

***Develop Your Own College Alternative
With a little help from the Biblical Concourse
A Brief Introduction***

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*The Concourse is connecting Biblically minded people with each other
to effect higher education within their families.*

What is the Biblical Concourse?

The Biblical Concourse of Home Universities provides supplemental courses, curriculum, and projects to Christian families who are pursuing their own unique alternatives to institutional college learning. Participants include high school students, college students, graduate students, and professionals desiring to continue their education. The Concourse knowledge and people resources help individuals and families implement Biblical truth and creatively challenge the cultural norms in their occupations.

Participants invest in their own offices, shops, laboratories and businesses as they develop and accomplish their learning objectives. This results in the lowest cost, most time efficient and directly useful high quality education, which purposely builds family economies and motivates multigenerational faithfulness to God.

How it Works

1. Each student submits an [application](#). Then a letter of acceptance is sent to qualifying students with Concourse initial course, curriculum, and project recommendations. The student then meets with their advisor to finalize the first semester goals and schedule.
2. The student then accomplishes his or her higher education learning objectives, incorporating the Concourse recommendations where helpful and meeting weekly with their advisor.

"Even now, most persons would admit that the important services their teachers have rendered them are such advice or counsel, given at a chance meeting or in a tutorial." Ivan Illich, Deschooling Society, 1970.

3. The student completes his or her higher education goals and demonstrates competency through his or her resume, curriculum vita, portfolio, course certificates, industry certifications, professional exams, work experiences, apprenticeships, intrapreneurships and or entrepreneurships that were incorporated into their years of study. Student portfolios are updated each week, student transcripts are updated each semester, and the parents issue the degree where desired.

Competencies proven through portfolios provide a Biblical approach to credentialing and the equivalency of a degree without compromising the student's family, faith, learning motive, peer environment or professional opportunities.

What does it cost?

The overall cost of completing one's college education within your family is estimated to be one tenth of a four-year public in-state resident college or one 20th of a four-year private resident in-state college. Student work experiences can be embedded in each curriculum, which eliminates the need for loans.

Each Concourse contact hour and professional contact hour is charged to student accounts at one ounce silver per hour. Independent study students typically need one contact hour per week for direction, encouragement & accountability. ([Why silver?](#))

Why Should Parents Consider Home Handling Higher Education?

The short answer is: Christianity, family, money, and the future of our culture. It is well known that secular higher education in our day is promoting anti-Christian ideas, and that students who attend Christian colleges are leaving the faith at higher rates than those who attend secular universities. It is time to challenge the cultural norms that have removed Christianity from the marketplace and separated families.

Would you like to participate in the Biblical Concourse?

Send an email to the office@BiblicalConcourse.com and ask for the student application or call 701-263-4574 or download the application (<http://biblicalconcourse.com/studentapp.pdf>).

More Information

Be sure to read the introductory articles published in Home School Digest and on the web at:

Why Not Bring Higher Education All the Way Home?

<http://biblicalconcourse.com/whynotbringhighereducation.php>

What is a Home University? <http://biblicalconcourse.com/WhatHomeUniversity.pdf>

The Snare of College Accreditation <http://biblicalconcourse.com/accreditation.pdf>

Shorter article on Accreditation at: <http://biblicalconcourse.com/accreditation.php>