EMPLOYMENT

Although a part-time job is a financial necessity for many students attending college, a work experience offers many other benefits as well. The U.S. Department of Education found that students working up to 15 hours per week have a significantly higher grade point average than students who don't work at all. Along with the paycheck and good grades, students develop "future ready" skills that may be applied to a career after graduation. A work experience can also teach and develop technical skills that may be applied to a career after graduation. A high percentage of Concordia students hold part-time jobs and many opportunities for employment exist at Concordia (see Work (https://catalog.concordiacollege.edu/undergraduate-programs/financial-aid/) in the Financial Aid section). Other special programs such as internships and practicums allow students to obtain academic credit for their work experience, although not all of these positions are paid.