

Opening Doors to Many Careers

Concordia partners with community colleges

A college education opens the door to many careers, and a dual enrollment agreement between Concordia University and three area community colleges will give more students access to a four-year degree by cutting costs while expanding student options and choices of curriculum.

Concordia University, a private Christian university in northeast Portland, recently signed a dual enrollment agreement with Portland Community College, Tillamook Bay Community College, and Columbia Gorge Community College, marking the first dual enrollment agreement ever between public and private higher educational institutions in Oregon.

There are many benefits for students in Concordia's dual enrollment program. Most importantly, the overall cost to obtain a four-year degree is drastically reduced. Students can opt to take many general elective classes at one of the community colleges and then transfer those credits to Concordia.

The dual enrollment agreement guarantees that the transfer credits will be accepted by Concordia, whereas students transferring to other institutions may lose up to as much as half of their credits.

Dual enrollment also streamlines the admission process by only having one application for both schools, saving the student — and the institutions — hours of frustrating paperwork. Other benefits include coordinated

advising and planning, a straightforward financial aid process, and flexibility in course selection and scheduling. Students also have access to student services and activities at both institutions.

Concordia signed its dual enrollment agreements with all three community colleges at a special ceremony in September. Dr. Gary Andeen, executive director of the Oregon Independent Colleges Association, and Britt Davis, president of the Oregon Independent College Foundation, both attended the agreement signing.

Dr. Andeen praised the agreement, saying "Concordia is a school that knows how to do this right." He noted that Concordia currently enrolls more community college transfer students than any other college or university in Oregon.

Mr. Davis added, "Emotionally, for students coming into a community college, knowing this option is available with no hassles is remarkable. It's the students who are the winners — Concordia just happens to be the facilitator."

Indeed, through this unique partnership, Concordia is making college more accessible to, not only to the residents of Portland, but also for students in the communities of Tillamook and The Dalles.

For more information on the dual enrollment program, contact Concordia University's Department of Admission at 503.280.8501 or visit www.concordia.edu/admissions/



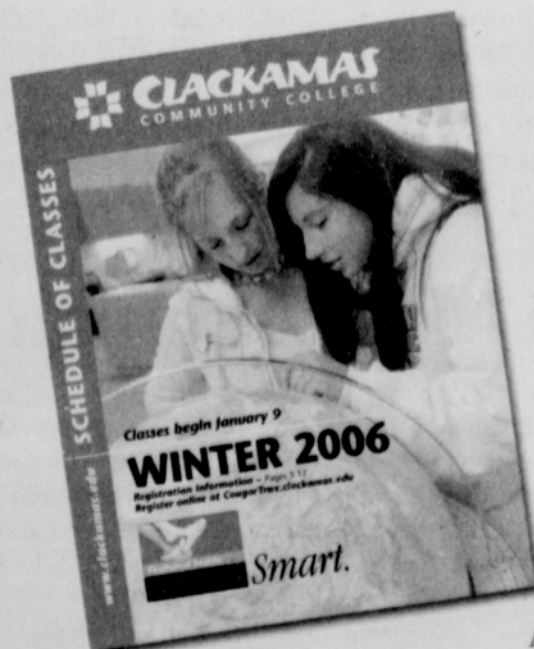
Students at Concordia University in northeast Portland have more options with a dual enrollment agreement with Portland Community College and two other community colleges in the state.

Top 25 Companies for Diversity

Diversity Inc. Magazine recently rated the top 25 companies for diversity:

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| 1. Altria Group | 14. Pepsi Bottling Group |
| 2. Turner Broadcasting System | 15. SBC Communications |
| 3. Citigroup | 16. Sear, Roebuck & Co |
| 4. PepsiCo | 17. Health Care Service Corp |
| 5. Abbott Laboratories | 18. Tribune Co. |
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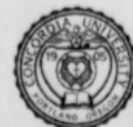
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As a nurse, you will provide life-saving, critical care, but your first challenge is getting into a good school. That's where Concordia University in Portland can help. Our freshmen nursing majors who meet program requirements are guaranteed priority admission to the junior year of our program.

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