Therapy	45			3.00
OTAP1330	Applied Kinesiology for OTAs	45			3.00
OTAP1340	Clinical Conditions I	52.50			3.50
OTAP1350	Clinical Conditions II	52.50			3.50
OTAP1360	Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction	45			3.00
OTAP1365	Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction Lab		90		3.00
OTAP2110	Fieldwork Seminar	30			2.00
OTAP2120	Occupational Therapy Concepts	15			1.00
OTAP2125	Occupational Therapy Concepts Lab		30		1.00
OTAP2210	Occupational Therapy in Emerging and Specialty Areas of Practice Lab		60		2.00
OTAP2215	Fieldwork Level I Clinical			120	2.50
OTAP2230	Occupational Therapy Transitions	30			2.00
OTAP2310	Occupational Therapy in Emerging and Specialty Areas of Practice	45			3.00
OTAP2720	Fieldwork Level II Clinical A			320	7.00
OTAP2730	Fieldwork Level II Clinical B			320	7.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>795</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>760</b>	<b>81.50</b>

*\*These courses are offered online.*

# Pharmacy Technician

Diploma Program  
 752 Contact Hours  
 23.00 Semester Credits  
 24 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

## Program Overview

A properly trained Pharmacy Technician is a valuable asset in hospital, home healthcare, and retail environments. The Pharmacy Technician quite often assumes a central role in the compounding and delivery of drug products and in maintaining records. The Pharmacy Technician acts as an intermediary between the doctor and the pharmacist and between the pharmacist and the patient. Pharmacy Technicians play an important role in an area where accuracy and responsibility combined with compassion and empathy are of paramount importance. This is a hybrid program where all theory hours are taught online and laboratory classes are taught on campus.

Students may be required by the home campus to attend remediation or tutoring outside of scheduled program hours. Any additional hours will assist the student toward successful academic progress and competencies. Additional time does not replace absences.

Performing math functions competently is essential to safety and accuracy in pharmacy practice. Therefore, achieving competency in math is integrated into the program requiring students to demonstrate progress in math competencies consistently and at regular intervals. The home campus may make the determination to require tutoring, remediation, or further actions, up to and including course repeat or withdrawal to ensure math competencies are met prior to graduation.

## Program Mission

The mission of the Pharmacy Technician program is to equip students with the necessary practical skills and theoretical knowledge to be successful in an entry-level position as a Pharmacy Technician. The program prepares graduates to sit for the Pharmacy Technician Certification Examination. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Externship Hours	Semester Credit Hours
CPSO1001*	Career Path Success A	15			0.50
CPSO1002*	Career Path Success B	15			0.50
CPSO1003*	Career Path Success C	15			0.50
CPSO1004*	Career Path Success D	15			0.50
PHAR1110	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice Lab		48		1.50
PHAR1120	Pharmacology I Lab		48		1.50
PHAR1130	Pharmacology II Lab		48		1.50
PHAR1140	Compounding and Aseptic Techniques Lab		48		1.50
PHAR1210*	Introduction to Pharmacy Practice	45			2.00
PHAR1220*	Pharmacology I	45			2.00
PHAR1230*	Pharmacology II	45			2.00
PHAR1240*	Compounding and Aseptic Techniques	45			2.00
PHAR1350	Externship I			160	3.50
PHAR1360	Externship II			160	3.50
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>23.00</b>

\* These courses are offered online.



# Physical Therapist Assistant

Associate in Science Degree Program  
1,845 Contact Hours  
78.00 Semester Credits  
80 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

*Program offered at Miramar*

## Program Overview

Physical Therapist Assistants (PTA) provide physical therapy services under the direction and supervision of a licensed Physical Therapist. The PTA implements the Physical Therapist's plan of care, assessing patient status and modifying selected interventions to progress and protect the safety and comfort of the patient. The PTA helps people of all ages who have impairments that limit movement, function, work and recreational activities. The PTA works in a variety of settings, including hospitals, inpatient rehabilitation facilities, private practices, outpatient clinics, home health, skilled nursing facilities, schools, sports facilities, and more. The PTA provides a variety of physical therapy techniques as they carry out the Physical Therapist's plan of care for the patient, including therapeutic exercise, functional training, soft tissue mobilization, and physical modalities, such as electrotherapy and ultrasound. The PTA may also assist the Physical Therapist in injury prevention, fitness, and wellness-oriented programs for a healthier and a more active lifestyle. To work as a PTA, an individual must graduate from a PTA program accredited by the Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education (CAPTE), must apply and be accepted as a licensed/certified PTA applicant, and must pass the National Physical Therapist Assistant Examination (NPTAE) and, if required by the state, the state jurisprudence examination. Other requirements vary from state to state, according to physical therapy practice acts or state regulations governing physical therapy.

Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

## Program Objectives

The objective of the program is to graduate PTAs who are knowledgeable, competent, and service-oriented care providers. The PTA curriculum will reflect current practice and include real-world clinical experiences, preparing the graduate to perform selected interventions and data collection, as well as assess the patient's/client's safety and response to interventions. These skills will be performed by the assistant under the direction and supervision of the Physical Therapist in an ethical, legal, safe, and effective manner. In all work activities, program graduates will recognize, respect, and act with consideration for individual differences, values, preferences, and expressed needs. Additionally, PTA graduates will effectively communicate with other members of the healthcare delivery team, interact with members of the patient's/client's family and caregivers, and work cooperatively with other healthcare providers. In collaboration with the Physical Therapist, PTA graduates will participate in the education of other healthcare providers, patients/clients and their families or primary caregivers, as well as the community.

## Program Mission

In keeping with the mission of Concorde, the PTA program will provide a student-centered learning environment that will prepare knowledgeable, competent and caring individuals for a rewarding career as a PTA. Through diverse training in the classroom and laboratory as well as real-world experiences, PTA students will acquire the theoretical knowledge, technical skills, critical reasoning, and professional behaviors necessary to become contributing and collaborative members of the healthcare profession. The program is dedicated to graduating entry-level PTAs who will utilize evidence-based, current practice to best meet the diverse needs of employers and citizens, while providing quality patient care under the direction and supervision of a Physical Therapist. Ultimately, the program strives to instill professional commitment, community involvement, and lifelong learning that will continually enhance the career of the PTA.

## Skill Competency

The Physical Therapist Assistant program has a unique testing policy that ensures student competency of skills necessary to progress in the program. See the Physical Therapist Assistant Student Handbook for the Minimum Competence & Program Continuation policies.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
BIOL1310*	Anatomy & Physiology I	45			3.00
BIOL1320*	Anatomy & Physiology II	45			3.00
ENGL1310*	English Composition I	45			3.00
COMM1310*	Elements of Human Communication	45			3.00
PSYC1310*	General Psychology	45			3.00
PSYC1320*	Human Growth & Development	45			3.00
MATH	MATH1310: Contemporary Mathematics or	45			3.00
Elective*	MATH1320: College Algebra				
PTAP1201	Functional & Applied Anatomy Lab		60		2.00
PTAP1210	Patient Care Skills	30			2.00
PTAP1211	Patient Care Skills Lab		60		2.00
PTAP1221	Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Lab		60		2.00
PTAP1240	Modalities	30			2.00
PTAP1241	Modalities Lab		45		1.50
PTAP1300	Introduction to Physical Therapy	45			3.00
PTAP1320	Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation	45			3.00
PTAP1350	Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant	45			3.00
PTAP1400	Functional & Applied Anatomy	60			4.00
PTAP2121	Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Lab		30		1.00
PTAP2131	Rehabilitation for Specialized Disorders Lab		30		1.00
PTAP2201	Neuromuscular Rehabilitation Lab		75		2.50
PTAP2210	Rehabilitation Through the Lifespan	30			2.00
PTAP2220	Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation	30			2.00
PTAP2230	Rehabilitation for Specialized Disorders	30			2.00
PTAP2340	Special Topics for the Physical Therapist Assistant	45			3.00
PTAP2400	Neuromuscular Rehabilitation	60			4.00
PTAP2525	Clinical Experience I			240	5.00
PTAP2535	Clinical Experience II			240	5.00
PTAP2545	Clinical Experience III			240	5.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>720</b>	<b>78.00</b>

\* These courses are offered online.

# Respiratory Therapy

Associate in Science Degree Program  
1,865 Contact Hours  
76.00 Semester Credits  
70 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

## Program Overview

Respiratory Therapists assess, treat, and care for patients with breathing disorders. They assume primary responsibility for all respiratory care modalities, including the supervision of respiratory therapy technicians. Respiratory Therapists initiate and conduct therapeutic procedures; maintain patient records; and select, assemble, check, and operate equipment. They also may serve as asthma educators, patient educators, case managers, Hyperbaric Oxygen Specialists, Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation Specialists and Sleep Specialists. Respiratory Therapists work in hospitals, clinics, skilled nursing facilities, home care, and diagnostic labs.

The Respiratory Care Practitioner (RCP) deals with patients of all ages who may be gravely injured or ill. The RCP is among the first on the medical team called to provide treatment in cardiopulmonary emergencies. The RCP also cares for patients in all aspects of their treatment and recovery. The RCP must be sensitive to the needs of those who have serious physical, mental, or psychological impairments. The RCP must also be able to cope with emergencies and work well as a member of the healthcare team.

## Program Mission

The purpose of the Respiratory Therapy program is to prepare graduates with demonstrated competence in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains of respiratory care practice as performed by Registered Respiratory Therapists (RRTs). Graduates will earn an Associate in Science degree. Graduates of this program will be eligible to sit for the Therapist Multiple-Choice Examination (TMC) of the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). If the candidate meets the RRT score on the TMC, the graduate is eligible to sit for the Clinical Simulation Examination (CSE) of the NBRC. Achieving the minimum acceptable score on the TMC will result in the candidate receiving the Certified Respiratory Therapist (CRT) credential. To receive the RRT credential, the candidate must pass the TMC, at the RRT level, and the CSE exams. Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

## Program Objectives

- To provide a learning environment that correlates well with the actual workplace and a clinical experience that correlates with classroom instruction.
- To instill in the student a sense of professional behavior, attitude, and dress consistent with medical standards.
- To provide the student with entry-level knowledge and skills in the field of respiratory care.
- To prepare students for advanced-level competency as Registered Respiratory Therapists.
- To supply competent Respiratory Therapists to the national work pool.

## Skills Proficiency

Students must be able to perform certain procedures and skills to work as Respiratory Care Practitioners. These are learned in the school's clinical laboratory and at hospital clinical sites under the direct supervision and evaluation of a preceptor. All students must participate. All students must take and pass preclinical written and oral examinations prior to advancing to the clinical portion of the program.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
ENGL1310*	English Composition I	45			3.00
BIOL1310*	Anatomy & Physiology I	45			3.00
BIOL1320*	Anatomy & Physiology II	45			3.00
BIOL1330*	Microbiology	45			3.00
PHIL1310*	Critical Thinking	45			3.00
MATH	MATH1310: Contemporary Mathematics or	45			3.00
Elective*	MATH1320: College Algebra				
PSYC1310*	General Psychology	45			3.00
COMM1310*	Elements of Human Communication	45			3.00
RT210	Introduction to & Applied Respiratory Therapeutics	180	60		12.00
RT220	Clinical Medicine I	30	30	315	10.00
RT230	Clinical Medicine II	30	30	315	10.00
RT240	Clinical Specialty Areas/Comprehensive Review	75	30	180	10.00
RT250	Advanced Clinical Practice	100	40	90	10.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>900</b>	<b>76.00</b>

\* These courses are offered online.

# Surgical Technologist

Associate in Science Degree Program  
1,625 Contact Hours  
63.50 Semester Credits  
60 Instructional Weeks – Full Time

*Program offered at Miramar*

## Program Mission

The mission of the Surgical Technologist program is to prepare graduates with the basic knowledge and fundamental practical and professional skills needed for employment as entry-level generalists in the field. The program combines academic studies in the classroom, hands-on laboratory instruction, and clinical training in various surgical settings to prepare graduates who are eligible for employment in a variety of surgical settings.

## Clinical Case Requirements

Students must complete a total of 120 surgical procedures as delineated below. Students must complete a minimum of 30 cases in General Surgery, 20 of which must be in the first scrub role. The remaining 10 cases may be performed in either the first or second scrub role. Students must complete a minimum of 90 cases in various surgical specialties, excluding General Surgery, 60 which must be performed in the first scrub role. The additional 30 cases may be performed in either the first or second scrub role. A minimum of 60 surgical specialty cases must be performed in the first scrub role and distributed amongst a minimum of four surgical specialties. A minimum of 10 cases in the first scrub role must be completed in each of the required minimum of four surgical specialties (40 cases total required). The additional 20 cases in the first scrub role may be distributed amongst any one surgical specialty or multiple surgical specialties. The remaining 30 cases may be performed in either the first or second scrub role. Observations must be documented but are not counted. Diagnostic endoscopy cases and vaginal delivery cases are not mandatory. However, up to 10 diagnostic endoscopic cases and five vaginal delivery cases can be counted toward the maximum number of second scrub role cases. Vaginal delivery cases must be documented in the category of Labor and Delivery rather than in the OB/GYN specialty. These are requirements of the Revised "Surgical Rotation Case Requirements," Core Curriculum for Surgical Technology, 6th Ed.

All student activities associated with the curriculum, especially while students are completing clinical rotations, will be educational in nature. Students will not be substituted for hired staff personnel within the clinical institution, in the capacity of a surgical technologist.

## Program Outcome

To prepare competent, entry-level Surgical Technologists in the cognitive (knowledge), psychomotor (skills), and affective (behavior) learning domains.

## Program Goals

### Cognitive Domain

The student will:

- Grasp concepts of human anatomy and physiology, pathophysiology, microbiology and infectious process and recognize his or her relationship to safe patient care;
- Understand the principles of safe patient care in the preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative settings; and
- Recognize the interdependent role of the Surgical Technologist with the other team members and ancillary services providers.

### Psychomotor Domain

The student will:

- Develop and apply fundamental surgical assisting skills through practice and evaluation in the clinical setting;
- Accurately apply the principles of asepsis across the spectrum of common surgical experiences; and
- Employ the Standard Precautions and other recognized safe practice guidelines in every surgical setting.

### Affective Domain

The student will:

- Recognize the variety of patients' needs and the impact of his or her personal, physical, emotional and cultural experiences on the rendering of patient care;
- Demonstrate professional responsibility in performance, attitude, and personal conduct; and
- Practice within the confines of the recognized scope of practice within the healthcare community to provide optimal patient care.

## Description of the Profession

The Surgical Technologist is a highly skilled and knowledgeable allied health professional who, as an essential member of the surgical team, works with surgeons, anesthesia providers, operating room nurses, and other professionals in providing safe care to the surgical patient. Surgical Technologists possess expertise in assisting surgeons in the safe and effective conduct of both major and minor surgical procedures in several specialty services and in a variety of surgical settings.

Professional duties include aseptic technique, operating room environmental safety, equipment setup, instrumentation, preparing medications, and directly assisting in the three phases of surgical patient care: preoperative, intraoperative, and postoperative. The entry-level Surgical Technologist works in acute-care hospitals, outpatient surgery centers, surgical clinics, central sterile processing departments, birthing centers, and other healthcare settings throughout the United States.

## Program Objectives

The program is designed to prepare graduates with the basic knowledge and fundamental practical and professional skills needed for employment as entry-level generalists in the field. It combines academic studies, hands-on laboratory instruction and clinical training in various surgical settings to prepare graduates who are eligible to sit for the National Certifying Examination for Surgical Technologists as sponsored by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). The program meets Standards and Guidelines for the Accreditation of Educational Programs in Surgical Technology as established by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) and as required by the Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA). Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing this examination are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take this exam, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

Course #	Course Title	Theory Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours	Semester Credit Hours
HPRS1320*	Foundations for Health Professions	45			3.00
MATH Elective*	MATH1310: Contemporary Mathematics or MATH1320: College Algebra	45			3.00
ENGL1310*	English Composition I	45			3.00
BIOL1310*	Anatomy & Physiology I	45			3.00
BIOL1320*	Anatomy & Physiology II	45			3.00
COMM1310*	Elements of Human Communication	45			3.00
Behavioral Science Elective*	SOCI1310: Introduction to Sociology or PSYC1310: General Psychology or PSYC1320: Human Growth & Development	45			3.00
SURG1110	Surgical Technology Lab I		40		1.00
SURG1120	Surgical Technology Lab II		40		1.00
SURG1130	Surgical Technology Lab III		40		1.00
SURG1140	Surgical Technology Lab IV		40		1.00
SURG1150	Surgical Technology Lab V		40		1.00
SURG1160	Surgical Technology Lab VI		40		1.00
SURG1310	Surgical Technology Theory I	60			3.00
SURG1320	Surgical Technology Theory II	60			3.00
SURG1330	Surgical Technology Theory III	60			3.00
SURG1340	Surgical Technology Theory IV	60			3.00
SURG1350	Surgical Procedures I	60			3.00
SURG1360	Surgical Procedures II	60			3.00
SURG2150	Surgical Technology Clinical Review I	30			1.50
SURG2460	Surgical Technology Clinical Review II	80			4.00
SURG2560	Surgical Technology Clinical II			240	5.00
SURG2850	Surgical Technology Clinical I			360	8.00
	<b>Subtotals</b>	<b>785</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>63.50</b>

\* These courses are offered online.



# Financial Information

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## Financing Requirements

All students must have a financing package on file no later than the seventh calendar day of their first term. This may include but is not limited to application and confirmation of eligibility for Title IV funding, if desired; executed individual payment plan; completion of all documentation needed to secure non-Title IV funding (e.g., WIA, VA, state grant).

Concorde reserves the right to withdraw at any time any student who fails to complete their individual financing requirements or make timely payments.

## Cancellation & Refund Student's Right to Cancel

Applicants or students may cancel or terminate their enrollment at any time, in writing, before or during their training. Cancellation or termination shall occur when you give written notice to the school at the address shown on the top of the first page of your Enrollment Agreement. The written notice, if sent by mail, is effective when deposited in the mail, properly addressed, with postage prepaid.

All monies will be refunded if the school does not accept the applicant or if the Student cancels within three (3) business days (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and holidays) after signing the Enrollment Agreement and making initial payment. Cancellation after the third (3rd) business day, but before the first class, will result in a refund of all monies paid, with the exception of the application fee. Refunds will be paid by the school within 30 days after receipt of the notice of cancellation. After the expiration of the cancellation period, the school is entitled to retain the application fee.

Students who have not visited the school prior to enrollment will have the opportunity to withdraw without penalty within three (3) days following either attendance at a regularly scheduled orientation or following a tour of the school and inspection of the equipment.

## Student's Right to Withdraw

The school's policy for determining the Student's withdrawal date is the earlier of (A) the date the Student notifies the Institution of his or her withdrawal or the date specified by the student or (B) the last recorded date of class attendance by the student, as documented by the Institution, if the Student stops attending classes without notifying the Institution or (C) the date the Student violates published Institution policy that provides for the Student being withdrawn.

The Student's start date through the last date of attendance will determine the percentage of program completion, and the applicable percentage will be applied to the formula used in the refund calculation as stated below.

For students withdrawing from degree-granting programs or the Practical Nursing program, the percentage of program completion is calculated by dividing the number of weeks the Student was scheduled to attend in the period of enrollment or payment period as of the last recorded day of attendance into the number of weeks comprising the period of enrollment or payment period for which the Student has been charged.

For students withdrawing from diploma programs, the percentage of program completion is calculated by dividing the number of hours the

Student was scheduled to attend in the period of enrollment or payment period as of the last recorded day of attendance into the number of hours comprising the period of enrollment or payment period for which the Student has been charged.

## Refund Policy

Refunds are made for a student who withdraws or is withdrawn from the Institution prior to the completion of his/her program and are based on the tuition billed for the payment period or period of enrollment in which the Student withdraws, according to the Refund Calculation set forth below. Refunds will be based on the total charge incurred by the Student at the time of withdrawal, not the amount the Student has actually paid. When a Student withdraws from the institution, s/he must complete a student withdrawal form with the Institution's Registrar/Student Records Manager. The date from which refunds will be determined is the last date of recorded attendance. Refunds will be made within 30 calendar days of the notification of an official withdrawal or date of determination of withdrawal by the Institution. Students who withdraw, or are withdrawn prior to the end of the payment period or period of enrollment are subject to the Return of Title IV Funds Policy noted below which may increase their balance due to the Institution. If there is a balance due to the Institution after all Title IV funds have been returned, this balance will be due immediately, unless a cash payment agreement for this balance has been approved by the Institution. Concorde does not refund charges for books issued to the Student unless the books are returned in new and unused condition within 14 calendar days following the date of receipt or Student withdrawal. Credit balances due to the Student of less than \$5 (after all Title IV refunds have been made) will not be refunded unless requested by the Student.

## Refund Calculation

The schedule of refunds for students who withdraw after starting school, or are dismissed by the Institution, will be computed as follows:

- If a first-time student withdraws within the first twenty-one (21) calendar days of his or her program of study, no tuition charges will be incurred.
  - A first-time student is defined as one who has not previously attended the Institution.
- If a student withdraws after the first twenty-one (21) calendar days, but prior to the 75 percent point of the period of enrollment or payment period for which he or she has been charged, the student shall be entitled to a pro rata refund of the tuition charged for the period of enrollment or payment period.
- If a student withdraws after the 75 percent point of the period of enrollment or payment period for which he or she has been charged, the student shall be obligated for the tuition charged for the entire period of enrollment or payment period and not entitled to any refund.

## Student Notifications Regarding Withdrawal and Refunds

A \$100.00 administrative fee will be assessed to any student withdrawing from school.

In case of prolonged illness or accident, death in the family, or other circumstances that make it impractical to complete the program, the Institution shall make a settlement that is reasonable and fair to both parties.

Students may repeat a course. If the Student should withdraw from the program for any reason, based on the refund policy, the hours or weeks in

attendance for repeating a course, depending on the program, will be used in the program completion percentage calculation in determining the Student's financial obligation to the Institution.

If any portion of your tuition was paid from the proceeds of a loan, the refund will be sent to the lender or to the agency that guaranteed the loan. Any amount in excess of the unpaid balance of the loan will be first used to repay any federal/state/private student financial aid program from which you received benefits, in proportion to the amount of the benefits received. Any remaining amount greater than \$5.00 will be paid to you. If there is a balance due, you will be responsible for paying that amount.

## Financial Aid Office

The Financial Aid Office is open to students during the hours posted on campus. Students are encouraged to call or visit the office if they have any questions or need assistance regarding their financial aid.

The resources of the Financial Aid Office are available to all students. Financial Aid staff members assist students in determining individual eligibility for the various aid programs and in completing the necessary applications and paperwork. To receive federal financial assistance, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress toward completion of their program as outlined in the school catalog. The Financial Aid Office is responsible for monitoring each student's academic progress to ensure continued eligibility.

## Student Responsibilities

- Students must promptly return all required applications and paperwork to the Financial Aid Office.
- If the Financial Aid Office needs to see a student, the office will contact the student personally. It is the student's responsibility to see Financial Aid when notified.
- Each student who receives a student loan is required to complete entrance and exit counseling. The Financial Aid Office will notify each student when these sessions are scheduled. If a student misses a session, it is the student's responsibility to contact the Financial Aid Office to reschedule a date.
- If a student obtains a loan to pay for an educational program, the student will be responsible for repaying the full amount of the loan plus interest, less the amount of any refund.

## Financial Aid

Concorde Career Institute participates in the United States Department of Education's Federal Student Assistance programs. These programs are available for those who qualify.

### Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant is a grant to students who qualify under the federal financial need guidelines. Application is made through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

### Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The FSEOG is a grant that the school awards to students based on financial need and the availability of funds. Application is made through the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans

Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans are low-interest loans made by the U.S. Department of Education. See Financial Aid for details.

## Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

The Federal PLUS Loan is a low-interest-rate loan available for parents of dependent, undergraduate students enrolled at least half time. Applications are available online at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

## Default

If you received a loan guaranteed by the federal or state government and you default on the loan, both of the following may occur:

1. The federal or state government or a loan guarantee agency may take action against you, including applying any income tax refund to which the person is entitled to reduce the balance owed on the loan.
2. You may not be eligible for any other federal student financial aid at another institution or other government assistance until the loan is repaid.

## Florida Bright Futures Scholarships

Florida residents who have earned a scholarship through the Florida Bright Futures program may use that award at Concorde Career Institute.

## Florida Student Assistance Grant Program

The Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG) program is a need-based program available to degree-seeking, resident, undergraduate students who demonstrate substantial financial need and are enrolled in participating postsecondary institutions. Eligibility requires students to be a Florida resident, as well as a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen. Students must also demonstrate financial need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## Alternative Financing

For those students who qualify, alternative financing is available through several lenders. Cosigners may be necessary, depending on credit history.

## Other Aid

Concorde Career Institute provides limited financing options to students who require funding beyond their federal eligibility.

## Veterans Administration Students

### Prior Credit Evaluation

All official college transcripts need to be submitted for evaluation for prior credit by the 24<sup>th</sup> week of school or by the end of the second term.

### Veterans Benefits and Transition Act of 2018

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), this school adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation & Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. This school will not:

- Prevent the student's enrollment;

- Assess a late penalty fee to the student;
- Require the student to secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny the student access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) by the first day of class;
- Provide a written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies

## Partnership Agreements

Concorde participates in business and agency agreements with outside organizations. Enrollment pursuant to these agreements is contingent on the student meeting and maintaining eligibility as defined in individual agreements.

Any student who originally enrolled with a partnership agreement will need to reverify eligibility to return if he or she is withdrawn from the program.

## Scholarships

### Kozet Boyd Memorial Scholarship

The Scholarship Foundation for Concorde Career Institute established the Kozet Boyd Memorial Scholarship to assist students who display the same values and determination that Kozet epitomized as an educator with Concorde's North Hollywood campus. These scholarships are awarded to students who have demonstrated academic discipline and strong personal values that align with Concorde's Mission Statement and Core Values.

Kozet Boyd Scholarships will be based on personal circumstances and references, and the actual amount will be based on a recommendation from the Campus President.

### Presidential Hope Scholarship

The Hope Scholarship is a need-based scholarship program to assist students with meeting the financial obligations incurred during their career training at a Concorde school. Awards are distributed on a rolling basis until the Institution's annual funding allocation has been exhausted. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

## Education Costs

A schedule of the total educational costs is in the current addendum to this catalog. Concorde will assist students in developing financial plans to pay for their education through a combination of student or family contributions, financial aid (if eligible), and finance plans. All students must sign a promissory note for direct educational costs not covered by Title IV or agency funding. All payments are the full responsibility of the student and are payable as stated in the student's Enrollment Agreement and retail installment contract if applicable.

Students may be required to make monthly payments while attending school. Payment amounts are based upon the program in which the student is enrolled and the amount of financial aid the student may be receiving.

Any change in financial situation that may affect a student's financial aid or ability to make scheduled payments must be discussed with the Financial Aid Office and the Business Office.

Failure to keep all payments current may result in withdrawal from the school.

## Return of Title IV Funds Policy

The Institution follows the federal Return of Title IV Funds Policy to determine the amount of Title IV funds the Student has received and the amount, if any, which needs to be returned at the time of withdrawal. Under current federal regulations, the amount of funds earned is calculated on a pro rata basis through 60% of the payment period or period of enrollment. After the 60% point in the payment period or period of enrollment, a Student has earned 100% of the Title IV funds. The Institution may adjust the Student's account based on any repayments of Title IV funds that the Institution was required to make.

Students who withdraw from school or are withdrawn by the school prior to completing more than 60% of their period of enrollment or payment period for degree programs (a period of time for which students receive Title IV aid) will have their Title IV eligibility recalculated based on the percentage of the period of enrollment or payment period for degree programs attended. For example, a student who withdraws completing only 30% of the period of enrollment or payment period for degree programs will have "earned" only 30% of Title IV aid. The school and/or the student must return the remaining 70%.

This policy applies to any student who withdraws or is withdrawn by Concorde Career Institute and receives financial aid from Title IV funds. The term "Title IV funds" refers to Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Subsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loans, Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS).

For purposes of the Return of Title IV Funds Policy, a student's withdrawal date is the student's last day of attendance.

Title IV aid is earned in a prorated manner on a per diem basis up to and including the 60% point in the period of enrollment or payment period for degree programs. Title IV aid is considered 100% earned after that point in time. The percentage of Title IV aid earned is calculated as:

$$\frac{\text{Number of days completed by the student*}}{\text{Number of days in the period of enrollment or payment period for degree programs*}} = \frac{\text{Percentage of period of enrollment or payment period for degree programs completed}}{\text{completed}}$$

*\*The total number of calendar days in a period of enrollment or payment period for degree programs and the number of days completed by the student will exclude any scheduled breaks of five days or more.*

The percentage of period of enrollment or payment period for degree programs completed will be the percentage of Title IV aid earned by the student. The percentage of Title IV aid unearned (i.e., amount to be returned

to the appropriate Title IV program) will be 100% less the percentage earned. Concorde Career Institute will return unearned aid from the student's account as follows:

1. Unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loans (other than PLUS loans).
2. Subsidized Direct Stafford Loans.
3. Direct PLUS Loans.
4. Federal Pell Grants for which a return of funds is required.
5. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) for which a return of funds is required.

Concorde will return the unearned aid within forty-five (45) days from the date the school determined the student withdrew.

When the total amount of unearned aid is greater than the amount returned by Concorde Career Institute from the student's account, the student is responsible for returning unearned aid to the appropriate Title IV program as follows:

1. Unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loans (other than PLUS loans).\*
2. Subsidized Direct Stafford Loans.\*
3. Direct PLUS Loans.\*
4. Federal Pell Grants for which a return of funds is required.\*\*
5. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) for which a return of funds is required.\*\*

*\* Loan amounts are returned in accordance with the terms of the promissory note.*

*\*\* Unearned federal grant amounts to be returned by the student will be reduced by 50%.*

Within thirty (30) days of the date the school determined the student withdrew, the student will be notified in writing if he or she is required to return any federal grant aid (Federal Pell or FSEOG). The student is considered to be in an overpayment status. A student who owes a federal grant overpayment remains eligible for Title IV funds for a period of forty-five (45) days from the earlier of the date the school sends a notification to the student of the overpayment or the date the school was required to notify the student of the overpayment.

If during the forty-five (45)-day period the student repays the overpayment to the school or signs a repayment agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, the student will remain eligible for further Title IV funds. If during the forty-five (45)-day period the student fails to repay the overpayment or sign a repayment agreement with the U.S. Department of Education, the student is considered to be in an overpayment status and, thus, ineligible for any additional Title IV aid until that amount is repaid.

## Refund Procedures for Non-Title IV Financial Assistance

Refunds for state aid programs and applicable third-party funding agencies (e.g., Veterans Administration, WIA, etc.) will be calculated as stated in the Cancellation & Refund provisions published in this catalog and in the student's Enrollment Agreement. Any state or third-party funding agency refund due will be calculated based on the agency contract or guidelines.

# Student Information & Affairs

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## Annual Security Report

The school publishes the policies and procedures for reporting crimes, as well as the types of crimes that have been committed on or near the campus, in the Annual Security Report. This publication is distributed annually to all students and is available at any time from a school administrator or on the school's website.

## Canceled Class Policy

When a scheduled class is canceled for unforeseen reasons (e.g., inclement weather, power outage, etc.), the class will be made up before the end of the term in which the cancellation occurred. If students are unable to attend the rescheduled class, they will be marked absent, and the Student Attendance Policy will apply.

In the event of unfavorable weather conditions, classes may be canceled at the discretion of the Campus President. Students will be notified through local television and radio stations and on social media.

## Graduate Employment

Placement services are available at any Concorde Career Institute/College, owned by Concorde Career Colleges, Inc. The Graduate Employment staff will assist students in their career search throughout and upon successful completion of studies by offering information on career opportunities, temporary assignments, résumé preparation, and guidance in interviewing techniques. Professional development seminars are conducted throughout each program to assist students in developing their interpersonal skills. The following services are included: career overview at orientation, pre- and post-interview techniques, personalized skills matching, one-on-one résumé review, career progression tips and completion certificates for professional portfolios.

Concorde does not guarantee employment for its graduates. Graduates are considered to be partners with Concorde in their career search. Graduates are expected to maintain consistent communication with their graduate employment team during their job search. This procedure keeps the school informed of a graduate's employment status and allows the school to keep the graduate current with career opportunities.

## Drug & Alcohol Abuse Policy

Concorde Career College ("Concorde") supports and endorses the Federal Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 and the Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act amendments of 1989.

The unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of alcohol or a controlled substance by an employee or student on Concorde's property or as part of any Concorde activity is prohibited. Any student or employee of Concorde found to be using, possessing, manufacturing, or distributing alcohol or controlled substances in violation of the law on Concorde property or at Concorde events shall be subject to disciplinary action. For employees, the school will take appropriate personnel action for such infractions, up to and including dismissal. Students who violate this policy will be dismissed and are not eligible for readmission.

For purposes of this policy, "conviction" means a finding of guilt (including a plea of nolo contendere) or imposition of sentence or both by any judicial body charged with the responsibility of the federal or state criminal drug statutes.

## Health Risks

Abuse of alcohol and use of drugs is harmful to one's physical, mental, and social well-being. With excessive drug use, life becomes centered on drugs to the exclusion of health, work, school, family, and general well-being. Accidents and injuries are more likely to occur if alcohol and drugs are used. Alcohol and drug users can lose resistance to disease and destroy one's health. Increasing tolerance developed by the user complicates the effects of drug use. This tolerance may be psychological, physiological, or both and may lead to greater danger of overdose.

Alcoholism takes a toll on personal finances, health, social relationships, and families. Abuse of alcohol or use of drugs may cause an individual driving a motor vehicle to injure himself or herself or others and may subject the person to criminal prosecution.

The following summarizes the effects and dangers of the major categories of drugs:

**Amphetamines:** Physical dependency, heart problems, infections, malnutrition, and death may result from continued high doses of amphetamines.

**Narcotics:** Chronic use of narcotics can cause lung damage, convulsions, respiratory paralysis, and death.

**Depressants:** These drugs, such as tranquilizers and alcohol, can produce slowed reactions, slowed heart rate, damage to liver and heart, respiratory arrest, convulsions, and accidental overdoses.

**Hallucinogens:** These drugs may cause psychosis, convulsions, coma, and psychological dependency.

## Counseling, Treatment, or Rehabilitation Programs

The administration of Concorde maintains a list of hospital and community agencies available to assist employees and students seeking alcohol and drug counseling and treatment.

Employees and students who have a substance-dependency problem are strongly encouraged to obtain counseling and treatment. Anyone seeking additional information about health problems and treatment related to alcohol and drug problems can contact the Campus President or Human Resources. Requests for assistance will be held in complete confidentiality and will be provided on a need-to-know basis only.

A student suspected of the possession, sale, manufacture, use, or distribution of a controlled substance, may be suspended from the student's program of study during the investigation and may become ineligible for continued participation in the Higher Education Act (HEA), Title IV Student Assistance Programs. If convicted, the student's relationship with Concorde will be terminated, and the student may lose the ability to participate in the HEA, Title IV Student Assistance Programs.

A student who violates any provision of this policy shall be subject to appropriate disciplinary action to include dismissal from Concorde. A student who is dismissed is not eligible for readmission.

In addition, any student or employee who violates the standards of conduct as set forth in this policy may be subject to referral for prosecution.

## Health Requirements

### Health Services

The school does not provide health services on campus other than making available immunizations at scheduled times.

- **Immunizations:** Clinical/externship sites require various vaccinations prior to participation in a clinical/externship rotation. Concorde offers these immunizations during on-campus health clinics at no cost. The immunization requirements are based on general requirements for working in a healthcare setting and may change without notice. If students are unavailable during scheduled immunization times, it is the students' responsibility to ensure compliance with immunization requirements at their own cost. If a student declines any of these immunizations, Concorde cannot guarantee placement at a clinical/externship site. In these cases, the student may be required to complete additional health facility-specific documentation, including waivers. Under no conditions can Concorde guarantee employment.
- **Health Insurance Coverage:** The externship/clinical sites do not provide health insurance coverage for students. All students are covered by accident and liability insurance policies while in school or on clinical rotation. This policy does not automatically pay for all medical expenses due to school-related accidents. It is designed to work together with the insurance the student may already have. A student is required to meet with the Program Director regarding the processing of a claim. None of the programs provide health insurance as part of the tuition fee. Health insurance is the sole responsibility of the student.
- **Health Conditions:** It is the responsibility of the student to inform the appropriate instructor(s) of any physical or mental condition that could interfere with the safety of the student and/or patient while at the externship/clinical site.

While ill, it is the responsibility of the student to notify the Program Director and the clinical site. Students are not permitted to attend class or clinical with a communicable disease.

## General Information

### Accessibility for Disabilities

The buildings are designed to be accessible to the disabled. Spaces are clearly marked and are reserved for disabled students, staff, and faculty. Cars parked in these designated areas without the proper identification will be towed.

### Cellular Phones

Students may not use cell phones for personal reasons in the classroom unless approved by the instructor.

## Commencement Ceremonies

To be considered a Concorde graduate, students are required to successfully complete all program requirements. This includes all phases of their didactic training as well as their externship and/or clinical education.

Participation in commencement ceremonies does not constitute official graduation. All requirements as stated in the school catalog must be fulfilled prior to conferment of graduate status. To be eligible to participate in the official commencement ceremonies, graduates must be current on all financial obligations at the time of commencement. (For details regarding graduation requirements, see "Graduation Requirements" in the "Academic Standards" section.)

## Community Activities

Concorde participates in community activities and encourages students to become active community members. Students are encouraged to notify the Campus President, Academic Dean or Director of Student Affairs of any upcoming activities in which they would like the school to participate.

## Customized Training

Concorde Career Institute offers customized training and technical assistance to employers on a contractual basis. Specialized curriculum and consultant services can be provided for business-specific needs.

## Day Care Services

Children are not permitted in any class, nor are they allowed on school premises while a parent or guardian is attending class. For information regarding day care services available to students at a reasonable cost, students may contact the Student Affairs department. Many area day care centers understand the need for quality care at a reasonable cost while pursuing educational goals, and the school maintains a list of those centers.

## Eating & Smoking

Students are welcome to pause, relax, eat and drink in the student lounge. Smoking, in all forms (e.g., cigarettes, e-cigarettes), and chewing tobacco are not allowed in the building. If students wish to smoke or chew tobacco, they may do so outside of the building in designated areas. Absolutely no food or beverage are allowed in the labs. Absolutely no food or beverage are allowed in the classrooms unless approved by the campus administration.

## Emergency Telephone Numbers

Each student must provide the school with one or more telephone numbers where a family member may be reached in an emergency. Only in the case of an emergency will a student be called out of class to take a telephone call.

## Institutional Information Dissemination

Federal regulation 34 CFR 668.44 requires Concorde to designate an employee or group of employees who shall be available on a full-time basis to assist enrolled or prospective students in obtaining information on the following topics:

- Financial assistance information.
- Tuition and costs, withdrawal and refund policy, academic progress, facilities, faculty, and school approvals.
- Completion and retention rate calculations.
- Institutional Security Policies.

If a student has any questions, he or she should see one of the following personnel: Campus President, Director of Admissions, Financial Aid Director or Academic Dean.



## Insurance

Concorde provides students with accident insurance that covers injuries due to an accident that occurs while attending or participating in a Concorde-supervised and sponsored activity. The policy is intended to supplement the students' own insurance, and it requires students to submit a claim to their own insurance carrier first (if they have insurance). The insurance has a \$5,000 limit on covered benefits. For clarification, students should check with the Campus President.

## International Student Services

Concorde does not admit students based on student visas because Concorde does not participate in the SEVIS program.

## Language of Instruction

All classes at Concorde are conducted in English. No English language services are provided. All students must be able to demonstrate the English language proficiency of a U.S. high school graduate.

## Lost Books & Supplies

Textbooks and curriculum materials are provided for all students; however, lost books are the student's responsibility to purchase at cost. Students will be expected to furnish such incidentals as paper, notebook, pencils and pens.

## Maximum Class Size

Classes are generally limited in size not to exceed 30 students per laboratory or lecture session. Specific programmatic requirements are addressed in the program section of this catalog.

## Parking

Parking is provided for students. Students park in the parking lot at their own risk. Concorde is not responsible for any damage or loss.

## Personal Belongings

Purses, clothes, books, etc., should not be left unattended, as the school does not assume responsibility for loss or theft.

## Personal Data Changes

Any change of name, address, email or telephone number must be reported to the Registrar's/Student Records Manager's office as soon as the change occurs. Emergency information should be kept current at all times.

## Refresher Training

Concorde offers limited refresher training to its graduates. A graduate may apply for refresher training at any Concorde Career College/Institute offering similar classes.

Graduates may be accepted for refresher training (excluding externship) on a space-available basis. The graduate must be in good standing with the Business Office. No tuition will be charged; however, there will be a fee for each class/term or partial class/term. The graduate must have or purchase current text(s), workbook(s), and/or uniform(s) as required. The graduate is required to adhere to current school policies governing attendance and dress.

## Student Affairs

Concorde associates make every effort to maintain close communication with their students. Students have access to faculty and administrative staff for both vocational and academic advising. Students experiencing personal problems that require professional advising will be referred to the appropriate agencies.

## Student Housing

While the school does not offer on-campus housing for its students, living accommodations are available within a convenient distance of the school. Students must arrange for their own housing.

## Student Injuries

Students injured while attending school, participating in a school-supervised function, or in transit to or from supervised school activities are to report immediately to the instructor who will accompany the student to the Campus President. If necessary, immediate emergency procedures will be implemented, and a member of the staff or faculty will accompany the student, in the absence of a parent, guardian, or spouse, to the appropriate medical facility. Refer to the "Insurance" section in this catalog for more information.

## Student Complaint & Grievance Policy

Students are encouraged, at all times, to communicate their concerns to members of the faculty and administration. If a situation arises in which a student has a complaint or grievance regarding grades, instruction, disciplinary actions, or other topics related to his or her program of study, the student is to adhere to the following procedure:

1. Within 72 hours: Discuss the matter with his or her instructor, if applicable. If not resolved,
2. Within the following 72 hours: Discuss the matter with the Program Director. If not resolved,
3. Within the following 72 hours: Discuss the matter with the Academic Dean,
4. Within the following 72 hours: Discuss the matter with the Campus President/Director.

If a student is still unable to resolve the issue, a written grievance statement along with supporting documentation may be submitted to the Campus President. The written statement should include the details of the student's issue, a summary of the conversations the student had with individuals while following the above procedure, and an explanation as to why the student believes the issue remains unresolved.

The Campus President will schedule a grievance committee meeting within three business days of receipt of the written grievance. Students are required to appear before the grievance committee. The Campus President will inform the student of the time and place to appear before the committee. The grievance committee has the responsibility of reaching a decision that is in balance with the best interest of both the student and the college. Students will be notified in writing within three business days of the committee's decision. Legal representation is not permitted since a grievance committee meeting is not considered a legal proceeding.

Further, students have the right to report any apparent inconsistencies with the application of the Student Complaint & Grievance Policy outlined in the school catalog. The request must be completed in writing and submitted to Concorde's Campus Support Center Student Affairs Department at: [studentaffairs@concorde.edu](mailto:studentaffairs@concorde.edu). The request must include a summary of the

student's grievance and any details and supporting documentation of the student's conversation with campus staff regarding the grievance, and it must describe how the campus' management of the grievance procedure was inconsistent with the school catalog. The Student Affairs Department will research the student's report as deemed appropriate, including requesting additional information from the student as needed, and render a final decision that is binding. The student will be notified in writing of the decision.

## Additional Student Grievance Options

### Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC)

Schools accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges must have a procedure and operational plan for handling student complaints. If a student does not feel that the school has adequately addressed a complaint or concern, the student may consider contacting the Accrediting Commission. All complaints reviewed by the Commission must be in written form and should grant permission for the Commission to forward a copy of the complaint to the school for a response. This can be accomplished by filing the ACCSC Complaint Form. The complainant(s) will be kept informed as to the status of the complaint as well as the final resolution by the Commission. Please direct all inquiries to:

Accrediting Commission of Career Schools & Colleges  
2101 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 302  
Arlington, VA 22201  
(703) 247-4212  
[www.accsc.org](http://www.accsc.org)

A copy of the ACCSC Complaint Form is available at the school and may be obtained by contacting the Campus President or online at [www.accsc.org](http://www.accsc.org).

### State of Florida

The schools are licensed by the Commission for Independent Education, Florida Department of Education. Inquiries or complaints regarding this institution may be made to the Commission at:

325 West Gaines Street, Suite 1414  
Tallahassee, FL 32399  
1-888-224-6684

A student in the Nursing or Practical Nursing programs may direct an unresolved complaint to:

Florida Department of Health  
Consumer Services  
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin C75  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-3260  
850-245-4339  
[MQA.ConsumerServices@flhealth.gov](mailto:MQA.ConsumerServices@flhealth.gov)

Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)  
3343 Peachtree Road NE, Suite 850  
Atlanta, GA 30326  
404-975-5000  
[www.acenursing.org](http://www.acenursing.org)

A student in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program may direct an unresolved complaint to:

Accreditation Council for Occupational Therapy Education  
(ACOTE)  
4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 200

Bethesda, MD 20814-3449  
ACOTE c/o AOTA: 301-652-AOTA  
[www.acoteonline.org](http://www.acoteonline.org)  
email: [accred@aota.org](mailto:accred@aota.org).

A student in the Physical Therapist Assistant program may direct an unresolved complaint to:

Commission on Accreditation in Physical Therapy Education  
1111 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
703-706-3245  
[www.capteonline.org](http://www.capteonline.org)

A student in the Respiratory Therapy program may direct unresolved complaints to:

Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care  
1248 Harwood Road  
Bedford, TX 76021  
817-283-2835  
[www.coarc.com](http://www.coarc.com)

A student in the Surgical Technologist program may direct an unresolved complaint to:

Accreditation Review Council on Education in Surgical Technology  
and Surgical Assisting (ARC/STSA)  
6 West Dry Creek Circle, Suite 110  
Littleton, CO 80120  
303-694-9262  
[www.arcstsa.org](http://www.arcstsa.org)

## Student Guidance & Advising

Concorde makes every effort to maintain close communication with its students. Students have access to faculty and administrative staff for both vocational and academic advising. Students experiencing personal problems that require professional counseling will be referred to the appropriate agencies.

Assistance is available for students who require individual tutoring in order to raise their grades to a passing level. Students who simply wish to further enhance their own clinical or theoretical knowledge may also take advantage of this service. Students should contact their instructor, Program Director, or Academic Dean for further details.

## Changes

In keeping with the school philosophy of remaining responsive to the needs of students and employers, the school reserves the right to make modifications and schedule changes without additional charges to the student and within regulatory guidelines.



# Academic Information

## Clinical Experience/Externship

Certain programs require students to serve a clinical experience/externship in the office of a physician, dentist, hospital, clinic, or long-term-care facility during, near the end or upon completion of academic training. The Director of Clinical Education (DCE)/Clinical Instructor/Extern Coordinator will arrange all clinicals/externships. The clinical/extern site is under no obligation to employ the student following completion of the clinical/externship. During the clinical experience/externship, students are given the opportunity to put their classroom and laboratory training into practical application under actual employment conditions. While on clinical/externship, the student is under the supervision of a Clinical Instructor/Extern Coordinator or school faculty. Any absence incurred during the clinical experience/externship must be reported to the Program Director, the Clinical Instructor/Extern Coordinator, DCE and the Clinical/Extern Site Supervisor/Preceptor. Clinical experience/externship must begin immediately upon assignment following classroom completion. All program and catalog requirements apply, including dress code, name tags, drug use, etc. Additionally, students must abide by the rules and regulations of the site to which they are assigned. This includes rules governing confidentiality of medical records and reports to conform to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA). While on clinical experience/externship, students must comply with the following clinical/extern regulations:

1. The school will assign students to a clinical/externship site. Students may not turn down a clinical/externship. The school cannot guarantee a particular facility or geographical location; however, Concorde will consider the student's request when making assignments. Students are not permitted to complete their clinical/externship experiences at current employers or sites where family members may have direct influence over students' clinical or externship experiences.
2. Students must work the same hours as employees at their assigned site. Some programs require 12-hour shifts and may be completed days, nights, and weekends to obtain the desired clinical skills. Depending upon state laws, a certain amount of time is required for lunch. Lunch time is not included in the total clinical/externship hours.
3. Clinical/externship is a part of the student's education. Students will not be paid and may be withdrawn from the program if the facility reports that they were asking for or receiving pay.
4. Certain clinical/extern sites may require that students be tested for drug usage and/or be checked for any criminal background prior to accepting them. In Respiratory Therapy, all hospitals require drug testing and background checks.
5. Students must meet the objectives on the clinical/externship checkoff and their midpoint evaluations. An unsatisfactory evaluation from the healthcare facility may require the student to serve an extra clinical/externship period, return to school for further training, or result in his or her withdrawal from the school. Poor performance or removal from a clinical site may result in withdrawal from the program.
6. As part of the externship requirements, students are responsible for completing and submitting forms and documents as required. Students are responsible for accurate and prompt recording of work hours as well as submitting time to the campus as instructed. Respiratory Therapy students must sign in and out using DataARC documenting software. All procedures performed must be logged in DataARC per program policy. Midterm evaluations (for programs requiring them) must be completed and submitted to the school at the halfway point of

the externship. It is the student's responsibility to ensure that the healthcare facility has completed and signed all evaluations and time verification sheets and that the Academic department has received them upon completion of his or her externship.

7. It is the student's responsibility to attend scheduled meetings, including site interviews, before and during his or her clinical/externship. Students may be required to return to the campus during their clinical/externship at the direction of their Clinical Instructor/Extern Coordinator or Program Director.
8. Students are expected to behave in a professional manner at all times. Any conduct that reflects discredit upon the student, the school, or the site will subject the student to withdrawal from the school.
9. If a student is going to be late or absent, he or she must notify the healthcare facility and the Clinical Instructor/Externship Coordinator. Violation of attendance policy will result in probation or withdrawal from school.
10. Students should immediately notify their Clinical Instructor/Extern Coordinator/DCE if any problems are encountered during clinical/externship: personality conflicts, illness, etc. (Students must never walk off the site, for any reason, without first notifying their Clinical Instructor/Extern Coordinator or Program Director.)
11. Tuition payments must be kept current.
12. If a student is dismissed from a clinical/externship site, the Program Director will evaluate the circumstances of his or her dismissal, and a decision will be made regarding his or her status as a student. The student may be withdrawn from school at that time. If the student is allowed to continue his or her clinical/externship and is dismissed from another site, he or she will be withdrawn from school. Students who are dismissed from clinical/externships will be required to repeat the entire clinical/externship.

Students may be required to travel up to 200 miles away from campus to attend clinical assignments, depending on programmatic requirements. Specific information regarding travel distance to clinical assignments will be provided to students during the enrollment process. Students are responsible for their own travel to and from clinical assignments and must plan accordingly. Students are responsible for all costs related to travel to and from clinical sites, including, but not limited to, meals, lodging and fuel.

## Criteria for Assessing Student Performance While on Externship

**Students must demonstrate passing scores in all courses, including practical written exams and hands-on lab exams, prior to being assigned an externship.**

During the externship course, each student will be evaluated in the areas of professional performance and appearance, attendance, and practical skills. To complete the externship successfully, a student must satisfactorily perform each procedure outlined in the training plan and demonstrate satisfactory work habits.

If, when evaluated, the extern is unable to perform certain procedures properly, the student will be required to return to campus for additional training in the unsatisfactory areas. During the externship course, the student may be required to return to campus for weekly scheduled meetings to provide continued interaction with the Extern Coordinator. If the student's work habits are unsatisfactory on the first evaluation, the coordinator will confer with the student at that time. If work habits are still unsatisfactory at the end of the externship period, the student may be required to serve an additional externship. A student may repeat the externship only once. If

failure of the externship occurs twice, the student will be withdrawn from the program.

The externship evaluation scale is as follows:

- 3 Student knows the underlying principles and carries out procedures skillfully and accurately.
  - 2 Student performs procedures with a fair degree of accuracy.
  - 1 Student performs most procedures but requires guidance and supervision.
  - 0 Student is unable to perform procedures even with guidance and supervision.
- X Procedure was not observed or performed.

## Student Records

The Registrar's/Student Records Manager's office maintains academic records of all coursework completed at the school, and they are maintained on campus for five years. Academic transcripts are maintained indefinitely. Transcripts are released only after receipt of a signed, written request from the student. Transcripts issued to the student are marked "Issued to Student." Students are allowed one transcript at no charge. A fee will be charged for each additional transcript. No official transcript(s) will be released if records are on hold for financial reasons or missing documentation. (See "Records on Hold" policy.) Students may request an unofficial transcript in this case. The word "Unofficial" will be stamped on the transcript. Third-party transcripts from other institutions cannot be released to any individual or institution.

## Records on Hold

Academic records may be placed on hold for any of the following reasons:

- A financial obligation to Concorde Career Institute;
- Failure to return Learning Resource Center materials or school equipment; or
- Default on a federal student loan.

Until the hold is removed, individuals will not be allowed to:

- Restart school from a withdrawal status; or
- Obtain an official transcript.

Appeals to this policy may be made to the Campus President in writing. The Campus President will notify the student in writing regarding the outcome of the appeal.

## Academic Units of Credit

One semester credit hour equals 45 units (and one quarter credit hour equals 30 units), comprised of the following academic activities:

- One clock hour in a didactic learning environment = 2 units
- One clock hour in a supervised laboratory setting of instruction = 1.5 units
- One hour of externship = 1 unit
- One hour of out-of-class work and/or preparation for the didactic learning environment or supervised laboratory setting of instruction

that are designed to measure the student's achieved competency relative to the required subject matter objectives = 0.5 unit

"Clock Hour" is defined as a period of 60 minutes with a minimum of 50 minutes of instruction in the presence of an instructor.

## Financial Aid Units of Credit

Concorde measures programs in either semester credit hours or financial aid units of credit. For financial aid eligibility and disbursements, the school uses the system of clock hour to credit hour conversion established by the U.S. Department of Education. One credit is equal to 37.5 clock hours.

## Measure of Program Duration

The ending date or graduation date from a program is a "scheduled" graduation date. In-service days, holidays, and other unscheduled events that could cause interruptions in scheduled training may influence the actual calendar length of a program.

## Withdrawal Policy

### Student-Initiated Withdrawal

Students who wish to withdraw may do so by contacting the Academic Dean or Program Director via telephone, mail, or preferably in person. The withdrawal date will be the student's last date of attendance. A student who withdraws during the first seven calendar days of a grading period will not have that course(s) recorded on his or her transcript. A student who withdraws after the first seven calendar days of a grading period will receive a grade of "W" up to 14 calendar days before the end of the term. Within 14 calendar days of the end of the term, the student will receive either a "WF" or "WP" depending on quality of course work completed to date. This is not calculated in his or her cumulative grade point average (CGPA). The credits will count toward attempted credits.

The student will be provided with exit interview forms. There are financial and/or financial aid implications for withdrawing. Please consult with the Financial Aid and/or Business Office to determine how withdrawal will impact your student account.

### Withdrawal for Violation of School Policy

The school may withdraw a student from his or her program of study for violation of published school policy. If a student withdraws from school without notifying the school, the withdrawal will be effective from the last date of attendance. If the student is withdrawn for violation of published school policy, the withdrawal date will be the last date of attendance.

A student who has been withdrawn during the first seven calendar days of a grading period will not have that course(s) recorded on his or her transcript. A student who has been withdrawn after the first seven calendar days of a grading period will receive a grade of "W," which is not calculated in his or her cumulative grade point average (CGPA). The credits will count toward attempted credits.

### Course Drop/Add Policy

The Drop/Add period for each term is 7 calendar days. Students who do not attend a course by the end of the Drop/Add period will be unregistered from the course without incurring an academic or financial penalty. Students who notify the Program Director in writing of their intent to drop from a course before the end of the Drop/Add period will not incur an academic or financial penalty.

## Course Withdrawal Policy

A student withdrawing from a course after the Drop/Add period, but prior to the fourteenth calendar day before the end of the term, will receive a grade of "W". Course withdrawals thereafter will receive either a grade of Withdrawn-Fail (WF) or Withdrawn-Passing (WP) depending upon the student's grade for work completed up to the point of withdrawal. Withdrawing from a course may impact a student's eligibility for Financial Aid. Please speak with a Financial Aid Representative to discuss your individual account.

## Program Changes

A student who wishes to change programs may do so at any time prior to starting classes. A student changing programs after starting classes will be evaluated according to the school's refund policy.

## Program Monitoring

Concorde makes critical comparisons between the content of its programs and the needs and demands of business and industry by monitoring feedback from local agencies, the program advisory committee, test results, graduates, and employers. The instructors communicate closely with industry personnel to keep program objectives and content current.

## Dress Code

Students are preparing for careers and should develop the habit of wearing appropriate attire. Students are required to wear the designated school uniform in class and on externship or clinical experience unless directed otherwise. Clinical/externship sites may require students to wear white shoes. Students are responsible for meeting dress code requirements for the site.

Many healthcare facilities mandate coverage of tattoos, and students may be asked to leave a clinical or externship site if tattoos are visible. In order to ensure we are preparing you for the work environment of your chosen field, Concorde requires that students make a reasonable attempt to cover all tattoos.

A student's personal appearance must be appropriate at all times when the student is in school uniform. The general requirements are as follows:

- Uniforms will vary by program.
- Uniforms or scrubs must be clean, wrinkle-free and well-fitted. Pants and dresses must be proper length.
- No outerwear is permitted in the classroom except for a lab coat or sweater as established by school/program standards.
- Shoes must be leather or vinyl and OSHA compliant, closed-toed, closed heel. Students must keep their shoes clean and polished.
- Underclothing is to be worn while in uniform. Undergarments must not be visible.
- The ID badge is part of the uniform and must be visible at all times.
- College-approved lab coats may be worn over the regulation uniform. T-shirts or turtlenecks may be worn under scrubs, but they must be tucked in. T-shirts or turtlenecks must be removed in the lab if they become a safety hazard.
- Jewelry may not be worn with the uniform, except for one pair of small stud earrings, one ring (e.g., wedding and/or engagement ring, class ring) and a watch. Dangling earrings, hoop earrings, or multiple earrings will not be permitted. A single necklace that does not dangle may also be worn. For safety reasons, no jewelry may be worn under protective

gloves. Jewelry used in body/tongue piercing other than the earlobe is not acceptable. Medical identification worn as a bracelet or necklace is acceptable.

- Hair must be of a natural hue, neatly combed, clean, and pulled away from the face, so that it does not hang in the face when bending over during lab/clinical activities. No head covers, including beads or jewels interwoven into the hair are to be worn. All religious head coverings must be approved by the Academic Dean.
- Fingernails must be kept short, clean, and neatly manicured. No polish, acrylic nails, overlays, or any synthetic enhancements to the natural nails.
- Proper daily hygiene, including the use of antiperspirant and mouthwash, is essential because students work very closely with others. Cologne and perfume should not be worn.

**Failure to comply with the above expectations may result in dismissal from the classroom, externship, and/or clinical site.**

## Licensure Payment Policy

Concorde is committed to preparing students with the skills and knowledge necessary to become entry-level practitioners in their field of study. Some of the programs offered by Concorde have employment outcomes where passage of a professional certification, licensure or registry examination may be required for employment or that will enhance potential employment opportunities. Concorde will pay exam fees for graduates of these programs based on the eligibility requirements below. Please discuss with your Program Director which exams are relevant to employment in your field of study and the requirements for successfully demonstrating examination preparedness.

Eligibility is determined by the graduate's completion of the following:

- Receive approval from the Program Director, Academic Dean or Campus President before testing.
- Take the exam within two months of graduation, or take the first available exam opportunity for those exams offered only on a periodic schedule.
- Meet all Concorde graduation requirements.
- Demonstrate that the student is prepared to sit for licensure by completing a "green light" process at the campus.

If a second attempt is necessary due to first-time failure, all of the following must be met:

- Evidence of a valid benefit to the student and college, such as meeting or exceeding programmatic licensure pass rate standards and/or graduate employment rate standards;
- Campus President approval;
- Proof that the graduate sat for, and completed, the first-time exam(s);
- Submission of exam scores from the student's first exam attempt;
- Successful completion by the graduate of a remediation program approved by both the campus-level Program Director and Concorde's Vice President of Academic Affairs or designee.

Registration and certification requirements for taking and passing these examinations are not controlled by Concorde, but by outside agencies, and are subject to change by the agency without notice. Therefore, Concorde cannot guarantee that graduates will be eligible to take these exams, at all or at any specific time, regardless of their eligibility status upon enrollment.

# Distance Education/Online

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Concorde supports the educational needs of the busy adult learner, delivering some courses in an online format. Online classes are not intended as easy substitutes for learning on campus. Students will find that learning online can be as challenging and rewarding as attending on-campus but allows the flexibility of determining when learning is convenient. Although time is flexible, attendance and participation is expected and monitored.

The convenience of online courses allows students to work on assignments and participate in class discussions as their schedules permit within specified timeframes. Learning is achieved through both individual inquiry and collaboration. Each course encompasses a variety of different graded learning activities.

Students enrolled in online classes and programs are expected to be capable of using a computer to complete some or all of their coursework and be familiar with accessing Internet resources. In addition, they must have access to a reliable computer and high-speed Internet connection sufficient to complete their coursework. Students are also welcome to utilize the Concorde computer labs and/or the Learning Resource Center (LRC) to complete coursework. Online courses utilize the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS), a secure, web-based platform that employs multimedia technologies and is accessible 24 hours per day via Internet access. Prior to enrollment, prospective students will be required to complete an online assessment of their readiness to successfully complete their education in an online environment. The campus may require the student to participate in an orientation as well as online sessions at the campus.

To complete online courses using the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS), students should refer to the following links to be sure they are using appropriate computer systems. Students also must have an Internet provider with reliable service.

- Computer Specifications  
<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-2059>
- Browser Requirements  
<https://community.canvaslms.com/docs/DOC-1284>

Some courses may only be offered in a distance education format. Please refer to the Admissions Representative or Academic Dean for course schedules.

Online delivery is not approved by the Florida Commission for Independent Education. Students may be required to take courses in an online format. These courses are delivered by the Concorde Career College in Kansas City.

## Attendance Requirements

Online education affords students great flexibility in managing their time. However, academic success requires that students engage in learning activities regularly and participate in meaningful interactions with faculty and fellow students. Specific daily attendance is not required for online courses, as it would be on a campus. Students are required, however, to log into their class regularly and submit assignments in a timely manner, or they may risk being withdrawn for lack of attendance.

For each course, initial attendance is recorded when a student logs into his or her class and completes a learning activity. Students who only view the

syllabus but make no other substantive participation for the rest of the course are not considered enrolled. Attendance in subsequent weeks is recorded by a student completing a learning activity. The act of logging in each week does not constitute attendance; the student must participate by either engaging in the discussion board or submitting a graded assignment to be considered present for that week.

Once a student has logged into his or her class and completed a learning activity or assignment, he or she is considered officially enrolled in the course and expected to complete the entire course. Failure to post attendance for two consecutive weeks may subject the student to immediate withdrawal.

Coursework is assigned weekly. Students are expected to complete assignments according to the course outline. (Refer to the "Make-Up Work" policy for submitting missed coursework.) Students must show attendance within the first three days of the course, or they are subject to withdrawal from the course.

## Learning Activities

Online students use the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS) to view video content, receive and submit project work and assignments, take assessments, quizzes and tests, communicate with instructors and classmates, and review course progress and grades. In keeping with the modality of online learning much of the content will be delivered either with e-books or digital content. Successful online learning requires the student to be an active participant in all learning activities. Learning activities will vary by course but may include:

- discussion thread posts
- exams, quizzes and assessments
- case studies
- group interactive assignments
- other graded assignments

All learning activities associated with a course will be clearly outlined on the syllabus page within each Canvas course. Attendance is recorded when the student submits any learning activity. Students must contribute weekly to the discussion forums. Deadlines are established differently based upon the length of each term. Concorde offers online courses and programs in four-week and 10-week terms.

## Four-Week Terms

Due dates are established according to the day of the week the term starts. Weekly modules always begin at 12:00 a.m. CST and end at 11:59 p.m. CST. Courses last for four weeks or 20 weekdays. This is divided into four modules within the online course. Each module is five class days in length and does not include weekends. Initial discussion board posts are always due on the third class day of the weekly module. Assignments, assessments and discussion board responses are due on the fifth or last class day of each weekly module.

## Ten-Week Terms

Courses are 10 weeks in length, and the weekly module will always start on Monday (12:00 a.m. CST) to Sunday (11:59 p.m. CST). Initial discussion board posts are due not later than every Wednesday (11:59 p.m. CST), and assignments, assessments and discussion board responses are due by Sunday (11:59 p.m. CST).

Students who are considered officially enrolled in the course but do not fulfill all of the coursework required will receive a grade based on the assignments they have completed.

## Faculty/Student Interaction & Academic Advising

Faculty/student interaction is critical for student success in an online environment. Online methods of interaction include online lectures, email, document sharing, and threaded discussions. Faculty members review and respond to student requests within a 24-hour time period.

Ground students who have opted to take some of their General Education courses online receive the same benefits as fully online students in regard to faculty interaction. However, student advising during midterms and finals will be the responsibility of the campus at which the student is enrolled.

## Student Services

Students enrolled in online courses, whether they are fully online or ground students taking select General Education courses, will be given support and services. Ground students will be provided services directly through their home campus. Each campus has a designated "Online Champion" (OLC) who will be provided weekly reports for high-risk students and can provide basic troubleshooting within the Learning Management System (LMS). The OLC can also refer the student to the Director of Student Affairs located on campus.

Fully online students will have student support access through the Dean of Online Operations. The Dean will provide support to students who may be high-risk, typically via telephone or email, and may also assist students by involving other campus associates.

## Learning Resources

Concorde Career Colleges, Inc., subscribes to multiple databases from Gale Cengage Learning, which is available to all students through the Canvas Learning Management System (LMS). Included in these materials are over 20,000 titles with peer-reviewed full text articles exceeding 8,000 as well as ebooks, experiments, projects, and images. Many of the students' immediate research questions can be met by using these online reference sources. The user-friendly web interface has information from leading medical journals, encyclopedias, newspapers, newsletters, and pamphlets.

## Learning Outcomes

Learning outcomes for online coursework are the same as on-ground coursework.

## Graduation Requirements

Students taking online courses must meet the graduation requirements for their chosen program of study.

## Health Screens

Students enrolling in programs where health screens are required will be provided with a list of required immunizations. Students will be required to provide proof of immunization prior to beginning clinical rotations.

## Uniforms

Students enrolling in programs where uniforms are required for clinical rotations are responsible for providing their own clothing in accordance with the established policies of the institution where they will be completing their clinicals.



# Academic Standards

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## Attendance Policy

### General

Regular and punctual attendance at all scheduled classes as well as clinical and externship classes is expected of all students. When a student enrolls, that student accepts the responsibility of attending all scheduled class hours. Attendance is recorded and becomes part of the student's permanent record with the school.

Concorde recognizes that unforeseen situations do occur in students' lives, possibly resulting in a limited number of absences. For this reason, Concorde allows for two levels of attendance monitoring. Excessive time missed may cause a student to be placed on Attendance Warning or Attendance Probation or be withdrawn from the program.

In all cases, a student will be withdrawn following 14 consecutive calendar days of nonattendance, excluding published holidays and unscheduled closures of the school, clinical site or externship site.

### Excessive Absences

Excessive time absent will prevent a student from achieving course and program outcomes. For the purposes of this policy, excessive absences are defined as:

- Missing more than 20 percent of total scheduled time within a grading period for programs that include externship hours.
- Missing more than 10 percent of total scheduled time within a grading period for programs that include clinical hours.

### Attendance Warning

A student will be placed on Attendance Warning at the end of the first grading period during which he or she has excessive absences. A student will remain on Attendance Warning until the end of the next grading period. At the end of the next grading period, a student who did not have excessive absences will return to good standing.

### Attendance Probation

A student will be placed on Attendance Probation at the end of a grading period during which the student was on Attendance Warning and had excessive absences. A student will remain on Attendance Probation until the end of the next grading period. At the end of the next grading period, a student who did not have excessive absences will return to good standing. A student on Attendance Probation will be withdrawn immediately upon having excessive absences.

### Externship Courses

For programs with a required externship component, the successful completion of 100 percent of course hours is required for graduation.

Externship is scheduled in partnership with the externship site. Students must plan sufficiently in advance to attend every day of the scheduled externship. In the event a student will be absent from a site, the student must contact the site and the appropriate school official immediately upon becoming aware of the situation. Except in cases of documented emergency, notification of absence or tardiness must occur at least 60 minutes in

advance of the scheduled start time. If the site supervisor or school official determines that a student is not reliable for any reason, including absences, the student may be removed from the site and may be withdrawn from the program.

### Clinical Classes

Clinical participation is vital to student success, and students are expected to be present, on time, and prepared for every scheduled clinical experience.

If, for any reason, a student will be late or absent for a clinical shift, the student must notify the instructor or other designated Concorde individual immediately upon becoming aware of the situation. Except in the case of a documented emergency, failure to notify of an absence or tardiness at least 60 minutes before a scheduled start time or arriving more than 30 minutes late to a scheduled clinical shift may result in disciplinary actions up to and including withdrawal from the program. Some clinical facilities may have additional or stricter attendance requirements for students. In this case, students are required to follow the attendance policy in place at the clinical facility.

Students who have any absence or absences that result in not completing the required clinical hours, lab competencies, or required cases shall fail the course. Clinical make-up sessions may be provided; however, the program's ability to provide make-up hours is dependent upon scheduling and other factors that may prohibit the availability of clinical make-up hours.

### Online Courses and Programs

Students taking online courses should refer to the Distance Education/Online section of the catalog for specific attendance requirements.

### Make-Up Work

All graded work or performed competencies (letter grade or pass/fail) not completed by the due date, or missed due to absence, including being tardy or leaving early, will not be eligible for a grade. Students will receive a zero (0) for missed work or an "F" for missed competencies. Instructors may make case-by-case exceptions if a significant, documentable, and infrequent situation caused a student to miss a submission deadline. Instructors will ensure that all students receive equitable consideration when granting extensions.

### Marital, Parental and Military Leave Statuses

Concorde Career Colleges, Inc., complies with all requirements outlined in 34 C.F.R. 106.40 (a) and (b) with regard to the marital or parental status of students. Any student is eligible for leave in the care of pregnancy, childbirth, false pregnancy, termination of pregnancy, and recovery therefrom for so long a period as deemed medically necessary by the student's physician. The student will be administratively withdrawn from the institution for this leave period. At the conclusion of the student's leave period, the student will be reinstated to the same academic and enrollment status that he or she held when the leave began. An academic skills assessment may be applicable upon return.

Additionally, Concorde complies with all requirements outlined in 34 C.F.R. 668.18 (a), (e), and (g). Students who have been deployed, or are

required to attend military training, will be administratively withdrawn from school for this leave period. The school will promptly readmit a service member into the same or similar program, under the same academic status and tuition at the time of withdrawal; in accordance with regulation, eligibility for this reinstatement is valid for up to one year from return from military service. The cumulative length of absence and of all previous absences from the school for military service may not exceed five years. Only the time the student spends actually performing service is counted. An academic skills assessment may be applicable upon return.

For further information on these statuses and how to apply, please contact a member of the Student Affairs department. For information on how these statuses impact your Financial Aid, please contact a member of the Financial Aid department.

## Campus Safety Policy

Concorde is committed to providing a safe and productive environment for all Concorde associates and students. To help prevent incidents of violence from occurring, Concorde has implemented this campus safety policy. Concorde expressly prohibits any acts or threats of violence by an associate, student, or former associate against any other associate or student in or about its facilities or clinical sites at any time. Concorde does not condone any acts or threats of violence against associates, students, clients, or visitors by an individual on the school's premises at any time or while such an individual is engaged in business with or on behalf of Concorde, on or off the school's premises. In keeping with the spirit and intent of this policy and to ensure that the objectives in this regard are attained, Concorde is committed to the following policies:

- Providing a safe and healthy work and educational environment.
- Taking prompt remedial action up to and including immediate dismissal of any associate or student who engages in any threatening behavior or acts of violence or uses obscene, abusive, or threatening language or gestures.
- Taking appropriate action when dealing with clients, former associates or students, or visitors to the school's facilities who engage in such behavior. Such action may include notifying the police or other law enforcement personnel and prosecuting violators of this policy.
- Prohibiting associates, former associates, students, clients, and visitors from bringing unauthorized firearms or other weapons onto the school's premises.

In furtherance of this policy, associates and students have a "duty to alert" their supervisors, the Campus President, or Human Resources of any suspicious activity, situations, or incidents that they observe or know of that involve other associates, students, former associates, clients, or visitors and that appear problematic. This would include threats or acts of violence, aggressive behavior, offensive acts, and threatening or offensive comments or remarks. Associate and student reports made pursuant to this policy are held in confidence to the extent possible. Concorde will not condone any form of retaliation against any associate or student for making a report in good faith under this policy.

Threats against individual(s) and/or Concorde should be immediately reported to the Campus President or Human Resources at the Campus Support Center. It is critical that any material relevant to the incident be maintained until Human Resources decides on the proper disposition.

Confrontational threats while on campus may be dealt with by the Campus President and Human Resources. Actions may include suspension (for gathering additional facts), written warning, or dismissal.

## Student Code of Conduct

Concorde believes strongly in promoting the development of personal, professional and social responsibility. Concorde also believes in a humanistic approach to discipline conducive to academic pursuits. However, Concorde recognizes that its responsibility for the protection of personal and institutional rights and property is a primary focus of the disciplinary process. Behavior that infringes upon rights, safety or privileges, or that impedes the educational process, is unacceptable and may lead to sanctions up to and including dismissal from the school. Courteous behavior and professional conduct, appropriate to a business environment, is to be displayed at all times.

All students are expected to respect the rights of others and are held responsible for conforming to the laws of the federal, local, and State governments. Students are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the best interests of Concorde and of the student body.

Concorde's administration reserves the right to develop any policy or take any action(s) deemed appropriate to maintain the safety and well-being of any or all students. Student conduct offenses may be related to persons, property, campus operations, and welfare, and the health or safety of students, faculty and staff.

Concorde reserves the right to discipline and/or dismiss a student, visitor, or employee for any of the following reasons: possession of firearms on campus property; failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP); failure to pay college fees and/or tuition by applicable deadlines; disruptive behavior (continued willful noncompliance, willful and persistent profanity or vulgarity, open and/or persistent defiance of authority, and/or persistent disrespect of personnel or students); ; posing a danger to the health or welfare of students or other members of the campus community; theft, on or off campus; any form of assault; State and Federal drug law violations; electronic or social media violations; or failure to comply with the policies and procedures of Concorde.

The list of examples is not intended to be all-inclusive, and Concorde reserves the right to act in the best interest of the students, faculty, and staff and may deem actions committed by a student to be a conduct violation, although the action does not appear on a list of examples.

Violation of the conduct policy is grounds for suspension of privileges, up to and including dismissal from the Institution. The Campus President reserves the right to take any action(s) deemed appropriate to ensure the immediate safety and well-being of any or all students, faculty, and staff.

Students are encouraged to share personal experiences while participating in classes at Concorde. However, students must be aware that should they disclose to any Concorde faculty members or staff information that may cause harm to themselves or others, faculty members and staff are required to report such information to the Academic Dean, Director of Student Affairs, or Campus President.

Every student is subject to federal and state law and respective county and city ordinances. A student who is convicted of any criminal offense which interferes with the orderly operation of the school or which the administration feels would endanger members of the Concorde community shall be subject to disciplinary action.

Infringements of the Student Code of Conduct are handled by the Concorde Academic Dean, Director of Student Affairs, and Campus President. Students have the right to request further review in accordance with the school's "Student Complaint & Grievance Policy" as outlined in this catalog.

Students dismissed from Concorde due to violation of the Code of Conduct are not eligible for readmission.

## Student Code of Conduct Offenses

### Offenses Related to Persons

An offense related to a person is committed when a student:

1. Intentionally or knowingly and without authority or consent limits or restricts the freedom of a person to move about in a lawful manner.
2. Threatens (by any means), intimidates or uses physical or sexual force in a manner that endangers the health or safety of another person or which reasonably causes another person to be fearful of physical or emotional harm.
3. Intentionally harasses another person. Harassment includes, but is not limited to, impeding another persistently or wronging or bothering another persistently.
4. Engages in any activity related to other persons which is prohibited by law or court order.

### Offenses Related to Property

An offense related to property is committed when a student:

1. Knowingly and without consent or authorization possesses, removes, uses, misappropriates, or sells the property or services of another person or of Concorde.
2. Intentionally or negligently damages or destroys property owned or in the possession of another person or of Concorde.
3. Obtains the property of another person by misrepresentation or deceptive means.
4. Enters or uses the facilities or property of another person or Concorde without consent or authorization.
5. Commits a computer-related offense, including, but not limited to, use of a Concorde computer to access graphically prurient or sexually explicit images of persons and/or children.

### Offenses Related to the Operation of Concorde

An offense related to the operation of Concorde is committed when a student:

1. Engages in illegal, obscene or indecent conduct on Concorde property or at Concorde-sponsored events.
2. Forges, alters, possesses, duplicates, or uses documents, records, keys or identification without consent or the authorization of appropriate Concorde officials.
3. Fails without just cause to comply with the lawful order of a Concorde official acting in the performance of his/her duties and authority.

4. Engages in solicitation in or on Concorde property or involving the use of campus property unless such solicitation is approved by appropriate Concorde officials.

5. Operation of any audio or video recording device without prior approval.

6. Intentionally acts to impair, interfere with, or obstruct the orderly conduct, processes, and functions of Concorde.

### Offenses Related to Welfare, Health or Safety

An offense related to welfare, health or safety is committed when a student:

1. Uses, possesses, or manufactures, without Concorde authorization, firearms, explosives, weapons, unregistered fireworks, illegal chemical or biological agents or other dangerous articles or substances injurious to persons or property.
2. Falsely reports a fire, activates emergency warning equipment, or communicates false information regarding the existence of explosives or hazardous materials on Concorde property.
3. Abuses, removes, or damages fire and safety equipment or fails to vacate a building or facility when a fire alarm is activated.
4. Fails to leave a building, streets, walks, driveways or other facilities of Concorde when directed to do so by an official of the campus having just cause to so order.
5. Uses, possesses, distributes, sells, purchases or is under the influence of alcohol, narcotics, hallucinogens, dangerous drugs, or controlled substances.

## No Discrimination or Harassment Policy

Concorde Career Institute is committed to maintaining a work and learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment for all Concorde associates and students. Accordingly, Concorde does not authorize and will not tolerate any form of discrimination or harassment of or by an associate, student, or visitor based on race, sex, religion, color, national origin, age, disability, or any other factor protected by law.

Concorde is committed to maintaining a working and learning environment that is free from discrimination and harassment, and remains safe and welcoming for people of all backgrounds, identities, and communities, including the LGBT community.

## Sexual Harassment

The prevention and elimination of sexual harassment is of special concern to Concorde. Sexual harassment includes:

- Physical assaults or physical conduct that is sexual in nature;
- Unwelcome sexual advances or comments or requests for sex or sexual activities, regardless of whether they are based on promises or threats;
- Sexual displays or publications such as calendars, cartoons, or graffiti;
- Other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature that has the purpose or effect of interfering with an individual's work or academic performance or creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work and learning environment; or



- Retaliation for complaints of harassment. Concorde regards all such pervasive conduct as creating a hostile and offensive work and learning environment in violation of this policy. Examples of sexual harassment include sexual propositions, sexual innuendo, sexually suggestive comments, sexually oriented “kidding,” “teasing” or “practical jokes,” jokes about gender-specific traits, foul or obscene language or gestures, displays of foul or obscene printed or visual material, physical contact such as patting, pinching or brushing against another’s body, or reading or otherwise publicizing in the work and learning environment materials that are sexually suggestive or revealing.

## Sexual Offender Registry

Florida law requires that all nonpublic colleges, universities and schools inform students of the existence of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) sexual predator and sexual offender registry website (<http://offender.fdle.state.fl.us/offender/homepage.do>) and toll free telephone number (1-888-357-7332; for TTY Accessibility: 1-877-414-7234).

## Racial, Religious, or National Origin Harassment

Racial, religious, or national origin harassment deserves special mention as well and is expressly prohibited by this policy. Racial, religious, or national origin harassment includes any verbal, written, or physical act in which race, religion, or national origin is used or implied in a manner that would make a reasonable student or associate uncomfortable in the work and learning environment. Examples of racial, religious, or national origin harassment include jokes that include reference to race, religion or national origin, the display or use of objects or pictures that adversely reflect on a person’s race, religion, or national origin, or use of language that is offensive due to a person’s race, religion, or national origin.

## How to Report Instances of Discrimination or Harassment

Concorde cannot resolve matters that are not brought to its attention. Any associate or student, regardless of position or program, who has a complaint of or who witnesses discrimination or harassment at work or school by anyone, including supervisors, managers, associates, nonassociates or students, has a responsibility to immediately bring the matter to Concorde’s attention. To bring instances of discrimination or harassment to Concorde’s attention, an associate or student must immediately complain to either of the following individuals who are responsible for enforcing this policy: the Campus President or Human Resources, Concorde Career Colleges, Inc. Complaints of sexual misconduct or harassment should be reported to the Campus President and/or campus Title IX Coordinator.

## Concorde’s Commitment to No Discrimination or Harassment Policy

If a student feels that Concorde has not met its obligations under the policy, he or she should contact Human Resources at Concorde Career Colleges, Inc.

## Student Computer Network and Internet Conduct

Concorde Career Institute provides students access to its computer network and Internet access for purposes directly related to education. Concorde reserves the right to monitor all usage of its computers and computer

systems. This includes the monitoring of email and website access. The following practices are prohibited:

- Installing or executing unauthorized software. Using computers to copy copyrighted or licensed software.
- Using the network for commercial purposes. Users may not buy or sell products or services through the system without prior consent of the corporate network administrator.
- Using the network for advertising or political lobbying.
- Accessing websites, newsgroups, or chat areas that contain material that is sexually related, obscene, or that promotes illegal acts. If a user accidentally accesses this type of information, he or she should immediately notify an instructor, the Learning Resource Center Coordinator, and/or network administrator.
- Using the network for any activity or to transmit any material that violates federal, state, or local laws. This includes, but is not limited to, illegal activities, such as threatening the safety of another person or peer-to-peer file sharing of copyrighted materials.
- Using vulgar, derogatory, or obscene language. Users may not engage in personal attacks, harass another person, or post private information about another person.
- Logging on to another person’s account or attempting to access another user’s files, with or without that person’s permission.
- “Hacking” or otherwise trying to gain access to another person’s or organization’s computer system.
- Engaging in “spamming” (sending an email to more than 10 people at the same time) or participation in chain letters.
- Intentionally damaging any computer hardware or software.

Computer and network resources are of significant value, and their abuse can have a negative effect on other users. Noncompliance with this policy may result in loss of computer and network privileges, suspension, and/or withdrawal from school.

## Social Media Use Policy

This policy addresses the use of social media sites by Concorde students, whether or not the use involves the College’s WiFi network or other computer resources. Social media includes, but is not limited to: texting, blogs and social media platforms such as Snapchat, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Google+, YouTube, Flickr, and Yammer.

Concorde is aware that members of the College community may wish to express their personal ideas, thoughts, and opinions through their private social media accounts (not administered by the College). Nevertheless, Concorde students are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Concorde reserves the right, under circumstances it deems appropriate and subject to applicable laws and regulations, to impose disciplinary measures. Such disciplinary measures include dismissal from the College for students who use social media in violation of the guidelines in this policy, in ways that reflect poorly on the College, or interferes with the education of other students and/or the operation of the College. In appropriate cases, the conduct may also be reported to law enforcement authorities.

In connection with the use of social media, the conduct listed below is prohibited:

- Using social media to harass, threaten, insult, defame or bully another person or entity.
- Making threats of injury to any student, patient, member of faculty or staff, or officer or board member, including threats concerning their respective family members or personal property.
- Making comments that insult, disparage, disrespect or defame the College or members of the Concorde community.
- Making discriminatory or harassing comments that violate federal or state law and/or would be prohibited by Concorde’s anti-discrimination / anti-harassment policy and/or Title IX policy.
- Violating any intellectual property law, such as copyright, trademark, fair use and/or financial disclosure law.
- Posting or sharing copyrighted content (such as text, video, graphics or sound files) without permission from the holder of the copyright.
- Posting or sharing trademarked content (such as logos, names, brands, symbols and designs) without permission from the trademark owner. The “®” symbol indicates that the mark is federally registered and the owner has the exclusive right to use it. The “TM and SM” symbols indicate that the owner may have common-law rights, but the mark is not federally registered.
- Posting or sharing a photograph or video image of a student, faculty or staff member without obtaining their permission.
- Posting or sharing a photograph or video of a patient or volunteer that would violate the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- Posting images or comments which are vulgar or obscene, or would otherwise violate any applicable law.

For any questions regarding this policy, contact your Campus President.

## Confidentiality Statement

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is the law that applies to physicians regarding the completely confidential nature of patient information and applies to all Concorde students and employees. Except where necessary in the regular course of business, the discussion, transmission, or narration in any form of any patient information of a personal nature, medical or otherwise, obtained in the regular course of the student’s schooling or employment is strictly forbidden. Any violation of this professional rule shall constitute grounds for severe disciplinary action, including possible termination of the enrollment contract and dismissal from the College.

## Graduation Requirements

A diploma, certificate, or degree will be issued to students upon successful completion of all academic requirements. Successful completion of all courses listed in the program breakdowns requires a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 or above. All externships/clinicals must also be successfully completed with a passing grade. Any student subject to Records Hold must satisfy outstanding obligations before an official transcript will be issued. Duplicate diplomas or certificates take approximately 14-30 working days after payment to produce. A fee will be assessed for all duplicate requests.

(For details regarding commencement ceremonies, see “Commencement Ceremonies” in the “Student Information & Affairs” section under “General Information.”)

## Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

Concorde maintains a number of important records on the student’s behalf throughout the application and registration processes, as well as records that are maintained throughout a student’s enrollment. Examples of such records include but are not limited to:

- Academic Transcripts
- Attendance Records
- Financial Aid Records
- Employment Records
- Disciplinary Documentation

## Student Rights Under FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords eligible students certain rights with respect to their education records. Once a student reaches 18 years of age or attends a postsecondary institution, he or she becomes an “eligible student,” and all rights formerly given to parents under FERPA transfer to the student. These rights include:

- The right to inspect and review the student’s education records within 45 days after the day Concorde receives a request for access.
- A student should submit to the Academic Dean or Campus President a written request that identifies the record(s) the student wishes to inspect. The school official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. Students are not entitled to inspect and review financial records of their parents. If a request is submitted to a school official not responsible for maintaining records, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed.
- The right to request the amendment of the student’s education records that the student believes is inaccurate, misleading, or otherwise in violation of the student’s privacy rights under FERPA.
- A student who wishes to ask the school to amend a record should write the Academic Dean, clearly identify the part of the record the student wants changed, and specify why it should be changed.
- If the school decides not to amend the record as requested, the school will notify the student in writing of the decision and the student’s right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
- The right to provide written consent before Concorde discloses personally identifiable information from the student’s education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent.
- The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Concorde to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is:

Family Policy Compliance Office  
U.S. Department of Education  
400 Maryland Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20202-8520

## Concorde Rights Under FERPA

FERPA permits the disclosure of education records, without consent of the student, if the disclosure meets certain conditions found in the FERPA regulations. A postsecondary institution may disclose education

records without obtaining prior written consent of the student in the following instances:

- Parental access to a student's record will be allowed by Concorde without prior consent if: 1) the student has violated a law or the Institution's rules or policies governing alcohol or substance abuse, and the student is under 21 years old; or 2) the information is needed to protect the health or safety of the student or other individuals in an emergency.
- The school discloses education records without a student's prior written consent under the FERPA exception for disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the Institution in an administrative, supervisory, academic, research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person serving on the board of trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee. A school official also may include a volunteer or contractor outside of Concorde who performs an institutional service of function for which the school would otherwise use its own employees and who is under the direct control of the school with respect to the use and maintenance of the education records, such as an attorney, auditor, or collection agent or a student volunteering to assist another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities for the Institution.
- To officials of another school where the student seeks or intends to enroll, or where the student is already enrolled if the disclosure is for purposes related to the student's enrollment or transfer.
- To authorized representatives of the U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local educational authorities, such as a State postsecondary authority that is responsible for supervising the Institution's State-supported education programs. Disclosures under this provision may be made: 1) in connection with financial aid for which the student has applied or which the student has received, if the information is necessary to determine eligibility for the aid, determine the amount of the aid, determine the conditions of the aid, or enforce the terms and conditions of the aid; 2) in connection with an audit or evaluation of Federal- or State-supported education programs, or for the enforcement of or compliance with Federal legal requirements that relate to those programs. These entities may make further disclosures to outside entities that are designated by them as their authorized representatives to conduct any audit, evaluation, or enforcement or compliance activity on their behalf.
- To organizations conducting studies for, or on behalf of, the school in order to: develop, validate, or administer predictive tests; administer student aid programs; or improve instruction.
- To accrediting organizations to carry out their accrediting functions.
- To comply with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena.
- To appropriate officials in connection with a health or safety emergency.
- To a victim of an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or a non-forcible sex offense. The disclosure may only include the final results of the disciplinary proceeding with respect to that alleged crime or offense, regardless of the finding.
- To the general public, the final results of a disciplinary proceeding if the school determines the student is an alleged perpetrator of a crime of violence or non-forcible sex offense, and the student has committed a violation of the school's rules or policies with respect to the allegation made against him or her.

- To parents of a student regarding the student's violation of any Federal, State, or local law, or of any rule or policy of the school, governing the use or possession of alcohol or a controlled substance if the school determines the student committed a disciplinary violation and the student is under the age of twenty-one.

Except for disclosures to school officials, disclosures related to some judicial orders or lawfully issued subpoenas, disclosures of directory information, and disclosures to the student, FERPA regulations require the Institution to record the disclosure. Eligible students have a right to inspect and review the record of disclosures.

Additionally, FERPA allows Concorde to disclose information it has designated as "Directory Information." Concorde defines directory information as: the student's name, address(es), telephone number(s), e-mail address, birth date and place, program of study, dates of attendance, honors and awards, photographs and credential awarded. If a student does not want his or her directory information to be released to third parties without the student's consent, the student must present such a request in writing to the Academic Dean within 45 days of the student's enrollment or by such later date as the Institution may specify as acceptable. Under no circumstance may the student use the right to opt out to prevent the Institution from disclosing that student's name, electronic identifier, or institutional e-mail address in a class in which the student is enrolled.

## Release of Personally Identifiable Information (PII)

As of January 3, 2012, the U.S. Department of Education's FERPA regulations expanded the circumstances under which a student's education records and personally identifiable information (PII) contained in such records, including his or her Social Security Number, grades, or other confidential information, may be accessed without his or her consent.

- The U.S. Comptroller General, the U.S. Attorney General, the U.S. Secretary of Education, or State and local education authorities ("Federal and State Authorities") may allow access to a student's records and PII without his or her consent to any third party designated by a Federal or State Authority to evaluate a Federal- or State-supported education program.
  - The evaluation may relate to any program that is "principally engaged in the provision of education," such as early childhood education and job training, as well as any program that is administered by an education agency or institution.
- Federal and State Authorities may allow access to a student's education records and PII without the student's consent to researchers performing certain types of studies, in certain cases, even when Concorde objects to or does not request such research.
- Federal and State Authorities must obtain certain use-restriction and data security promises from the entities that they authorize to receive a student's PII, but the Federal and State Authorities need not maintain direct control over such entities.
- With respect to Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems, State Authorities may collect, compile, permanently retain, and share, without the student's consent, PII from his or her education records, and they may track the student's participation in education and other programs by linking such PII to other personal information about him or her that they obtain from other federal or state data sources, including workforce development, unemployment insurance, child welfare, juvenile justice, military service, and migrant student records systems.

## Students With Disabilities Policy

It is the policy of Concorde Career Colleges, Inc. (Campus), to abide by both the letter and spirit of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and its implementing regulation at 34 Code of Federal Regulations C.F.R., Part 104. Section 504 prohibits discrimination on the basis of disability in programs and activities operated by recipients of federal financial assistance. Covered entities must accommodate students with reasonable academic adjustments and auxiliary aids and services that are necessary to afford an individual with a disability an equal opportunity to participate in its programs. Concorde is not required to make academic adjustments and/or provide auxiliary aids and services that would result in a fundamental alteration of its programs or impose an undue burden.

The Campus prohibits all discrimination against “qualified individuals with disabilities” as defined in Concorde’s Disabilities Policy. In addition, a “qualified disabled person,” with respect to postsecondary and vocational education services, is one who meets the academic and technical standards requisite to participation in the Campus’s education program.

## Procedures for Requesting Academic Adjustment and/or Auxiliary Aid:

1. Current students with disabilities wishing to request academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids must contact the Campus President. The Campus President is designated as the Campus Compliance Coordinator (CCC) with respect to Section 504. A disclosure of a disability or request for adjustments and/or aids made to a faculty or staff member, other than the CCC, will not be treated as a request for an academic adjustment and/or auxiliary aid. However, if a student discloses a disability to faculty or staff, he or she is required to direct the student to the CCC.
2. The CCC will provide the student with an academic adjustment and/or auxiliary aid Request Form for Students With Disabilities to complete. Academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids are available to students who provide documentation of a disability, specifically that they have an impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.
3. In general, the documentation referenced should be current prior to taking entrance assessments to be accepted into a program. The documented assessments must be completed by qualified professionals in the area of disability. Documentation and sources used to evaluate the need and determine appropriate adjustments or aids may include a licensed professional’s current medical diagnosis and date of diagnosis, evaluation of how the student’s disability affects one or more of the major life activities and recommendations, psychological and/or emotional diagnostic tests, aptitude and achievement tests with results/reports, functional effects or limitations of the disability (physical limitations) and/or medications and recommendations, and social and cultural background and adaptive behavior. The campus reserves the right to request additional documentation as needed.
4. After the CCC or his or her designee receives the academic adjustment and/or auxiliary aid Request Form and the required documentation, the CCC will engage in an interactive process with the student to determine what academic adjustment(s) and/or auxiliary aid(s) are appropriate. This process will include primary consideration of the student’s recommendations. It is the responsibility of the student to initiate this process by contacting the CCC and participating in the interactive process to identify appropriate academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids. Within 10 business days, the CCC will meet with the student to discuss the appropriate reasonable academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids needed. Primary consideration will be given to the

student’s requested academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids. Any academic adjustment and/or auxiliary aid denied will include a written statement as to the basis. Whenever an academic adjustment and/or auxiliary aid is denied, the CCC will enter into an interactive communication with the requestor and discuss the need for additional documentation and/or alternate academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids.

5. If the student is denied the requested adjustment or aid, he or she may file a grievance using the Grievance Procedure, or the student may file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights.
6. The CCC is responsible for ensuring that approved academic adjustments and auxiliary aids are implemented in a timely manner and will be responsible for ensuring compliance of accommodations through the Academic Dean and Program Director. If students believe that the academic adjustment and/or auxiliary aid is not being implemented, they are urged to contact the CCC to discuss the matter. If not resolved, students may file a grievance using the Grievance Procedure, or the student may file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights.

An adjustment or aid that fundamentally alters a program of instruction, conflicts with direct licensing requirements, or otherwise negates a requirement essential to the program will not be approved. A student may challenge such a determination by using the Grievance Procedure, or the student may file a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights.

## Grievance Procedure Regarding Students With Disabilities

Any complaints alleging discrimination based on one’s disability, including disagreements regarding requested academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids, may be grieved using the following procedures:

- He or she should contact the Campus Compliance Coordinator (CCC) (Campus President) to file a formal grievance as soon as the student knew or reasonably should have known of the alleged discriminatory act or disagreement regarding academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids.
- The CCC will assist the student in defining the grievance and will witness the student’s signature on the Grievance Form.
- All grievances shall be reviewed and investigated by the Vice President of Academic Affairs. The Vice President of Academic Affairs’ role shall be to investigate whether the student was discriminated based on disability by gathering all relevant information. Allegations can include, but are not limited to, harassment, failure to provide approved aids or adjustments, or a disagreement over what aids and adjustments are appropriate.
- The student shall have an opportunity to express his or her concerns with the Vice President of Academic Affairs.
- All reasonable efforts will be made to provide a written determination to the student within 30 days, which will close the charge of discrimination.
- If the student feels the alleged discriminatory act was conducted by the CCC, the student may contact the Vice President of Academic Affairs at 1-800-852-8434 to file a formal grievance at any time in the process.
- The determination made by the Vice President of Academic Affairs will be the final review.

The campus is dedicated to protecting the rights provided to individuals with disabilities by Section 504. Federal regulations prohibit the campus from discriminating against students on the basis of disability. If a student believes that the campus has discriminated against him or her or another person on

the basis of disability, the student may file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights.

The campus prohibits retaliation against persons who file complaints of discrimination or assist with or participate in a campus or government agency investigation, proceeding, or hearing concerning complaints of discrimination. Retaliation complaints may be filed separately with the Office for Civil Rights. Current or prospective students with disabilities wishing to request academic adjustments and/or auxiliary aids must contact the Campus President.

## Official Letter Grading Scale

Written examinations are given periodically, and, at the completion of each course, a final exam is given. Lab exams cover both subject matter and skills evaluation. Records of grades are maintained by the Registrar/Student Records Manager. Unless specified differently for an individual program, students receive letter grades at the end of each grading period (course) using the official letter grading scale. Grades are based on assignments, tests, and manipulative performance examinations given with each unit of learning. At the end of each evaluation period, the student's cumulative grade point average (CGPA) will be determined. At that time, academic records will be made available or furnished to the student.

## Incomplete Grades

All missed exams and assignments must be complete by the last day of the current term. In rare circumstances, an "I" (incomplete) grade may be issued with the approval of the Academic Dean or the Campus President. The student will then have seven calendar days (excluding published holidays) in which to make up the missing work. A student who has a final grade of "I" and who has not made up the work by the end of this period, will receive a course grade calculated based on a grade of zero for the missing work. Any action that may result from a grade calculated on this basis (such as probation, being required to repeat the course, or withdrawal/dismissal) will be executed immediately.

Incompletes will not be given for clinical/laboratory assignments not completed in the final term. Failure to satisfactorily complete clinical/laboratory assignments in the final term will result in the student being required to repeat the term.

When the "I" is replaced with a letter grade, Satisfactory Academic Progress will be recalculated based on the letter grade and the credits earned.

Incompletes, although a temporary grade, will be included as attempted credits.

## General Education Courses

The following official letter grading scale is used to indicate the level at which students have achieved the educational objectives of a class for General Education courses:

Letter Grade	Numerical %	Description	GPA
A	90–100	Exceptionally Competent	4.00
B	80–89	Highly Competent	3.00
C	70–79	Fully Competent	2.00
D	60–69	Minimally Competent	1.00
F <sup>1</sup>	0–59	Not Competent	0.00
T	N/A	Transfer of Credit	N/E
I	N/A	Incomplete	N/E

W <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal From Course	N/E
WP <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal While Passing	N/E
WF <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal While Failing	N/E

KEY: N/E No effect on grade point average (GPA).  
 1. This course must be repeated.  
 2. This course does not impact GPA but does count toward rate of progress.

In general, a grade of "D" in General Education courses is considered a minimally passing grade and does not need to be repeated. However, there are certain exceptions with science courses. Students must earn a minimum grade of "C" in the following courses, or the course must be repeated.

### Nursing

- Microbiology
- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II
- Anatomy & Physiology I VLab
- Anatomy & Physiology II VLab

### Occupational Therapy Assistant

- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II
- Human Growth & Development

### Physical Therapist Assistant

- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II

### Respiratory Therapy

- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II
- Microbiology

### Surgical Technologist

- Anatomy & Physiology I
- Anatomy & Physiology II

## Pass/Fail Courses

The following grading scale will be used for only courses identified as pass/fail. These courses do not impact GPA, but they do count toward rate of progress.

Letter Grade	Numerical %	Description	GPA
P	N/A	Successful completion of a Pass/Fail course	N/E
F <sup>1</sup>	N/A	Failure of a Pass/Fail course	N/E

KEY: N/E No effect on grade point average (GPA).  
 1. This course must be repeated.



## Nonclinical Program Content Courses

The official letter grading scale for all nonclinical programs (technical courses only), including Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Administration, and Pharmacy Technician, is as follows:

Letter Grade	Numerical %	Description	GPA
A	90–100	Exceptionally Competent	4.00
B	80–89	Highly Competent	3.00
C	70–79	Fully Competent	2.00
D <sup>1</sup>	60–69	Minimally Competent	1.00
F <sup>1</sup>	0–59	Not Competent	0.00
T	N/A	Transfer of Credit	N/E
I	N/A	Incomplete	N/E
W <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal From Course	N/E
WP <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal While Passing	N/E
WF <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal While Failing	N/E

KEY: N/E No effect on grade point average (GPA).  
 1. This course must be repeated.  
 2. This course does not impact GPA but does count toward rate of progress.

## Clinical Program Content Courses

The official letter grading scale for the Occupational Therapy Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Practical Nursing, Respiratory Therapy, and Surgical Technologist programs (technical courses only) is as follows:

Letter Grade	Numerical %	Description	GPA
A	90–100	Exceptionally Competent	4.00
B	80–89	Highly Competent	3.00
C	75–79	Fully Competent	2.00
D <sup>1</sup>	70–74	Minimally Competent	1.00
F <sup>1</sup>	0–69	Not Competent	0.00
T	N/A	Transfer of Credit	N/E
I	N/A	Incomplete	N/E
W <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal From Course	N/E
WP <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal While Passing	N/E
WF <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal While Failing	N/E

KEY: N/E No effect on grade point average (GPA).  
 1. This course must be repeated.  
 2. This course does not impact GPA but does count toward rate of progress.

## Nursing Program Content Courses

The official letter grading scale for the Nursing program (technical courses only) is as follows:

Letter Grade	Numerical %	Description	GPA
A	90–100	Exceptionally Competent	4.00
B	83–89	Highly Competent	3.00
C	76–82	Fully Competent	2.00
D <sup>1</sup>	70–75	Minimally Competent	1.00
F <sup>1</sup>	0–69	Not Competent	0.00
T	N/A	Transfer of Credit	N/E
I	N/A	Incomplete	N/E
W <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal From Course	N/E
WP <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal While Passing	N/E
WF <sup>2</sup>	N/A	Withdrawal While Failing	N/E

KEY: N/E No effect on grade point average (GPA).

1. This course must be repeated.
2. This course does not impact GPA but does count toward rate of progress.

In general, a grade of “D” in General Education courses is considered a minimally passing grade and does not need to be repeated. However, there are certain exceptions with science courses. Students must earn a minimum grade of “C” in the following courses, or the course must be repeated.

## Nursing Program

Unless otherwise specified in the course descriptions, a grade of “C” (76 percent) or better is considered passing for technical courses in the Nursing program. Clinical/Lab Practice classes are graded on a Pass/Fail basis. Students who fail one portion (clinical or didactic) of a class will fail the entire class.

Any withdrawn student who chooses to reapply must meet the current catalog readmission requirements for the program. All withdrawn students seeking reentry are subject to space availability.

## Physical Therapist Assistant Program

All students must demonstrate minimum competency levels in order to progress through the program. Students must earn an overall score of 75 percent or greater in each course in order to achieve a passing grade. Students must pass all courses within each term in order to advance to the next term or clinical experience. If the student does not earn 75 percent as a final course grade, the student may not advance and will be withdrawn from the program. Withdrawn students may apply for readmission to repeat failed course(s) as they are offered again on a space-available basis.

## Respiratory Therapy Program

To pass any course in the Respiratory Therapy program, a student must earn a minimum of 75 percent theory grade and a pass rating on all clinical and laboratory objectives for that course. A student earning less than a 75 percent on an examination must attend mandatory “practice and review” sessions. If the student earns an overall grade of less than 75 percent, the student will not be allowed to progress in the program and will be withdrawn or set back on a space-available basis. Students are required to pass the final written and practicum examinations to graduate the program.

## Surgical Technologist Program

A passing grade in all courses in the Surgical Technologist program is a minimum of 75 percent. Additionally, students must pass all Laboratory Practical Final Examinations with a minimum of 75 percent. Students must meet or exceed the thresholds defined for all clinical criteria.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

To remain in good academic standing and maintain financial aid eligibility, students must meet the following minimum Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards as measured at the end of each grading and/or payment period:

1. Must maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average (CGPA) of 2.0.
2. Must maintain a rate of progress (ROP) of 66.67% or greater.
3. Must complete the program within 150 percent of the program length (Maximum Time Frame [MTF]).

## Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA)

CGPA measures the quality of the student's work by assigning quality points to each letter grade and weighting the course by the credit hours. Only courses with earned grades required in the student's program of study are included in the CGPA calculation. In the case of repeated coursework, only the most recent attempt is counted toward the CGPA.

## Rate of Progress (ROP)

Students are required to maintain a satisfactory ROP toward successful completion of their program. ROP is defined as the credit hours completed divided by the credit hours attempted. All periods of the student's enrollment for the current program count when assessing progress, even periods in which the student did not receive Federal Student Aid (FSA) funds.

## Maximum Time Frame (MTF)

Students must successfully complete all the required course credit hours of their program within the Maximum Time Frame. To maintain SAP, the credit hours attempted cannot exceed one and one-half times (1.5) or 150 percent of the credit hours required to complete a program.

### For Example:

Credit Hours Required for Program	Maximum Credit Hours Attempted
24.0	36.0
29.0	43.5

## SAP Evaluation

Each program is broken down into grading periods and payment periods. At the end of each of these periods, the student's CGPA, ROP and MTF will be evaluated. The evaluation will ensure that all aspects of Satisfactory Academic Progress are met. A student failing to maintain the minimum standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress will be notified of such and will face administrative actions. These actions include being placed on Academic Warning, Academic Probation or withdrawal from the program at the end of a grading period. In addition, a student failing to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of a payment period may be placed in a Financial Aid (FA) Warning status or Financial Aid Probation status, or the student may lose Federal Financial Aid eligibility altogether.

## Academic Warning

A student not meeting all aspects of Satisfactory Academic Progress (CGPA, ROP and MTF) at the end of a grading period will be placed on Academic Warning. The school will advise the student of his or her status prior to the start of the next grading period, and the student will be required to complete an Academic Success Plan. If a student fails to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress for the next grading period or for any grading period in which the student is on Academic Warning, the student must file an appeal. A student in this situation who does not file or does not receive approval for an appeal will be withdrawn for academic failure.

## Financial Aid (FA) Warning

FA Warning will be assigned to a student not meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress standards at the end of a payment period. The school will advise the student of his or her status prior to the start of the next payment period. A student on FA Warning may continue to receive Federal Student Aid (FSA) funds for one payment period. A student on FA Warning who achieves the minimum CGPA and rate of progress by the next payment period will be removed from FA Warning and placed back in good standing and retain his or

her eligibility for FSA funds. A student who fails to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards after the FA Warning period will lose his or her eligibility for FSA funds unless the student's appeal is approved. The student will then be placed on FA Probation.

## Academic Probation

A student on Academic Warning who does not meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards at the end of the grading period must file an appeal. If the appeal is approved, the student will be placed on Academic Probation for one evaluation period. A student on Academic Probation who fails to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress or who fails to meet the requirements of the Academic Success Plan at the end of the grading period will be withdrawn. A student on Academic Warning or Academic Probation will be returned to good standing at the end of an evaluation period in which all Satisfactory Academic Progress standards are met.

## Financial Aid (FA) Probation

Students on FA Warning who do not meet Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of the payment period must submit an appeal or be withdrawn. If the appeal is approved, the student will be assigned the status of FA Probation. The school will advise the student of his or her status prior to the start of the next payment period. A student on FA Probation who fails to achieve Satisfactory Academic Progress or who fails to meet the requirements of the Academic Success Plan at the end of the payment period will be withdrawn. A student on FA Probation who achieves a minimum CGPA and ROP by the next payment period will be removed from FA Probation and placed back in good standing and retain eligibility for FSA funds. A student who fails to make Satisfactory Academic Progress or fails to meet the requirements of the Academic Success Plan after the FA Probation period will lose eligibility for FSA funds.

## Academic Success Plan

At the end of every grading and/or payment period in which a student does not meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards, campus academic staff will assist the student in creating an Academic Success Plan. The Academic Success Plan will outline, in detail, minimum academic performance standards for the student for the upcoming term. The student must acknowledge and meet the requirements of the Academic Success Plan to remain enrolled in the program.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeals

A student may appeal withdrawal from the program due to failure to meet SAP and/or the loss of financial aid based on mitigating circumstances. The Academic Success Plan is an integral part of, and must accompany, the appeal. The appeal and Academic Success Plan must be submitted in writing to the Academic Dean within three calendar days of notification. The Academic Dean will review the appeal and Academic Success Plan and respond to the student within 48 hours of receiving the appeal.

Written appeals must include:

- A clear statement about the mitigating circumstances that caused the student to be unsuccessful and include appropriate supporting documentation of such circumstances;
- An explanation of how such mitigating circumstances contributed to the student's academic situation;
- An explanation about what has changed in the student's situation that would allow the student to attain Satisfactory Academic Progress at the next payment period; and

- An acknowledged and signed Academic Success Plan created with the assistance of campus academic staff.

If the student chooses not to appeal, or the appeal is denied, the student will be withdrawn.

## Transfer of Credit to Other Institutions

The transferability of credits that a student earns at Concorde is at the complete discretion of the institution to which he or she may seek to transfer. Acceptance of the degree or diploma earned is also at the complete discretion of the institution to which the student may seek to transfer.

If the credits or credential earned at Concorde are not accepted at the institution to which the student seeks to transfer, the student may be required to repeat some or all of the coursework at that institution. For this reason, the student should make certain that his or her attendance at Concorde will meet his or her educational goals. This may include contacting an institution to which he or she may seek to transfer after attending Concorde to determine if his or her credits or credential will transfer.

Concorde does not imply, promise or guarantee that any credits earned at Concorde will transfer to or be accepted by any other institution. There is a meaningful possibility that some or all credits earned at Concorde will not transfer to or be recognized by other institutions, and it is the student's responsibility to find out in advance of enrollment whether a receiving institution will recognize a course of study or accept credits earned at Concorde.

## Transfer of Credit to Concorde

Students who formerly attended a postsecondary institution accredited by an agency as recognized by the U.S. Department of Education may be granted transfer credit for equivalent courses taken at the previous institution. Students must submit a Request for Transfer Credit as soon as possible after being enrolled at Concorde; in addition, students are responsible for having official transcript(s) from their previous institution forwarded to Concorde. To be eligible for transfer credit consideration, the following must be met:

- An official copy of the student's transcript is on file with Concorde;
- Non-General Education courses were completed within the previous 12 months, and a grade of "C" or better was earned;
- General Education courses were completed within the last five years, and a grade of "C" or better was received; General Education courses older than five years will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis;
- A copy of the catalog containing the course description, which the student enrolled under, is provided; and
- CLEP courses may be accepted if completed within the five years and have a minimum score of 60.

Students requesting to transfer credit(s) must submit all required documentation no less than one week prior to the start of the class(es) for which credit is being requested. If the Academic Affairs department determines the credits are acceptable for transfer, credit will be given for those courses, and the student will be scheduled to take only those courses needed to fulfill the requirements for graduation.

Under no circumstances does Concorde Career Institute grant academic credit for life experience.

This section does not apply to students withdrawn from the same Concorde campus regardless of withdrawal date.

Students who receive transfer credit will have the program tuition charge prorated based upon the remaining number of credits the student must earn in order to graduate. The Business Office will make the appropriate tuition adjustment.

Concorde does not make any representation or guarantee that coursework completed at another institution will transfer to Concorde.

## Students From Other Concorde Career Institutes/Colleges

Students transferring from another Concorde Career Institute/College must meet the entrance requirements in place at this school at the time of transfer. These students may be eligible to receive credit for previous courses provided that the following requirements are met:

- An official copy of the student's transcript is on file with Concorde Career Institute;
- Courses within a major were completed within the previous 12 months, and a grade of "C" or better was earned;
- General Education (nonscience) communications, mathematics, social science or humanities courses were completed with a grade of "D" or better; and
- General Education science (BIOL, CHEM) courses were completed within the previous ten years with a grade of "C" or better.

Students transferring from another Concorde Career school may transfer up to 75 percent of the academic credits necessary to fulfill the requirements for graduation. Students requesting to transfer credit(s) must submit all required documents prior to starting school.

If the Academic Affairs department determines the credits are acceptable for transfer, credit will be given for those courses, and the student will be scheduled to take only those courses needed to fulfill the requirements for graduation.

For courses within a major taken more than 12 months prior, the student must take a proficiency examination for both academics and practicals. Academic credit will be granted if the student scores 75 percent or better and demonstrates competencies of practical skills. The student will not be charged for the examination(s). Students requesting to transfer credit(s) must submit all required documents and/or pass any proficiency examination prior to starting school.

Under no circumstances does Concorde Career Institute grant academic credit for life experience.

## Residency Requirements

Students are required to earn a minimum of 75% of their credits/hours in residence at Concorde Career College/Institute. Therefore, the total of transfer credits and online classes cannot exceed 25% of a program's credits/hours. An exception may be made for students transferring to the same program of study at another Concorde school. Please contact the Academic Dean at the receiving school to discuss the transfer of course credits and credit for prior learning.



## Repetitions

Students are required to repeat any failed course. Students will be allowed to repeat a failed course once (see the “Official Letter Grading Scale”). Both the grade for the failed course and the repeated course will appear on the transcript, but only the most recent grade will be used in calculating CGPA. However, the original course and repeated course credit hours are included in the maximum time frame and rate of progress calculations. Students may incur a fee for repeating a class(es). Please see a Financial Aid Representative to discuss your situation. Students who fail the same academic course twice will be dismissed from the program. Dismissed students are not eligible for readmission.

## Veterans Administration Students

The school will notify the Veterans Administration (VA) when a student receiving VA education benefits is placed on Academic Warning or Academic Probation. Students will be advised of any counseling services available to them at the school in order to resolve academic or other problems and to establish a meaningful plan for successful completion of their education or training. The school will also remind students of the counseling services and tutorial assistance benefits available through the VA. When a student has failed to maintain prescribed standards of progress, the VA will be informed promptly so that benefit payments can be discontinued in accordance with the law. The termination date assigned by the school will be the last day of the term or other evaluation period in which the student’s progress became unsatisfactory. Schools that provide a period of academic warning or probation may not continue to certify a veteran or eligible person (who remains in an unsatisfactory academic status) for an indefinite period of time. The school will withdraw any student who remains in an unsatisfactory academic status for more than two successive periods and report the withdrawal to the VA. The credit hours attempted cannot exceed 1.5 times the credit hours required to complete the credit-hour program.

## Copyright Infringement

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## Outside Classroom Work

Students will find the work in each program to be challenging, requiring them to maximize their time and problem-solving strategies. Students demonstrate their commitment to learning via work and time spent inside and outside the class. In addition to the time spent in class per week,

students are required to spend time outside of class on reading assignments, writing assignments, practice and practical applications, and projects or other equivalent learning experiences to help them achieve the course objectives. Specific details on the outside classroom work are found in the individual course syllabi, which students receive at the beginning of each course.

## Scholastic Honesty

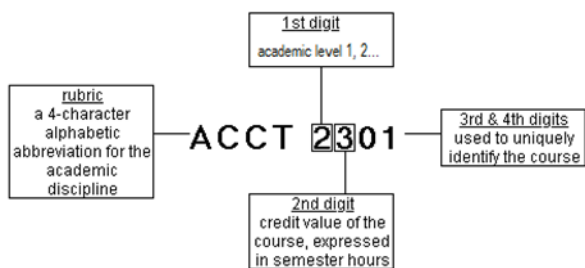
It is assumed that all students are enrolled in class to learn; therefore, cheating is not an acceptable practice. Dishonesty of any type in a course, including cheating on examinations or plagiarizing materials, can result in a grade of “F” and may be cause for suspension and/or withdrawal from school. Plagiarism includes passing off or attempting to pass off the ideas or writing of another person as one’s own.

Students are prohibited from operating any type of audio or video recording device in a classroom, laboratory, or clinical setting without prior expressed permission from the Campus President or Academic Dean. Prohibited items include, but are not limited to: video cameras, telephones with audio or video recording capability, computers, electronic tablets, or watches with audio or video recording capability. This is not an all-inclusive list. Violations of this policy may lead to disciplinary actions up to and including dismissal from school.

# Program Course Descriptions

## Course Numbering System

Each course is identified by a four-character “rubric” (i.e., prefix or department abbreviation) and a four-digit number. The rubric is always four uppercase alphabetic characters representing the academic discipline. The first digit of the course number denotes the academic level of the course; the second digit denotes the credit value of the course in semester hours; and the third and fourth digits establish course sequencing and/or distinguish the course from others of the same level, credit value, and rubric.



### BIOL1111: Anatomy & Physiology I VLab

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/30/0

In this virtual lab, the student will learn through virtual experiments the organization of the body and the anatomy/physiology of the cells, tissues and membranes, and various body systems as correlated to the BIOL1310 Anatomy & Physiology I course content; Co-requisite: BIOL1310

### BIOL1121: Anatomy & Physiology II VLab

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/30/0

In this virtual lab, the student will learn through virtual experiments various body systems as correlated to the BIOL1320 Anatomy & Physiology II course content. Prerequisite: BIOL1111; Co-requisite: BIOL1320

### BIOL1310: Anatomy & Physiology I

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

The organization of the body and the anatomy and physiology of the cells, tissues and membranes, and various body systems: integumentary, muscular, skeletal, nervous, sensory, and endocrine. The major organs of studied systems and how they relate to the overall status of the body are discussed.

### BIOL1320: Anatomy & Physiology II

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

The second of two courses covers the organization of the body and the anatomy and physiology of various body systems: circulatory, cardiovascular, lymphatic, immunity, digestive, respiratory, urinary, and reproductive. The major organs of systems and how they relate to overall status of the body are discussed.

### BIOL1330: Microbiology

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

Students learn a branch of biology dealing with microscopic forms of life. They learn how microorganisms on humans can be both beneficial and harmful. Students gain insight on different viruses and how they affect humans, the environment, and the future of genetics.

### COMM1310: Elements of Human Communication

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

Students have the opportunity to learn and apply practical principles of human interpersonal communication in daily life. Emphasis is placed on the psychological, social, cultural, and linguistic factors that affect person-to-person interaction. Through practical application, this course assists students in improving public speaking skills.

### CPSO1001: Career Path Success A

Credit Hours: 0.50 Clock Hours: 15/0/0

In this Career Path Success course students will learn and practice many of the soft skills needed to be successful in a healthcare career. Students will explore attitudes, behaviors and communication skills expected by employers, coworkers and patients. Upon completion of this course, students will better understand the importance of time management, planning and scheduling, managing distractions, and scheduling for specialized populations. Students will also learn how to prioritize time using various methods, create personalized schedules and to-do lists, and manage distractions. The importance of critical thinking in the workplace and scheduling needs for specialized populations is examined.

### CPSO1002: Career Path Success B

Credit Hours: 0.50 Clock Hours: 15/0/0

In this Career Path Success course students will learn and practice many of the soft skills needed to be successful in a healthcare career. Students will explore attitudes, behaviors and communication skills expected by employers, coworkers and patients. This course discusses appropriate attire as well as overall professional image for a healthcare environment. Students will examine habits that promote effective study skills as well as identify appropriate professional interactions when working with specialized populations.

### CPSO1003: Career Path Success C

Credit Hours: 0.50 Clock Hours: 15/0/0

In this Career Path Success course students will learn and practice many of the soft skills needed to be successful in a healthcare career. Students will explore attitudes, behaviors and communication skills expected by employers, coworkers and patients. Students in this course will explore the importance of the image conveyed through written and verbal communications as well as the impact those communications have on others. Students will explore perceptions of professionalism in the healthcare environment as well as identify basics of financial literacy including budgeting, spending habits and saving.

### CPSO1004: Career Path Success D

Credit Hours: 0.50 Clock Hours: 15/0/0

In this Career Path Success course students will learn and practice many of the soft skills needed to be successful in a healthcare career. Students will

explore attitudes, behaviors and communication skills expected by employers, coworkers and patients. In this course students will learn to nurture appropriate and effective co-worker relationships including the importance of protecting confidentiality of patients and co-workers. Students will learn to work effectively in teams in the healthcare environment as well as how to locate potential externship and employment opportunities. Conflict in the healthcare environment is discussed as well as methods of managing and resolving conflict. Basic skills for recognizing illegal drug use are presented and students will understand and be able to appropriately respond to triggers for special needs patients.

### **CPSO1005: Career Path Success E**

Credit Hours: 0.50 Clock Hours: 15/0/0

In this Career Path Success course students will learn and practice many of the soft skills needed to be successful in a healthcare career. Students will explore attitudes, behaviors and communication skills expected by employers, coworkers and patients. Students will learn why developing good people skills is beneficial in a healthcare environment as well as the necessity of embracing diversity when working with patients and others. The importance of taking responsibility for one's own actions is examined as well as the process for creating an effective resume and the steps necessary for a successful job search.

### **CPSO1006: Career Path Success F**

Credit Hours: 0.50 Clock Hours: 15/0/0

In this Career Path Success course students will learn and practice many of the soft skills needed to be successful in a healthcare career. Students will explore attitudes, behaviors and communication skills expected by employers, coworkers and patients. In this course students will examine the healthcare job market and identify effective interviewing techniques, interviewer perceptions, as well as interview follow-up. Students will also examine unique situations relating to the elderly and terminally ill.

### **DNTA1331: Introduction to Dental Assisting and Dental Terminology**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Basic dental principles and infection control practices will be presented with a focus on an introduction to dentistry, dental assisting and dental team roles. Additionally, the course will cover basic dental science.

### **DNTA1333: Dental Specialties**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Dental specialties will be presented with a focus on discussion on patient populations. Additionally, the course will apply dental assisting skills with specialized patient populations and procedures.

### **DNTA1335: Materials and Procedures**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Dental material science and theory will be presented with a focus on common dental materials. Additionally, the course will cover application of dental assisting skills in the use of dental materials in dental procedures.

### **DNTA1337: Patient Care and Management**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Basic principles and ethical decision making skills and a legal overview of dentistry will be discussed and all aspects of dental care delivery in offices including business practices and communication skills. Additionally, the course will cover basic marketing skills for dental assistants.

### **DNTA1339: Diagnostics and Orthodontics**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Diagnostic and assessment procedures will be presented including basic pharmacology and emergency procedure principles. Additionally, the course will cover dental charting and orthodontics.

### **DNTA1341: Dental Radiology**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Basic radiology principles and practices will be presented with a focus on radiology theory and safety. Additionally, the course will teach exposure and mounting of radiographs.

### **DNTA1348: Externship**

Credit Hours: 5.00 Clock Hours: 0/0/225

In the final phase of training, students are placed in a dental clinic setting. This cooperative effort between the school and the dentist's office gives students the opportunity to gain confidence and competence in the field while honing the skills learned in the classroom. While on externship, students are evaluated by the clinical site staff. Prerequisites: DNTA1331, DNTA1333, DNTA1335, DNTA1337, DNTA1339, DNTA1341; All CPSO courses

### **ENGL1310: English Composition I**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

Students apply the principles and techniques of written, expository, and persuasive composition; analysis of literary, expository, and persuasive texts; and critical thinking.

### **HPRS1320: Foundations for Health Professions**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

In Foundations for Health Professions, students will learn how medical terminology is constructed, common suffixes and prefixes, and a summary view of the various body systems and their combining forms in preparation for more in-depth study in anatomy and physiology. They will also get an overview of various learning styles and study tactics that work best with each learning style.

### **MATH1310: Contemporary Mathematics**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

In this course, students will learn the theory and application of number sets, logic, numeration systems, number theory and sequencing, equations-inequalities and problem solving, functions and graphs, abstract mathematical systems, probability, and statistics.

**MATH1320: College Algebra**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

The course covers principles and applications of real numbers, equation, inequalities and systems of linear equations and inequalities, graphing, exponents, polynomials, rational expressions, roots and radicals, and quadratic equations. The course is designed to expand students' reasoning abilities and teach them to read, write, and think mathematically.

**MDCA1312: Medical Assisting A**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students in this course will practice various administrative skills including scheduling appointments. They will learn medical terms, anatomy & physiology, and common diseases and disorders of the skeletal, integumentary and muscular body systems. They will practice keyboarding, apply positive communication skills, practice diagnostic procedures and perform vital sign procedures. They will learn first aid, rehabilitative procedures, the role of the medical assistant in the health community, and team member responsibilities.

**MDCA1322: Medical Assisting B**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students in this course will practice various administrative skills. They will learn medical terms, anatomy & physiology, and common diseases and disorders of the nervous, senses and respiratory body systems. They will practice keyboarding, apply positive communication skills, practice diagnostic procedures and perform vital sign procedures.

**MDCA1332: Medical Assisting C**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students in this course will practice various administrative skills. They will learn medical terms, anatomy & physiology, and common diseases and disorders of the urinary, reproductive and digestive body systems. They will practice keyboarding, apply positive communication skills, practice diagnostic procedures and perform vital sign procedures.

**MDCA1342: Medical Assisting D**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students in this course will practice various administrative skills. They will learn medical terms, anatomy & physiology, and common diseases and disorders of the endocrine, immune/lymphatic, and circulatory/ cardiovascular body systems. They will practice keyboarding, apply positive communication skills, practice diagnostic procedures and perform vital sign procedures.

**MDCA1352: Medical Assisting E**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students in this course will practice various administrative skills. Students learn about the clinical laboratory and the associated safety and regulatory guidelines. They explore basic microbiology and hematology and practice using a microscope. They learn the proper procedures for collecting,

processing, and testing urine specimens. Students perform venipuncture and capillary puncture.

They will practice keyboarding, apply positive communication skills, practice diagnostic procedures and perform vital sign procedures.

**MDCA1362: Medical Assisting F**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students in this course will practice various administrative skills. Students perform intradermal, subcutaneous, and intramuscular injections, calculate medication dosages, and administer medication. They will practice keyboarding, apply positive communication skills, practice diagnostic procedures and perform vital sign procedures.

**MDCA1573: Externship**

Credit Hours: 5.00 Clock Hours: 0/0/225

Students perform medical assistant functions in a medical facility. They are supervised and evaluated on skills acquired in the program content courses. Students perform phlebotomy, injections, patient record maintenance, vital sign measurement, patient exam preparation, and other medical assistant duties as assigned by the physician, on-site supervisor, or extern coordinator. Prerequisites: MDCA1312-MDCA1362; All CPSO courses

**NRSG1210: Pharmacology**

Credit Hours: 2.50 Clock Hours: 35/15/0

This course provides an introduction to the principles of pharmacology, including: pharmacokinetics, pharmacodynamics, potential medication reactions and drug-drug/food-drug interactions. Importance is placed on recognizing major drug classifications. Nursing concepts related legal and ethical nursing implications of medication administration are stressed. Students are given opportunities to practice dosage calculation while safely administering medication in the laboratory setting. This course also provides an introduction to the drugs used with HIV/AIDS patients. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310, BIOL1320, BIOL1330, PSYC1320

**NRSG1030: Practical to Professional Nursing Transition**

Credit Hours: 0.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

Emphasis is placed on the role delineation for the LPN/VN to RN. This course includes a review of the nursing process, critical thinking, and clinical decision making for use with medical surgical nursing and pharmacological concepts. This is a pass/fail course.

**NRSG1332: Mental and Behavioral Health Nursing**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/45

This course focuses on the nursing process and care of clients across the lifespan who are experiencing cognitive, mental and behavioral conditions while maintaining therapeutic communication. Emphasis is placed on management of clients facing emotional and psychological stressors and/or addiction issues. Promoting and maintaining the mental health of individuals and families is also considered. Concepts of crisis intervention, therapeutic communication, anger management, and coping skills are integrated while reducing risk potential throughout the course. The community as a resource for care and support services is addressed. Clinical experiences provide students opportunities to apply theoretical concepts and implement safe client-centered care to clients with mental health issues in various settings. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310,

BIOL1320, BIOL1330, PSYC1310, PSYC1320, NRSRG1210, NRSRG1640, NRSRG1730

### **NRSRG1640: Adult Health Nursing I**

Credit Hours: 6.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/135

This course focuses on providing safe, quality client-centered care of adult clients with medical and/or surgical health alterations using the nursing process while reducing risk potential. Emphasis is placed on the care of clients with alterations in selected body functions. Concepts of management, organization systems, health promotion, health education, therapeutic communication, evidence-based practice, and interprofessional collaboration are integrated throughout the course. Clinical learning experiences provide students opportunities to apply theoretical concepts of nursing, promote healthy behaviors and implement safe care to clients and selected groups in a variety of healthcare settings. In this course students are also introduced to training on how to care for patients with HIV/AIDS. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310, BIOL1320, BIOL1330, PSYC1320, NRSRG1210, NRSRG1730

### **NRSRG1650: Adult Health Nursing II**

Credit Hours: 6.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/135

This course focuses on analyzing the nursing process in order to provide client-centered care for adult clients with one or more chronic health alterations while reducing risk potential. Emphasis is placed on the care of clients with chronic alterations of selected body functions. Students apply the concepts of management, organization systems, health promotion, health education, evidence-based practice, therapeutic communication, and interprofessional collaboration. Clinical learning experiences provide students opportunities to apply theoretical nursing concepts, promote healthy behaviors, and implement safe, quality care to clients and selected groups in a variety of settings across the lifespan. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310, BIOL1320, BIOL1330, PSYC1310, PSYC1320, NRSRG1210, NRSRG1640, NRSRG1730

### **NRSRG1730: Foundations of Nursing Practice**

Credit Hours: 7.00 Clock Hours: 60/60/45

This course provides an introduction to the roles and scope of practice of the nurse in healthcare systems, as well as providing an introduction to basic comfort and client care concepts important to nursing practice. Emphasis is placed on the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to provide client-centered, safe, quality care while reducing risk potential. The theoretical foundation for basic assessment and nursing skills are presented, and students are given opportunities to demonstrate these skills in a clinical setting. An introduction to the nursing process provides a decision-making framework to assist students in developing effective clinical judgment skills. The principles of therapeutic communication are also introduced. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310, BIOL1320, BIOL1330, PSYC1320

### **NRSRG2360: Health Assessment Across the Lifespan**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 30/30/0

This course provides the framework for students to perform comprehensive health assessments on clients across the lifespan. Students formulate safe

nursing actions using the nursing process to collect information and perform a complete health history and physical assessment. Specific risk factors and determinants of health across the life span and contributors to negative health outcomes and health problems are discussed. Laboratory experiences provide opportunities to practice assessment skills. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310, BIOL1320, BIOL1330, PSYC1310, PSYC1320, NRSRG1210, NRSRG1332, NRSRG1640, NRSRG1650, NRSRG1730

### **NRSRG2410: Nursing Care of Childbearing and Childrearing Families**

Credit Hours: 4.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/45

This course provides an integrative, family-centered approach using the nursing process in the nursing care of childbearing and childrearing families. Emphasis is placed on healthy pregnancies and common complications, healthy growth and development, family dynamics, common pediatric disorders and the promotion of healthy behaviors in clients. Clinical experiences provide students opportunities to apply theoretical nursing concepts and implement safe client-centered care to mothers, newborns, children and families in selected settings while reducing risk potential. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310, BIOL1320, BIOL1330, PSYC1310, PSYC1320, NRSRG1210, NRSRG1332, NRSRG1640, NRSRG1650, NRSRG1730

### **NRSRG2471: Transition to Professional Practice**

Credit Hours: 5.50 Clock Hours: 58/0/90

This course facilitates the transition of students to the role of professional nurses within the clinical microsystem and healthcare delivery models. Emphasis is placed on contemporary issues and management concepts, as well as developing the skills of delegation, priority-setting, conflict management, and leadership. Legal and ethical issues are addressed with a focus on personal accountability and responsibility. Standards of safe practice and the significance of functioning according to state regulations and statutes while reducing risk potential are analyzed. Clinical experiences provide students opportunities to apply theoretical nursing concepts of leadership. Students also prepare to take the national licensure examination. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310, BIOL1320, BIOL1330, COMM1310, PSYC1310, PSYC1320, NRSRG1210, NRSRG1332, NRSRG1640, NRSRG1650, NRSRG1730, NRSRG2360, NRSRG2410

### **NRSRG2570: Multisystem Disorders**

Credit Hours: 5.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/90

This course focuses on advanced concepts of nursing care as they relate to clients across the lifespan with complex, multisystem alterations in health. Emphasis is placed on discrimination of time management and organizational skills while managing the care of clients with multiple needs and collaborating with the interdisciplinary team. Complex clinical skills, as well as priority setting, clinical judgment, and tenets of legal and ethical practice while reducing risk potential, are integrated throughout the course. Clinical experiences provide students opportunities to apply theoretical concepts and implement safe care to clients and selected groups in a variety of settings. In this course students are also trained on how to care for patients with HIV/AIDS. Prerequisites: MATH1320, ENGL1310, BIOL1111, BIOL1121, BIOL1310, BIOL1320, BIOL1330, COMM1310, PSYC1310, PSYC1320, NRSRG1210, NRSRG1332, NRSRG1640, NRSRG1650, NRSRG1730, NRSRG2360, NRSRG2410

**OTAP1140: Occupational Analysis & Therapeutic Media**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 15/0/0

This manipulation course provides knowledge and use of tools, equipment, and basic techniques of therapeutic media. Emphasis is given to analysis and instruction of activities frequently used as occupational therapy media in multiple community and clinical settings. Prerequisites: OTAP1220, OTAP1230, OTAP1320, OTAP1330

**OTAP1145: Occupational Analysis & Therapeutic Media Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/30/0

This lab class provides hands-on experiences that correspond to the didactic portion of Therapeutic Media. Students demonstrate analysis of activity, identifying media for various populations, adapting activities for patients and clients, and skill and safety in the use of tools. Prerequisites: OTAP1220, OTAP1230, OTAP1320, OTAP1330

**OTAP1150: Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/30/0

This lab provides hands-on experiences that correspond to the didactic portion of Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics. It includes exploration of occupational therapy assessments, demonstration of selected practice skills, constructing assistive and adaptive equipment, and the ability to use the teaching-learning process with the pediatric patient, family, significant others, colleagues, other health providers, and the public. Prerequisites: OTAP1220, OTAP1230, OTAP1320, OTAP1330

**OTAP1210: Foundations of Occupational Therapy**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

Provides a basic introduction to the field of occupational therapy for the occupational therapy assistant student. Content includes an introduction to the history, philosophy, and practice of occupational therapy, professional organizational structure, legal/ethical implications, and the process of service delivery. Various models of health-care, education, community, and social systems are also examined. Reimbursement mechanisms related to various practice settings, and federal and state regulatory and legislative bodies affecting practice are explored. Informal and formal ethical dispute-resolution systems and personal and organizational ethical conflict resolution systems that have jurisdiction over occupational therapy practice are examined.

**OTAP1220: Psychosocial Occupational Therapy Practice Lab**

Credit Hours 2.00 Clock Hours: 0/60/0

This lab course provides hands-on experiences that correspond to the didactic portion of the Psychosocial Occupational Therapy course. Emphasis is placed on independent and active learning to develop work behaviors of collaboration and intra-professional relationships. Students will practice assessments relevant for OTAs, treatment planning involving group process and implementation of group therapy. Prerequisite: OTAP1210

**OTAP1230: Applied Kinesiology for OTAs Lab**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 0/60/0

This lab course provides hands-on experiences that correspond to the didactic portion of Applied Kinesiology for OTAs. This course includes hands-on surface palpation of joints and muscles, and biomechanical principles of

joint motion, posture, and balance. Prerequisites: BIOL1310, BIOL1320, OTAP1210

**OTAP1250: Occupational Therapy in Pediatrics**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

This course provides fundamental knowledge of practice skills used with pediatric patients and with various diagnoses. Observation, assessments appropriate for OTAs, treatment planning, and documentation techniques are introduced. Prerequisites: OTAP1220, OTAP1230, OTAP1320, OTAP1330

**OTAP1320: Psychosocial Occupational Therapy**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

Basic theories of psychosocial occupational function will be covered. Group dynamics, group process, teaching/learning process, therapeutic use of self, expected roles and student self-analysis will be key concepts integrated throughout the course. Evaluation, treatment intervention, pharmacology, discharge process, documentation and reimbursement, advocacy and leadership within the psychosocial population are emphasized. Prerequisite: OTAP1210

**OTAP1330: Applied Kinesiology for OTAs**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course expands upon previous knowledge of musculoskeletal anatomy and neuromuscular physiology to include applied movement concepts and normal functional movement patterns, identifying anatomical position and major planes of the body, and the structure and basic functional implications of the skeletal, muscular, and nervous systems. Prerequisites: BIOL1310, BIOL1320, OTAP1210

**OTAP1340: Clinical Conditions I**

Credit Hours: 3.50 Clock Hours: 52.50/0/0

This course focuses on the etiology, clinical process, and prognosis of common diseases and illnesses, and the effect of disease or illness on an individual's performance and the impact this has on the person, family, and society. Content includes physical, mental, developmental, and orthopedic conditions. Prerequisites: OTAP1220, OTAP1230, OTAP1320, OTAP1330

**OTAP1350: Clinical Conditions II**

Credit Hours: 3.50 Clock Hours: 52.50/0/0

This course continues where Clinical Conditions I leaves off. It focuses on the effects of physical, developmental and mental health, heritable diseases and predisposing genetic conditions, disability, disease process, and traumatic injury to the individual within the cultural context of family and society on occupational performance. Prerequisite: OTAP1340

**OTAP1360: Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course provides intermediate practice skills for therapeutic interventions and techniques used to treat adults with functional deficits caused by medical, orthopedic, and neurological conditions. This course provides the students with skills to assess functional ability and independence in daily life tasks and occupations across the life span with various diagnoses. Emphasis will be given to adult and geriatric conditions and treatment. Prerequisites: OTAP1140, OTAP1145, OTAP1150, OTAP1250

**OTAP1365: Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction Lab**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 0/90/0

This lab course provides hands-on experiences that relate to the didactic portion of Occupational Therapy in Physical Dysfunction. Students review the use of occupational therapy terminology as it relates to practice, demonstrate selected practice skills, including the fabrication, application, fitting and training in orthotic devices, principles and concepts of therapeutic exercise, advanced positioning techniques, and the use of superficial, thermal and mechanical modalities. Prerequisites: OTAP1140, OTAP1145, OTAP1150, OTAP1250

**OTAP2110: Fieldwork Seminar**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

Preparation for full-time clinical practice, the national certification process, state licensure, and future employment. Prerequisite: OTAP1350

**OTAP2120: Occupational Therapy Concepts**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 15/0/0

This course expands the knowledge and skills gained from previous courses presenting aspects of OT practice, professional ethics, conduct, communication, and academic and clinical competencies required for testing and licensure, scope of practice, and the OTA's professional organization. Prerequisites: OTAP2210, OTAP2310

**OTAP2125: Occupational Therapy Concepts Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/30/0

This course expands the knowledge and skills gained from previous courses, presenting practical application and procedural aspects of OTA practice, professional ethics, conduct, and communication. Prerequisites: OTAP2210, OTAP2310

**OTAP2210: Occupational Therapy in Emerging and Specialty Areas of Practice Lab**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 0/60/0

This lab course provides hands-on experiences relating to the didactic portion of Occupational Therapy in Emerging and Specialty Areas of Practice. Students demonstrate selected practice skills such as joint protection, energy conservation, and work simplification; explore alternative/emerging treatment approaches; describe evaluation techniques for daily living activities; learn development, remediation, and compensation for physical, cognitive, perceptual, sensory, neuromuscular, and behavioral skills; and demonstrate knowledge of assistive technology and augmentative communication. Prerequisites: OTAP1360, OTAP1365

**OTAP2215: Fieldwork Level I Clinical**

Credit Hours: 2.50 Clock Hours: 0/0/120

This course provides students with an opportunity to observe and participate in clinical fieldwork. Students begin to develop professional work habits and are expected to function as participant observers in the assigned clinical setting. Students spend one week (40 clock hours each) in three different field work settings for a total of 120 clock hours. Prerequisite: OTAP1350

**OTAP2230: Occupational Therapy Transitions**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

This course provides information and guidance for the transitional process of becoming an occupational therapy practitioner. This course encompasses a variety of professional skills and concepts, completes documentation for state licensure, participates in final preparations for certification by the National Board of Certification in Occupational Therapy, and examines employability skills. Prerequisites: OTAP2120, OTAP2125

**OTAP2310: Occupational Therapy in Emerging and Specialty Areas of Practice**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

Students will learn the basic roles and functions of an occupational therapy practitioner and the role of occupational therapy in medical, educational, and community models, as well as emerging areas of practice that are predicted to grow in the future. Students explore a variety of work settings, and/or types of practice, including OT role delineations in community-based and nontraditional settings. Ethical and legal issues and professional advocacy are also addressed. The student will study specialty areas through case discussion, enhancement of treatment techniques, review of literature, and current trends. Prerequisites: OTAP1360, OTAP1365

**OTAP2720: Fieldwork Level II Clinical A**

Credit Hours: 7.00 Clock Hours: 0/0/320

This application course synthesizes previous didactic instruction and clinical experiences obtained in Fieldwork I. Students may encounter a variety of populations in a traditional or non-traditional setting and assume increasing responsibilities under supervision as appropriate for the setting. Prerequisite: OTAP2215

**OTAP2730: Fieldwork Level II Clinical B**

Credit Hours: 7.00 Clock Hours: 0/0/320

This application course synthesizes previous didactic instruction and experiences obtained in Fieldwork IIA. Students may also encounter a variety of populations in a traditional or non-traditional setting. Students are placed in a setting different from Fieldwork IIA. Students assume increasing responsibilities under supervision as appropriate for the setting. Prerequisite: OTAP2215

**PHAR1110: Introduction to Pharmacy Practice Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.50 Clock Hours: 0/48/0

In this course, students apply the principles from Introduction to Pharmacy Practice. Students will simulate pharmacy practice situations in preparation for various settings, tasks required of the pharmacy technician and evaluate how federal law applies to the practice of pharmacy. Co-requisite: PHAR1210

**PHAR1120: Pharmacology I Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.50 Clock Hours: 0/48/0

Students in this course will apply the principles in Pharmacology I. Students will practice using computer systems for prescription processing and patient data, and simulate patient interactions for improving customer service and managing the pharmacy. Co-requisite: PHAR1220

**PHAR1130: Pharmacology II Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.50 Clock Hours: 0/48/0

Students in this course will apply the principles in Pharmacology II. Students will practice using computer systems for prescription processing and patient data, and simulate patient interactions for improving customer service and managing the pharmacy. Co-requisite: PHAR1230

#### **PHAR1140: Compounding and Aseptic Techniques Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.50 Clock Hours: 0/48/0

Students in this course will apply the principles from the Compounding and Aseptic Techniques course. Students will practice compounding, sterile preparation and aseptic techniques within legal and regulatory guidelines specified by USP 797 standards. Students will perform dosage calculations required for sterile product preparation and demonstrate safe handling and preparation of compound sterile preparations. Co-requisite: PHAR1240

#### **PHAR1210: Introduction to Pharmacy Practice**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course introduces the student to the practice of pharmacy and typical duties of a pharmacy technician. This course also provides an understanding of the various organizations which provide healthcare services with particular emphasis on the provision of pharmaceutical care in each organization. The course content includes terminology and abbreviations, law and ethical principles with application to pharmacy practice, technology in the pharmacy field, and patient record systems. Co-requisite: PHAR1110

#### **PHAR1220: Pharmacology I**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course provides study of the relationship of pharmaceutical products and normal human anatomy. Students will identify various drugs by their generic and trade names, identify drugs by their therapeutic classification, and describe various drug uses, dosages, routes of administration, and side effects. Co-requisite: PHAR1120

#### **PHAR1230: Pharmacology II**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course provides study of the relationship of pharmaceutical products and normal human anatomy. Students will identify various drugs by their generic and trade names, identify drugs by their therapeutic classification, and describe various drug uses, dosages, routes of administration, and side effects. Co-requisite: PHAR1130

#### **PHAR1240: Compounding and Aseptic Techniques**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

Students in this course will learn the process of compounding, sterile preparation and aseptic techniques within legal and regulatory guidelines specified by USP 797 standards. Students will perform dosage calculations required for sterile product preparation and learn safe handling and preparation of compound sterile preparations. Co-requisite: PHAR1140

#### **PHAR1350: Externship I**

Credit Hours: 3.50 Clock Hours: 0/0/160

This course allows students to assist with or actively participate in patient care using the institutional care knowledge acquired from classroom training. Prerequisites: PHAR1110-PHAR1240; All CPSO courses

#### **PHAR1360: Externship II**

Credit Hours: 3.50 Clock Hours: 0/0/160

This course allows students to assist with or actively participate in patient care using the ambulatory care knowledge acquired from classroom training. Prerequisites: PHAR1110-PHAR1240; All CPSO courses

#### **PHIL1310: Critical Thinking**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

Students learn how to enhance and refine their cognitive and affective performance. The course analyzes the role of the learner and the purpose of education, and assists students in developing the systematic information processing, critical thinking, reading, and study strategies needed for success as life-long learners.

#### **POFM1311: Medical Office Procedures**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students acquire clerical and administrative skills typically expected in a medical office. This course includes discussions and activities in telecommunications, medical records management, mail processing, and general office equipment. Students practice keyboarding to gain accuracy and speed and learn medical terminology.

#### **POFM1321: Computer Applications**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students explore and practice the Microsoft Office® applications Word, Excel, and Outlook. Basic-level functions are covered for students to create typical documents used in medical practice. Students practice keyboarding to gain accuracy and speed and learn medical terminology.

#### **POFM1331: Medical Terminology & Communications**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

Students practice appropriate written and verbal forms of professional communication, such as letter forms, grammar, punctuation, and spelling. Students practice keyboarding to gain accuracy and speed and gain proficiency in medical terminology. Students are exposed to basic business mathematic concepts used in the office environment.

#### **POFM1341: Medical Insurance Claims Processing**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

This course provides the fundamental knowledge and skills required in completing the Universal Health Insurance Claim Form for a variety of insurance carriers. This course includes discussions and activities in the processing of claims for commercial carriers, managed care plans, and government programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, CHAMPUS/CHAMPVA, Worker's Compensation, and Disability.

#### **POFM1351: Medical Insurance Coding**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0

This course provides a detailed approach to the accurate use of The Physician's Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) for procedural coding of insurance claims. Information on the International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10-CM) used for diagnoses coding, and activities in the Healthcare Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) are also addressed. This course includes discussions on the correct and ethical coding of insurance claims.

#### **POFM1361: Medical Office Applications**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 40/40/0



Students learn and practice accounts receivable and accounts payable activities using a computerized management system in a series of simulated daily office activities. They practice electronic medical record management and application of HIPAA regulations and gain proficiency in medical terminology.

### **POFM1571: Externship**

Credit Hours: 5.00 Clock Hours: 0/0/225

This course is an integral part of the learning experience for the student. Each student is assigned to work in a medical facility in order to gain everyday practical and clinical experience in the duties and functions of a medical office employee and to apply the student's educational training in a work environment. Prerequisites: POFM1311-POFM1361; All CPSO courses

### **PSYC1310: General Psychology**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course provides a general overview of the field of psychology. The scientific nature of psychology and the sociohistorical evolution of the field are reviewed. Students will study the themes and theories related to understanding human behavior. Students will be able to use the skills and knowledge gained in this course in their future classes, the work place, and in their personal relationships. This course will provide a better understanding of human learning and behavior which will lead to success in future classes.

### **PSYC1320: Human Growth & Development**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

Students discuss all stages in the life span from infancy through late adulthood. A discussion of cultural considerations, types of families, changes affecting modern families and family patterns, and qualities of functional families will be included.

### **PTAP1201: Functional & Applied Anatomy Lab**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 0/60/0

This laboratory course provides hands-on experience complementing the didactic material presented in PTAP1400. Emphasis is on development of competency in data collection skills relevant to the musculoskeletal system. Prerequisites: PTAP1300, BIOL1310, BIOL1320; Co-requisite: PTAP1400

### **PTAP1210: Patient Care Skills**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

This course covers foundational patient care skills: communication, safety considerations, implementation of plan of care, chart review, patient positioning and monitoring, mobility skills, massage, and documentation. CPR training and certification are also completed in this course.

Prerequisites: PTAP1300; Co-requisite: PTAP1211

### **PTAP1211: Patient Care Skills Lab**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 0/60/0

This laboratory course provides hands-on experience complementing the didactic material presented in PTAP1210. This course covers foundational patient care skills: communication, safety considerations, implementation of the plan of care, chart review, patient positioning and monitoring, mobility

skills and documentation. Practical application of basic patient care skills and data collection is emphasized. Prerequisite: PTAP1300; Co-requisite: PTAP1210

### **PTAP1221: Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation Lab**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 0/60/0

This course accompanies PTAP1320 and covers practical application and instruction of interventions and exercise in musculoskeletal rehabilitation. Demonstration of competency in exercise instruction and technique is emphasized. Implementation of the physical therapy plan of care for a patient with musculoskeletal disorders is covered. Prerequisites: PTAP1201, PTAP1210, PTAP1211, PTAP1400; Co-requisite: PTAP1320

### **PTAP1240: Modalities**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

This course presents the therapeutic modalities and physical agents that are used in physical therapy practice. Physiological effects, patient preparation, treatment parameters, indications, precautions and contraindications will be discussed. Prerequisites: PTAP1201, PTAP1210, PTAP1211, PTAP1400; Co-requisite: PTAP1241

### **PTAP1241: Modalities Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.50 Clock Hours: 0/45/0

This course presents therapeutic modalities and physical agents commonly used in physical therapy practice. Instruction in safe application and demonstration of competency is emphasized. Application of modalities and agents as part of the physical therapy plan of care is covered. Prerequisites: PTAP1201, PTAP1210, PTAP1211, PTAP1400; Co-requisite: PTAP1240

### **PTAP1300: Introduction to Physical Therapy**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course provides a basic introduction to the field of Physical Therapy. Course content includes an introduction to the physical therapy profession and its national organization, physical therapy practice description, appropriate clinical behavior, communication, and ethical and legal issues in the field. Instruction regarding health care team members, medical terminology and study skills are also included in this class.

### **PTAP1320: Musculoskeletal Rehabilitation**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course presents interventions in the management of patients with common musculoskeletal dysfunctions and role of the physical therapist assistant in implementation of the plan of care. Exercise principles, technique and instruction are covered. Prerequisites: PTAP1201, PTAP1210, PTAP1211, PTAP1400; Co-requisite: PTAP1221

### **PTAP1350: Pathology for the Physical Therapist Assistant**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course presents the etiology, pathophysiology, incidence, signs and symptoms, diagnoses, prognosis, medical, pharmacological and physical therapy treatment of diseases commonly seen in physical therapy. Implications for treatment by the physical therapist assistant are emphasized. This course explores current concepts related to wellness and prevention and the physical therapist assistant's role in wellness.

### **PTAP1400: Functional & Applied Anatomy**

Credit Hours: 4.00 Clock Hours: 60/0/0

This course expands upon previous knowledge of musculoskeletal anatomy. Content areas include applied movement concepts and data collection relevant to the role of the physical therapist assistant. Prerequisites: PTAP1300, BIOL1310, BIOL1320; Co-requisite: PTAP1201

### **PTAP2121: Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/30/0

This course accompanies PTAP2220 and covers practical application and instruction of cardiopulmonary rehabilitation techniques and demonstration of competency. Implementation of the cardiopulmonary plan of care is included. Prerequisites: PTAP2201, PTAP2400; Co-requisite: PTAP2220

### **PTAP2131: Rehabilitation for Specialized Disorders Lab**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/30/0

This course explores the role of the physical therapist assistant in implementation of the plan of care for patient individuals with specialized disorders and complements the lecture course. Practical application of data collection and interventions associated with discussed disorders. Demonstration of competency and implementation of plan of care is emphasized. Prerequisites: PTAP2121, PTAP2220, PTAP2525; Co-requisite: PTAP2230

### **PTAP2201: Neuromuscular Rehabilitation Lab**

Credit Hours: 2.50 Clock Hours: 0/75/0

This course accompanies PTAP2400 and covers practical application and instruction of neuromuscular rehabilitation techniques and demonstration of competency. Implementation of the neurologic plan of care is included. Prerequisites: PTAP1201, PTAP1210, PTAP1211, PTAP1350, PTAP1400; Co-requisite: PTAP2400

### **PTAP2210: Rehabilitation Through the Lifespan**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

Rehabilitation of individuals throughout the lifespan is discussed: special considerations in the pediatric and geriatric populations. Prerequisites: PTAP1201, PTAP1210, PTAP1211, PTAP1350, PTAP1400, PSYC1320

### **PTAP2220: Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

Exploration of the role of the physical therapist assistant in care of patient with cardiovascular and pulmonary disorders in implementing the plan of care. Prerequisites: PTAP2201, PTAP2400; Co-requisite: PTAP2121

### **PTAP2230: Rehabilitation for Specialized Disorders**

Credit Hours: 2.00 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

This course explores the role of the physical therapist assistant in implementation of the plan of care for patient individuals with specialized disorders. Prerequisites: PTAP2121, PTAP2220, PTAP2525; Co-requisite: PTAP2131

### **PTAP2340: Special Topics for the Physical Therapist Assistant**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course covers administrative issues and career development as well as current topics in physical therapy. Clinical experiences and presentation of case histories are completed. The course is designed to meet the needs of the student in regional considerations. Topics may vary from offering to offering. Prerequisites: PTAP2131, PTAP2230, PTAP2535

### **PTAP2400: Neuromuscular Rehabilitation**

Credit Hours: 4.00 Clock Hours: 60/0/0

This course covers the role of the physical therapist assistant (PTA) in the management of patients with common neurological dysfunctions. The student will learn theoretical principles and how to integrate them in treatment. Prerequisites: PTAP1201, PTAP1210, PTAP1211, PTAP1350, PTAP1400; Co-requisite: PTAP2201

### **PTAP2525: Clinical Experience I**

Credit Hours: 5.00 Clock Hours: 0/0/240

This full-time, six week, clinical affiliation will provide the student with initial exposure to the clinical setting. The PTA student will be under the direct supervision of a PT and/or PTA. This clinical affiliation allows students to practice patient care skills, document treatment techniques and enhance communication skills with all health care team members. Prerequisite: PTAP1221, PTAP1240, PTAP1241, PTAP1320, PTAP2201, PTAP2210, PTAP2400

### **PTAP2535: Clinical Experience II**

Credit Hours: 5.00 Clock Hours: 0/0/240

This full-time, six week, clinical affiliation will allow students to expand upon their previous clinical experience and incorporate the knowledge and skills from additional coursework. The student will be under the direct supervision of a PT and/or PTA. Emphasis is placed on the student assuming a more active role with the rehabilitation team for the delivery of care. Prerequisites: PTAP2121, PTAP2220, PTAP2525

### **PTAP2545: Clinical Experience III**

Credit Hours: 5.00 Clock Hours: 0/0/240

At the completion of this full-time, six week clinical affiliation, the student goal will be to perform as an entry-level physical therapist assistant. Students participate in this clinical experience under the supervision of a licensed physical therapist and/or physical therapist assistant. Prerequisites: PTAP2131, PTAP2230, PTAP2535

### **RT210: Introduction to & Applied Respiratory Therapeutics**

Credit Hours: 12.00 Clock Hours: 180/60/0

Students learn applicable medical terminology and the metric conversions used in respiratory therapy. They learn applied anatomy, physiology, and mechanics of the pulmonary system and the relationship between respiration and cardiac function. Students learn to recognize normal and abnormal arterial blood gas results. They learn the principles of gas physics and their application to oxygen, aerosol, and humidity therapies. Students begin the process of professional development and learn self-esteem and motivational skills necessary to become employed. Students learn the conditions that indicate the need for oxygen therapy. They explore the potential hazards associated with oxygen therapy, study the different oxygen delivery devices, and learn how to assemble and test equipment. They

practice setting up oxygen, aerosol, and humidity therapies. They are introduced to the various pharmacological agents used in respiratory therapy and their biochemical properties. Students learn the indications for and the potential hazards of IPPB and incentive spirometry therapies. Students have the opportunity to practice procedures for the administration of these therapies to patients in a laboratory setting. Students learn to perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and chest auscultation and to administer metered dose inhalation therapy. Professional development will continue, including ethics. Prerequisites: General Education courses respective to each program must be successfully completed.

### **RT220: Clinical Medicine I**

Credit Hours: 10.00 Clock Hours: 30/30/315

Students learn to perform patient assessments, including assessing the need for secretion removal and how to perform the appropriate procedures. Students examine the etiology of respiratory disease, learn to identify common pathogenic organisms, and explore various isolations and sterilization techniques. They learn to maintain and manage an artificial airway and will explore the physiology of blood gases and the techniques for analyzing arterial blood gas samples. A large portion of this course is spent in a clinical externship practicing the skills related to what has been learned to identify, perform, and assess the results of various diagnostic pulmonary function tests. Prerequisite: RT210

### **RT230: Clinical Medicine II**

Credit Hours: 10.00 Clock Hours: 30/30/315

Students examine the pathologies of the cardiopulmonary symptoms and recognize the manifestations and systems of restrictive and obstructive pulmonary disease. Students study the various types of mechanical ventilators to identify the modalities of continuous mechanical ventilation. They learn how to set up ventilators and monitor a ventilator patient. Students learn how to apply PEEP/CPAP and intermittent mandatory ventilation. They learn the special considerations for continuous mechanical ventilation and long-term life support. They learn the advanced techniques and proper maintenance procedures associated with continuous mechanical ventilation, as well as the indications for and techniques applicable to, the discontinuation of ventilation. They learn to recognize the various pulmonary disease states associated with ventilator patients and how to evaluate the patient's status and response to therapy. A large portion of this course is spent in a clinical externship practicing the skills related to what has been learned in the classroom and laboratory. Prerequisite: RT220

### **RT240: Clinical Specialty Areas/Comprehensive Review**

Credit Hours: 10.00 Clock Hours: 75/30/180

Students learn anatomy, physiology, and respiratory care considerations of the pediatric and neonatal patient. They learn to identify/administer the pharmacological agents used in critical care and explore the goals and objectives of pulmonary rehabilitation and patient education. Students work on case studies related to these topics. A large portion of this course is spent in a clinical externship practicing the skills related to what has been learned in the classroom and laboratory. Prerequisites: RT230

### **RT250: Advanced Clinical Practice**

Credit Hours: 10.00 Clock Hours: 100/40/90

This course offers an overview of the math used for respiratory therapy calculations, and provides an opportunity for students to learn advanced skills related to respiratory patient care. The course offers a comprehensive

study of current standardized pulmonary function modalities and the interpretation of test data, and includes a comprehensive review of critical thinking skills and therapist-driven protocols as applied to the successful completion of the certification examinations offered by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC). Prerequisite: RT240

### **SOCI1310: Introduction to Sociology**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 45/0/0

This course is a general introduction to the study of sociology, which is the systematic study of human society and the social forces that shape human social life. The goal is to provide students with an overview of how sociology helps us understand human societies, human relationships, group aspects of behavior, and social institutions.

### **ST110: Basic Sciences I**

Credit Hours: 5.50 Clock Hours: 108/12/0

Orientation to Surgical Technology, CPR for healthcare providers and fundamentals of medical terminology are introduced. This course surveys physics, human chemistry, body organization, the integumentary system, musculoskeletal systems and the nervous system. It further analyzes the structure and functions of the nervous system and the senses.

### **SURG1110: Surgical Technology Lab I**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/40/0

This laboratory course is designed to provide for the practical application of theoretical concepts, patient safety standards, and aseptic principles outlined in SURG1310: Surgical Technology Theory I. Perioperative applied skills performed in the assistant circulator role are highlighted with an emphasis on industry best practices and the application of critical thinking skills. Co-requisite: SURG1310

### **SURG1120: Surgical Technology Lab II**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/40/0

This laboratory course is designed to provide for the practical application of theoretical concepts, patient safety standards, and aseptic principles outlined in SURG1320: Surgical Technology Theory II. Perioperative applied skills performed in the scrub role are highlighted with an emphasis on industry best practices and the application of critical thinking skills. Patient vital signs and microscope use are also included. Prerequisites: SURG1110, SURG1310; Co-requisite: SURG1320

### **SURG1130: Surgical Technology Lab III**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/40/0

This laboratory course is designed to provide for the practical application of theoretical concepts, patient safety standards, and aseptic principles outlined in SURG1330: Surgical Technology Theory III. Perioperative applied skills performed in the scrub role are highlighted with an emphasis on industry best practices and the application of critical thinking skills. Handling, passing, and assembly of specialty surgical instrumentation, equipment, and supplies is included. Prerequisites: SURG1140, SURG1340; Co-requisite: SURG1330

### **SURG1140: Surgical Technology Lab IV**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/40/0

This laboratory course is designed to provide for the practical application of theoretical concepts, patient safety standards, and aseptic principles outlined

in SURG1340: Surgical Technology Theory IV. Perioperative applied skills performed in the scrub role are highlighted with an emphasis on industry best practices and the application of critical thinking skills. Intraoperative and postoperative case management skills are further emphasized. Prerequisites: SURG1120, SURG1320; Co-requisite: SURG1340

### **SURG1150: Surgical Technology Lab V**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/40/0

This laboratory course is designed to provide for the practical application of theoretical concepts, patient safety standards, and aseptic principles within the mock surgery setting. Perioperative applied skills performed in the scrub and circulating roles are highlighted with an emphasis on industry best practices and the application of critical thinking skills. Mock surgery scenarios incorporate all skills acquired in previous laboratory courses in order to prepare the student for clinical experiences and surgical rotations. Prerequisites: SURG1140, SURG1340; Co-requisite: SURG1350

### **SURG1160: Surgical Technology Lab VI**

Credit Hours: 1.00 Clock Hours: 0/40/0

This capstone laboratory course is designed to provide for the practical application of theoretical concepts, patient safety standards, and aseptic principles within the mock surgery setting. Perioperative applied skills performed in the scrub and circulating roles are highlighted with an emphasis on industry best practices and the application of critical thinking skills. Mock surgery scenarios incorporate all skills acquired in previous laboratory courses in order to prepare the student for clinical experiences and surgical rotations. Prerequisites: SURG1150, SURG1350; Co-requisite: SURG1360

### **SURG1310: Surgical Technology Theory I**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 60/0/0

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive introduction into the field of surgical technology and survey basic perioperative surgical concepts. Major subjects covered include professionalism and employability, OR organization and administration, the surgical technologist's roles and responsibilities, risk management, and basic circulating skills. Modern ethics, law and morality in healthcare, fundamentals of OR pharmacology, and anesthesia concepts are also surveyed. Preoperative case management concepts in the circulating role include patient transfer and transport, urinary catheterization, patient positioning, and skin preparation. Related medical/surgical terminology is integrated throughout the course. Co-requisite: SURG1110

### **SURG1320: Surgical Technology Theory II**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 60/0/0

This course will survey fundamentals of microbiology, intro to laboratory equipment (i.e., microscopes), the infectious process, and infection control concepts. Perioperative theory includes fundamentals of aseptic technique; medical versus surgical asepsis; sterilization, disinfection, and antisepsis; environmental controls and personnel practices; scrubbing, gowning, and gloving for surgery; draping; and establishing the sterile field. Safety, OSHA regulations, and Standard Precautions are also surveyed. Related medical/surgical terminology is integrated throughout the course. Prerequisites: SURG1110, SURG1310; Co-requisite: SURG1120

### **SURG1330: Surgical Technology Theory III**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 60/0/0

This course is designed to provide a comprehensive overview of basic and specialty surgical instrumentation, equipment, and supplies. Topics include surgical instrument uses and classifications, equipment identification and function, and specialty supply handling, preparation, and usage. Related medical/surgical terminology is integrated throughout the course. Prerequisites: SURG1140, SURG1340; Co-requisite: SURG1130

### **SURG1340: Surgical Technology Theory IV**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 60/0/0

This course will survey surgical case management concepts, including wound types and healing, surgical sutures and needles, wound closure techniques and devices, dressings and drainage devices, fundamentals of surgical pathophysiology, and postoperative patient care. Critical thinking skills within the operative environment are discussed in the context of surgical anticipation, emergency management, and All-hazards preparation. Related medical/surgical terminology is integrated throughout the course. Prerequisites: SURG1120, SURG1320; Co-requisite: SURG1140

### **SURG1350: Surgical Procedures I**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 60/0/0

This course will introduce students to surgery and primary surgical procedures within basic specialties, including general, obstetric & gynecologic, ophthalmic, otorhinolaryngologic, oral & maxillofacial surgery, and diagnostic procedures. Related medical/surgical terminology, anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology are integrated throughout the course. Prerequisites: SURG1140, SURG1340; Co-requisite: SURG1150

### **SURG1360: Surgical Procedures II**

Credit Hours: 3.00 Clock Hours: 60/0/0

This course will introduce students to surgery and primary surgical procedures within basic specialties, including plastic & reconstructive, genitourinary, orthopedic, cardiothoracic, peripheral vascular, and neurosurgery. Related medical/surgical terminology, anatomy, physiology, and pathophysiology are integrated throughout the course. Prerequisites: SURG1150, SURG1350; Co-requisite: SURG1160

### **SURG2150: Surgical Technology Clinical Review I**

Credit Hours: 1.50 Clock Hours: 30/0/0

This is the first of two courses designed to provide the student with a review of all didactic, laboratory, and clinical knowledge necessary to prepare for success on the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). Reviews will be conducted in several forms, including test skills preparation, anatomy & physiology, pharmacology, sterilization concepts, and surgical procedures review. Prerequisites: SURG1160, SURG1360

### **SURG2460: Surgical Technology Clinical Review II**

Credit Hours: 4.00 Clock Hours: 80/0/0

This is the second of two courses designed to provide the student with a review of all didactic, laboratory, and clinical knowledge necessary to prepare for success on the Certified Surgical Technologist (CST) examination administered by the National Board of Surgical Technology and Surgical Assisting (NBSTSA). Reviews will be conducted in several forms, including test skills preparation, anatomy & physiology, pharmacology, sterilization concepts, and surgical procedures review.

**SURG2560: Surgical Technology Clinical II**

Credit Hours: 5.00    Clock Hours: 0/0/240

This clinical experience will provide progressive exposure to and experience with diverse surgical procedures of elementary, intermediate, and advanced complexity performed in relation to the practice of surgical technology in multiple specialties within the clinical setting. Prerequisites: SURG2150, SURG2850

**SURG2850: Surgical Technology Clinical I**

Credit Hours: 8.00    Clock Hours: 0/0/360

This clinical experience will provide progressive exposure to and experience with diverse surgical procedures of elementary, intermediate, and advanced complexity performed in relation to the practice of surgical technology in multiple specialties within the clinical setting.

The A POSitive CARE approach is utilized to facilitate the learning process. It is a systematic approach to critical thinking and surgical problem solving focused on the ability of the student surgical technologist to anticipate the needs of the surgical team as well as the patient. Prerequisites: SURG1160, SURG1360

# Calendar

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## 2019 Student Holidays

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July 4, 2019	Independence Day
September 2, 2019	Labor Day
November 28, 2019	Thanksgiving Day
November 29, 2019	Friday After Thanksgiving
December 24, 2019	Christmas Eve
December 25, 2019	Christmas Day

## 2020 Student Holidays

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January 1, 2020	New Year's Day
January 20, 2020	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
May 25, 2020	Memorial Day
July 4, 2020	Independence Day
September 7, 2020	Labor Day
November 26, 2020	Thanksgiving Day
November 27, 2020	Friday After Thanksgiving
December 24, 2020	Christmas Eve
December 25, 2020	Christmas Day

## Graduation Dates

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Graduation dates are estimated and may vary due to individual students' clinical/externship schedules.

## Clinical Schedules

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Clinical rotations may consist of up to 12-hour shifts. Shift times may vary and may include weekends.

General Education classes may be morning and/or afternoon sessions or online.

## Externship Schedules

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Externship schedules may consist of 6-8 hour shifts during the daytime.

## Hours of Operation

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Classroom - Open at least 15 minutes before/after each scheduled class.  
Administration - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Thursday and 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday  
LRC - 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday - Friday unless posted.

## Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant & Medical Office Administration

2019

Morning Classes Monday – Friday		Evening Classes *Monday – Friday  Monday – Thursday: 5:45pm-10:45pm	
Start	Graduate	Start	Graduate
01/28/19	09/05/19	*01/28/19	09/05/19
02/26/19	10/04/19	02/26/19	10/04/19
03/27/19	11/01/19	03/27/19	11/01/19
04/25/19	12/03/19	04/25/19	12/03/19
Morning Classes Monday – Thursday		Evening Classes Monday – Thursday	
05/23/19	01/02/20	05/23/19	01/02/20
06/24/19	02/03/20	06/24/19	02/03/20
07/24/19	03/06/20	07/24/19	03/06/20
08/22/19	04/03/20	08/22/19	04/03/20
09/23/19	05/01/20	09/23/19	05/01/20
10/21/19	06/01/20	10/21/19	06/01/20
11/18/19	06/29/20	11/18/19	06/29/20
12/17/19	07/31/20	12/17/19	07/31/20

## Nursing

2019	
Start	Graduate
01/22/19	07/24/20
04/08/19	10/09/20
06/24/19	12/18/20
09/09/19	03/19/21
11/25/19	06/04/21

## Occupational Therapy Assistant

2019 Monday – Friday 5:00 p.m. –11:00 p.m. Clinicals May Vary	
Start	Graduate
04/8/19	12/18/20
11/25/19	08/13/21

## Pharmacy Technician

2019

Monday – Friday Lab & Externship Hours May Vary	
Start	Graduate
01/28/19	07/22/19
02/26/19	08/21/19
03/27/19	09/19/19
04/25/19	10/18/19
Monday – Thursday Lab & Externship Hours May Vary	
05/23/19	11/15/19
06/24/19	12/17/19
07/24/19	01/23/20
08/22/19	02/20/20
09/23/19	03/19/20
10/21/19	04/16/20
11/18/19	05/14/20
12/17/19	06/15/20

## Physical Therapist Assistant

2019

Start	Graduate
01/22/19	10/02/20
11/25/19	08/13/21

## Respiratory Therapy

2019

Morning Classes		Afternoon Classes	
Start	Graduate	Start	Graduate
1/22/19	07/17/20	06/24/19	12/18/20
11/25/19	5/28/21		

## Surgical Technologist

2019

Start	Graduate
06/24/19	10/02/20
11/25/19	03/12/21



# Program Costs

Effective 7/1/19

Program	Tuition	Application Fee	Textbooks <sup>1</sup> (estimated)	Total
Medical Assistant	\$ 16,765.00	\$ -	\$ 694.00	\$ 17,459.00
Dental Assistant	\$ 16,610.00	\$ -	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 17,630.00
Medical Office Administration	\$ 13,875.00	\$ -	\$ 1,948.00	\$ 15,823.00
Surgical Technologist	\$ 32,766.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,299.00	\$ 34,165.00
Pharmacy Technician	\$ 14,214.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,214.00
Occupational Therapy Assistant	\$ 36,873.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,450.00	\$ 38,423.00
Nursing	\$ 43,452.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 3,159.00	\$ 46,711.00
Respiratory Therapy	\$ 43,092.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,303.00	\$ 44,495.00
Physical Therapist Assistant	\$ 41,418.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,193.00	\$ 43,711.00

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<b>INCIDENTAL FEES</b>	
All incidental fees are the responsibility of the student and must be paid prior to receiving any item.	
Additional Diploma	\$10.00
Additional Transcript	\$5.00
Retesting for Waitlist Students	\$50.00
Refresher Training	\$100.00
Administrative Withdrawal Fee	\$100.00
Copies	\$0.10/copy
Returned Check Fee	\$25.00
Replacement Student ID Card	\$5.00

# Personnel

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## Administration

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Sean Kuhn	BA-Communications Studies, Wright State University, Dayton, OH	Campus President ADA/504 Coordinator
Dyer, Nethaneel		Maintenance Technician
Harrison-Muhsin, Andrea		Campus Administrative Assistant

## Admissions

Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Johnson, Lynn		Director
LaCourse, Alexis		Admissions Coordinator
Alie, Mark		Admissions Representative
Ashman, Vera		Admissions Representative
Gray, Valerie		Admissions Representative
Jean-Gilles, Ralph		Admissions Representative
Regnier, Andre		Admissions Representative
Simpson, Claudette		Admissions Representative

## Business Office

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Manes, Hal		Manager

## Dental Assistant Program

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Heintskill, Lisa	DHS, MHS, Nova Southeastern University; BS, Ferris State University; AAS, Delta College	Program Director
DeVegas, Phyllis	Pre-Dentistry - Kennesaw State University, Georgia	Part-Time Instructor
Flecha, Garrick	Darton College; Albany Technical Institute; Lindsay Hopkins Technical Institute; Miami-Dade College	Instructor

## Education

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Winston, Ron	EdD., North Central University; MBA, American Intercontinental University; BAS, St. Petersburg College; ASDH AAMS, Miami Dade College; DA, Concorde Career Institute	Academic Dean
Kinchen, Raynel	MSEd - Higher Education Administration, Florida International University; BA - English, Florida International University; BA – Women’s Studies, Florida International University	Learning Resource Center Coordinator
Bailey, Selma		Administration
Burgos, Jennifer		Student Records Manager
Campbell, Nicole		Test Proctor
Francis, Ordene		Receptionist
Green, Ana		Receptionist

## Financial Aid

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Tassy, Yolene		Director
Cartagena-Rosa, Amelphy		Senior Financial Aid Advisor
Grant-Arscott, Gillian		Senior Financial Aid Advisor

## Medical Assistant Program

Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Bess, Shalon	BS, Barry University School of Technology      Diploma, National	Program Director
Barach, Carolyn	Diploma, Ross Technical Institute	Instructor
Benjamin, Renalda	Diploma, National School of Technology, Miami, FL	Part-Time Instructor
Conrad, Maryalice	Diploma, Medical Assistant- Concorde Career College	Instructor
Darlenzo, Joan	Diploma, Medical Assistant-Ft. Lauderdale College	Instructor
Shabazz, Aaliyah	BS-Health Science, Keiser University, FL	Instructor
Urmaza, Ferdinand	MD Medicine, Far Eastern University, BS Zoology, Far Eastern University	Instructor

## Medical Office Administration Program

Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Bess, Shalon	BS, Barry University School of Technology      Diploma, National	Program Director

## Nursing Program

Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Wisdom, Sonia	MSN (Acute Care Nurse Practitioner), Barry University, Miami, FL; BSN, University of the West Indies, Jamaica	Director of Nursing
Aluc, Yvemith	MSN-ARNP; BSN - Florida International University, Miami, FL	Part-time Instructor
Blanc, Stephane	MSN – Purdue University Global, BSN – Nova Southeastern University	Part-time Instructor
Brainey, Maxine	MBA, MSN - North Park University, IL	Full Time Instructor
Casimir, Craig	MSN, BSN - Nova Southeastern University, Davie, FL	Full Time Instructor

Cohen, Esther	MSN/BSN - Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL	Instructor
Cohen, June	MSN, University of Phoenix; BSN, University of Phoenix	Part-Time Instructor
Cole-Patterson, Suzette	MSN, BSN - Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ	Part-time Instructor
Daniel, Norma	MS-Health Management, St. Thomas University, FL; BSN, Long Island University, N.Y.	Part-Time Instructor
Goff, Kristina	BSN - University of North Florida, Jacksonville, FL; ASN - Florida Community College, Jacksonville, FL	Nursing Tutor (Full-Time)
Jermone, Marie	MSN - University of Phoenix, Miramar, FL; BSN - Florida International University, Miami, FL	Part-time Instructor
Joseph, Beatrice	BSN, Florida Atlantic University; AARN, Miami Dade College; AS, Practical Nursing- Miami Dade College	Part-Time Instructor
Milhomme, Enide	ARNP, Florida International University; BSN, Florida State University	Instructor
Pelegri-Gonzalez, Maria	MSN-ED, Grand Canyon University; BSN, Florida International University; AND, Miami-Dade College, School of Nursing	Instructor
Severe, Letiana	MSN, Walden University, MN; BSN, Barry University, FL	Part-Time Instructor
Shields, Ann-Marie	MSN, ARNP, FNP-BC, Florida International University; BSN, Summa Cum Laude, The Ohio University, Athens, Ohio	Part-Time Instructor
Smith, Noreen	MSN, BSN, AASN, SUNY at Stony Brook	Part-Time Instructor

## Occupational Therapy Assistant Program

Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Butler, Brett	MFA Creative Writing, Full Sail University; BA Behavioral Science, Lynn University; AS Occupational Therapy Assistant, Palm Beach State College	Program Director
Sanders-Woods, Lakeisha	BS, Florida A&M University	Academic Fieldwork Coordinator
Goldman, Yafit	AS - Occupational Therapy Assistant, Keiser University	Instructor (Part-Time)
Timmer, Alexandria	AS, Keiser University	Instructor (Full-Time)

## Pharmacy Technician Program

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
King, Jamel	A.S./Institute of Career Ed./South College	Program Director
Donawa, Russell		Pharmacy Tech Lab Assistant

## Physical Therapist Assistant Program

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Nieto, Veronica	M.Ed. Allied Health Teaching and Leadership; BS in Health Sciences, Keiser University; AS Physical Therapy Assistant, Miami Dade College	Program Director
Barbosa-Timoteo, Cristiane	AS - Physical Therapy Assistant; Lynn University, FL	Academic Coordinator Clinical Education
Shimony, Adi	Master of Physical Therapy, Nova University, FL; BA-Psychology, Florida Atlantic University, FL	Instructor

## Respiratory Therapy Program

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Diaz, Merlyn	AS, Respiratory Care, ATI College of Health; BS, Health Science, Kaplan University	Program Director
Reese, Dennis I.	M.Ed, Health Occupational Ed & Adult Ed. – FIU, AS Respiratory Therapy, Miami Dade College	Director of Clinical Education
Valle, Moraima	AS - Respiratory Therapy - ATI College of Health, Miami, FL	Part-time Instructor

## Student Affairs

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Alvarez, Josh	MS - Management and Leadership, Western Governors University; BS - Business Administration, Everest University	Director of Student Affairs
Resnik, Reina		Senior Graduate Employment Specialist
Quiñones, Cynthia		Senior Student Services Advisor  Title IX Coordinator  CQuinones@concorde.edu

## Surgical Technologist Program

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Name	Education/Credentials	Title
Merschdorf, Bonnie	AS, Ashworth University; Diploma-Surgical Technology, The School of Health Care Sciences, Sheppard AFB, TX (United States Airforce). Certified Surgical Technician - National Board of Surgical Technologist & Surgical Assistants	Program Director
Dennison, Eric	Associates in Science - Surgical Technology, Sanford Brown Institute, Fort Lauderdale, FL	Instructor