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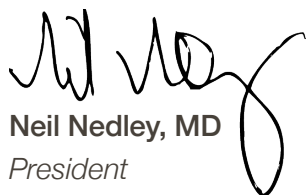
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## A CLEAR ADVANTAGE

A 2014 U.S. News and World Report blog started with these words — “You think you know, but you have no idea — this is the true story of student loans.” Student loan debt now looms at \$1.2 trillion. Graduates in 2015 were the most indebted in history, averaging \$35,000. Two full decades elapse before most are able to get back to zero.

Weimar Institute offers students the opportunity to gain the advantages of a distinctively Seventh-day Adventist higher education experience, but what we don't do is government loans. With that said, more than 90% of our graduates are able to move into the graduate program or job for which they apply while incurring almost zero debt! In this booklet you will discover a school which not only gives you intentional spirituality, stellar academics, an emphasis on health, and training in practical skills, but one that will place you at a clear financial advantage upon graduation.

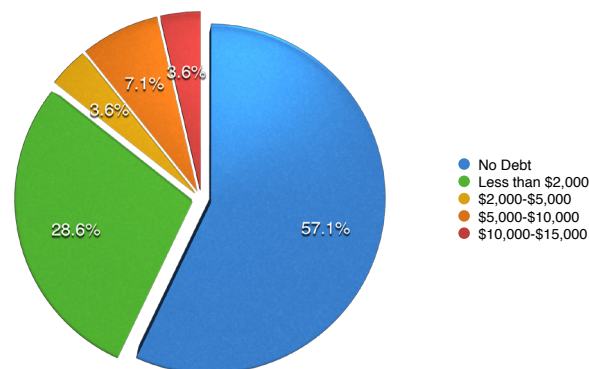


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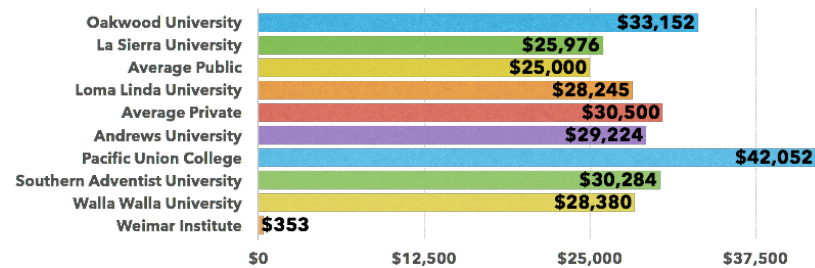
## CAN YOU AFFORD TO ATTEND WEIMAR?

A better question would be, can you afford not to? Fifty-seven percent of Weimar students graduate with zero debt (as shown in the pie chart below). Educational programs at other schools you might consider will most likely leave you tens of thousands of dollars in debt (at an average of \$30,000). Student loan debt is especially burdensome — don't let it happen to you!

### INDEBTEDNESS OF WEIMAR GRADUATES (2015)



### AVERAGE INDEBTEDNESS OF GRADUATES (2013)



# INSTITUTIONAL STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

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*To realize our ultimate vision—“To HEAL a Hurting World”—it is imperative we have definite objectives we expect our students to achieve during their academic and co-curricular journey at Weimar Institute. The following seven outcomes encompass the ideal to which every Weimar graduate is encouraged to aspire.*

**ISLO #1 - Spiritual Leaders:** Students follow Christ’s example of faith-filled leadership by rendering love-motivated church ministry that magnifies the universal principles of the biblical Ten Commandments in speech and action.

**ISLO #2 - Health Evangelists:** Students practice and promote physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual healing (through programs such as NEWSTART™ and Depression & Anxiety Recovery,™ etc.) by leading in collaborative, community-based programming among diverse people groups domestically or internationally.

**ISLO #3 - Discriminating Readers:** Students investigate a question related to their field (or the medical sciences) and display their ability to discriminate between scholarly and non-scholarly publications by articulating a relevant question,

assembling a collection of publications, and identifying strengths and weaknesses in methods and conclusions, including sources of bias and a priori assumptions.

**ISLO #4 - Critical Thinkers:** Students evaluate a controversy or problem within their field where diverse perspectives of the controversy or problem are assembled, analyzed, and used to draw an informed conclusion or judgment.

**ISLO #5 - Effective Communicators:** Students effectively integrate one or more “threshold concepts” of their field with at least one other field (including Christian Education, Natural/ Medical Science, or Religion) in both written and oral forms.

**ISLO #6 - Quantitative Thinkers:** Students solve quantitative problems and clearly communicate their findings by interpreting and representing quantitative information in two or more forms (e.g., symbolical, graphical, numerical, etc.).

**ISLO #7 - Principled Workers:** Students display a professional commitment to strong moral principles “on the job” and in practical learning experiences by consistently producing quality work, and exercising self-discipline, self-control, and diligence.



## STUDENTS ON THE WEIMAR EXPERIENCE:

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“I had a great learning experience at Weimar Institute; if I had to redo all the courses for my major program again, I would choose to do all of them at Weimar. My learning experience here was much more practical and wholesome than I think it would have been elsewhere.”

“I can’t imagine a much higher quality of education. The teacher to student ratio is absolutely amazing, and all my professors have actively worked towards my success and personal growth.”

“I think the most valuable thing I have learned is how to combine medical missionary work with sharing the gospel. This will really help me in my future since my goal is to become a missionary. Taking care of people’s physical needs, and telling them about Jesus.”

“I transferred from another university. The teachers at Weimar are ones I haven’t found anywhere else. They teach, but then also show us what that looks like practically and teach us how to do that. They are extremely caring and helpful and go out of their way to help us understand course material and succeed.”

“Most importantly, I’ve learned to trust God to get me through life as an adult. Having to work to pay for my way through school has brought a lot of uncertainty. However, persistence has paid off and I’m incredibly thankful for the peace I have gained knowing that God has helped me get through my current program of study and will continue to lead me moving forward.”



## DEDICATED TO COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EVANGELISM

Weimar Institute has always been known for its commitment to health and missionary work, both locally and globally. Yet, never before have we made it our primary focus — as a center of higher education in the closing hours of earth's history — is on the finishing work of the Everlasting Gospel, in terms of comprehensive health evangelism! Our students receive superior academic and practical training not only for ministry in a specific field, but also for the opportunity to participate in local medical missionary work, such as: evangelism, community health expos, free dental clinics, and general lifestyle/wellness programs. Students have traveled to Oakland, Cali., San Antonio, Tex., and Los Angeles, Cali. here in the United States. Short-term overseas opportunities have included countries such as Nepal, Lebanon, Honduras, Zimbabwe, and India. Today, like never before, the world is in need of men and women organized, trained, and equipped to give the full Gospel message to heal a hurting world physically, mentally, and spiritually.



## STRONG RELATIONSHIPS

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By design, Weimar Institute fosters close relationships. Faculty, staff and students live on the same campus, and often work, walk, talk, and eat together. The student population is such that you get to know everyone here. Many of our students have met their spouses at Weimar—we totally support that! It is true Weimar is not a typical college “dating scene.” However, students who are academically stable, of appropriate age, spiritually and emotionally mature, and open to counsel, are encouraged to explore possibilities for a life partner. If God is leading you to Weimar, we fully recognize He may also be leading your future spouse here, too!



## LEARN PRACTICAL SKILLS

Learning at Weimar involves more than just textbooks, class lectures, tests, and writing assignments. Our students learn practical skills they can use for a lifetime. Their hands-on work makes them more capable in the classroom and better equips them to serve others!



## HEALTH

### HEALTH EVANGELISM AND LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR HIM

- Be trained as a leader in health evangelism in only 4 months!
- Integrate health, the “right arm of the gospel,” into your local church, community, or clinical setting as a vital and balanced part of the evangelism cycle
- Learn how to articulately explain the causes of disease and the simple lifestyle practices and treatments that mitigate them
- Gain practical, hands-on experience leading Bible studies, Depression Recovery, health expos, cooking schools, personal health coaching, and more in a real local church setting
- Six day HEALTH-2-GO is tailored for the busiest professionals
- Affordable tuition



## RESEARCH AT WEIMAR

*Weimar Institute's research department is rapidly expanding under the leadership of Dr. Eddie Ramirez. Students conduct scientific research, prepare findings for publication, and through professional mentoring, get published while still undergraduates. Although this research work is relatively new, the program has grown to encompass and accomplish much:*

- Since August 2015, 37 studies have been submitted, with eight published to date.
- Students receive access to a rich field of research data, including the Depression & Anxiety Recovery Program database and NEWSTART Lifestyle Program files.
- Student articles already have been accepted into prestigious journals such as: the Journal of Alternative and Complementary Medicine, the Journal of Sexual Medicine, the Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society, the Journal of Neurology, and the Journal of Biological Psychiatry.
- The program aims to provide students a competitive edge in their academic pursuits.
- The program's effectiveness recently were made apparent when a student-affiliated study presented at a scientific conference won third best study overall.
- In producing cutting-edge publications, this research complements the student learning outcomes of Weimar Institute, which further the work of healing a hurting world.





## WHY DO THEOLOGY AT WEIMAR?

- Our program is uniquely structured to offer the possibility of bi-vocational ministry (e.g., trained in pastoral ministry and being pre-med)
- Gain ministry experience in the context of an intentionally planted discipleship church on the Weimar campus, as well as other area churches during your academic program
- Integrated practical experiences in the world class NEWSTART™ and Nedley™ Depression and Anxiety Recovery programs
- Highly experienced pastors and theologians teach your classes
- Many conferences within the North American Division and the world church hire Weimar graduates

## WHY DO PRE-MED AT WEIMAR?

- Superb instructors make the difficult sciences easier to learn and apply
- Small class sizes
- Unique clinical rotations and experiences in world class NEWSTART™ and Nedley™ Depression and Anxiety Recovery programs
- Great opportunities to publish research using practical data from lifestyle and health programs on campus
- 85% of graduates owe less than \$2000 in school debt at graduation (2015 data)
- Healthful climate and surroundings in the beautiful Sierra Nevada foothills
- Intentional Christ-centered, mission emphasis throughout the program
- Since 2009, 100% of Weimar graduates in pre-med have been accepted into medical school



## WHY DO NURSING AT WEIMAR?

- Associate degree nursing program (i.e., RN)—the first alternative nursing program of its kind in California
- California Board of Registered Nursing approved
- Scientific, evidence-based nursing process approach
- Whole person care emphasis (body, mind, spirit)
- Brand new, state of the art, high fidelity Nursing Simulation Skills lab
- Clinical experience in the world class NEWSTART™ and Nedley™ Depression and Anxiety Recovery programs
- Training in the clinical use of massage and hydrotherapy
- Health promotion and complementary medicine from a Seventh-day Adventist perspective
- Qualified, compassionate instructional team
- Bi-vocational options are available with this program
- NCLEX eligible, upon successful completion of the program



## WHY DO EDUCATION AT WEIMAR?

- Designed from the ground up to be an experiential program with practical experience in schools from the first year
- Includes a one-year student teaching experience
- Focuses on ministering in home schools and small schools
- Seeks to implement the science of true Christian education, following the biblical principle as outlined in the writings of Ellen White
- Unique-to-Weimar opportunities to work with the NEWSTART™ lifestyle program and Nedley™ Depression and Anxiety Recovery program designed to expose students to comprehensive health evangelism work from a world-class team
- Curriculum designed to address the needs outlined in the North American Division's teacher certification
- Practical and experiential learning opportunities within multiple education environments both as stand-alone experiences as well as integrated into coursework



## ACCREDITATION

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Weimar Institute is currently pursuing regional accreditation through the Western Association of Schools and Colleges. The following statement, published by WSCUC, accurately represents our standing in the accreditation process.

“Weimar Institute has applied for Eligibility from the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). WSCUC has reviewed the application and determined that Weimar Institute is eligible to proceed with an application for Initial Accreditation. A determination of Eligibility is not a formal status with WSCUC, nor does it ensure eventual accreditation; it is a preliminary finding that Weimar Institute is potentially accreditable and can proceed to be reviewed for Initial Accreditation with WSCUC. The first visit for achieving Initial Accreditation must take place within five years of being granted Eligibility. Questions about Eligibility may be directed to Weimar Institute or to WSCUC at [www.wascsenior.org](http://www.wascsenior.org) or at 510-748-9001.”

Weimar Institute has full-time staff dedicated to completing the accreditation process. We have submitted our letter of intent for full accreditation and are currently slated to receive our “Seeking Accreditation Visit” in the Fall of 2016. In the meantime, to assist students with credit transfer needs, we currently are establishing articulation agreements with key institutions.

Currently, over 90% of our students get into the job or advanced degree program that they desire. This is a track record superior to most regionally accredited schools.



## WHY YOU SHOULD ATTEND WEIMAR:

- Superior preparation for the work of a comprehensive health evangelist, first and foremost!
- Excellent academics provide solid preparation for work or graduate school
- Practical education in agriculture, construction, etc.
- Spiritual nurture, plus local and global evangelistic efforts through the Weimar campus church
- Integrated practical experiences in the cutting-edge NEWSTART™ and Nedley™ Depression and Anxiety Recovery programs
- The healthful climate and peaceful surroundings of the beautiful Sierra Nevada foothills — just an hour drive from Lake Tahoe
- Did we mention the high probability of finishing college debt free?!



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COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS

*Weimar faculty and staff are dedicated to the spiritual maturation of the student body, so that they might all be organized, trained, and equipped to become comprehensive health evangelists. An education at Weimar is more than simply finishing a degree program; it's more than preparing for a career—it's about being ready and willing to finish the work of the Everlasting Gospel. This is our greatest work; this is what sets Weimar apart from other higher education centers.*

*And when it comes to higher education, bigger isn't necessarily better. A 2015 study by the Council of Independent Colleges showed students attending smaller schools were more successful than those attending larger schools. As a result, some larger schools have begun hiring more faculty and downsizing classes in order to focus on student success.*

*Here are some reasons why Weimar is already ahead of this trend:*

- *You learn from the instructor with the expertise in small classes.*
- *Students spend time with faculty outside of class, doing: practical projects, evangelism & outreach, and family-type group activities.*
- *Faculty and staff are committed to the spiritual nurture of our students, which undergirds their academic success.*

*So, if you believe Weimar is where the LORD is leading you, where our mission and the close-knit, spiritually uplifting learning environment is what you're seeking, then please contact our admissions office today!*

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