

Sex Discrimination and Harassment Prohibition—Title IX Policy

Effective: 08/14/2020

Concorde does not discriminate on the basis of sex in the education programs and activities it operates, including but not limited to admissions, recruiting, financial aid, academic programs, student services, counseling and guidance, discipline, class assignments, grading, recreation, extracurricular activities and employment. Concorde is committed to offering an education and working environment that is free from discrimination and harassment on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression ("Sex Discrimination"), and free from Sexual Violence (including sexual assault) and Relationship Violence (including domestic violence, dating violence and stalking). Such discrimination is inconsistent with Concorde's values and is prohibited by law, including by Title IX to the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX"). Thus, Concorde prohibits Sex Discrimination, Sexual Violence and Relationship Violence (together, the "Prohibited Conduct"), as set forth herein, and is committed to taking action, to the extent possible (i) to stop behavior that violates this policy; (ii) to take remedial action to overcome the effects of Prohibited Conduct and ensure equal access to its educational programs and activities; (iii) to prevent the recurrence of Prohibited Conduct; and (iv) to prevent and respond to retaliation against anyone who, in good faith, reports or is involved in the investigation into or resolution of allegations of Prohibited Conduct. In so doing, the College will administer prompt, fair and impartial investigations and disciplinary proceedings to respond to reports of Prohibited Conduct via its Title IX Grievance Procedures located within this policy and provide equal and timely access to information that will be used in any informal and formal proceedings and meetings related to said reports, and offer and implement interim measures to protect and support those directly involved and affected by the alleged behavior. In implementing this policy, Concorde acknowledges that every victim or survivor of Prohibited Conduct has the right to be taken seriously and every respondent to allegations of Prohibited Conduct has the right to know that guilt is not presumed.

The prevention and elimination of sexual harassment is of special concern to Concorde. Sexual harassment includes conduct on the basis of sex that satisfies one or more of the following: (1) an employee conditioning the provision of an aid, service or benefit of Concorde on an individual's participation in unwelcome sexual conduct; (2) unwelcome conduct determined by a reasonable person to be so severe, pervasive and objectively offensive that it effectively denies a person equal access to Concorde's education program or activity; and/or (3) Sexual Assault, Dating Violence, Domestic Violence, or Stalking as defined herein.

- **Dating Violence.** Violence committed by a person who is or has been in a social relationship of a romantic or intimate nature with the survivor/victim based on the reporting party's statements, with consideration given to the length of the relationship, type of the relationship, and the frequency of interaction between persons in the relationship. Dating Violence includes but is not limited to sexual or physical abuse or threat of such abuse but does not include acts covered as Domestic Violence (defined below).
- **Domestic Violence.** A felony or misdemeanor crime of violence committed by a: (1) current or former spouse or intimate partner of the victim; (2) person with whom the victim shares a child in common; (3) person who is cohabitating with, or has cohabitated with, the victim as a spouse or intimate partner; (4) person similarly situated to a spouse of the victim under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred; or (5) any other person against an adult or youth victim who is protected from that person's acts under the domestic or family violence laws of the jurisdiction in which the crime of violence occurred.
- **Sexual Assault.** An offense that meets the definition of rape, fondling, incest, or statutory rape as used in the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program.
- **Stalking.** Engaging in a course of conduct directed at a specific person that would cause a reasonable person to fear for the person's safety or the safety of others or suffer substantial emotional distress.

Concorde regards all such conduct and retaliation for the reporting of such conduct as creating a hostile and offensive work and learning environment in violation of this policy.

The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding Concorde's Title IX Policy:

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A person may also file a complaint with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights regarding an alleged violation of Title IX by visiting www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html or calling 1-800- 421-3481. Employees may also file a charge with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission regarding an alleged violation of Title VII by calling 1-800-669-4000 or visiting <https://www.eeoc.gov/employees/howtofile.cfm>.