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 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.

Neil Nedley, MD
President
CAN YOU AFFORD TO ATTEND WEIMAR?

A better question would be, can you afford not to? Seventy 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 (see comparison chart below). Student loan debt is especially burdensome — don’t let it happen to you!

INDEBTEDNESS OF WEIMAR GRADUATES (2015)

AVERAGE INDEBTEDNESS OF GRADUATES (2013)
Students on the Weimar Experience:

“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 Mission Service

Weimar Institute has always been dedicated to missionary work, locally and globally. Our students get the opportunity to participate in local missionary work, such as community health expos, free dental clinics, Reversing Diabetes programs, and evangelistic efforts. Short-term service opportunities overseas have included countries such as Nepal, Lebanon, Honduras, Zimbabwe, India, and others.
Strong Relationships

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 that 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 not hindered at all in exploring possibilities for a life partner. If God is leading you to Weimar, we fully recognize that He may 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 here that 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 part of the evangelism cycle
• Learn how to articulately explain the causes of western diseases and the simple lifestyle practices and treatments that mitigate them
• Gain practical, hands on experience leading 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
Why Do Theology at Weimar?

- Students gain a unique health evangelism focus not available at other institutions
- Our program is uniquely structured to offer the possibility of bi-vocational ministry
- Gain ministry experience in the context of an intentionally planted discipleship church on the Weimar campus, and at other area churches during your academic program
- Integrated practical experiences in the world class NEWSTART® and Nedley™ Depression and Anxiety Recovery programs
- Seasoned, successful pastors teach your classes
- Conferences hire Weimar graduates
Why Do Pre-med at Weimar?

- Top-notch 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/Anxiety Recovery programs
- Great opportunities to publish research on real patients
- 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
- 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 immersive experience in schools from the first year
- Includes a one-year student teaching experience
- Focuses on ministering in home schools and small schools
- Pushes to implement 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 Depression Recovery program designed to expose students to practical medical evangelism work from a world-class team
- Curriculum designed to address the needs outlined in the NAD teacher’s certification
- Practical and experiential learning opportunities within multiple education environments both as stand-alone experiences as well as integrated into coursework
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 or at 510-748-9001.”

Weimar Institute has full time staff dedicated to completing the accreditation process. To assist students with credit transfer needs, we currently have a number of articulation agreements worked out 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:

- Small college environment facilitates deeper relationships among students and faculty
- Excellent academics give you a 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?!
COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS

When it comes to higher education, bigger isn’t necessarily better. A 2015 study done by the Council of Independent Colleges showed that students attending smaller schools had higher graduation rates and better outcomes than those attending larger schools. Some larger schools are intentionally hiring more faculty and downsizing classes in order to focus on student success. Here are a few reasons why Weimar Institute is already ahead of this trend:

• At Weimar, you learn from the instructor with the expertise in small classes.
• At Weimar, students get to spend time with faculty outside of class, doing practical work projects, evangelism and outreach, and in family settings.
• At Weimar, faculty and staff are committed to the spiritual nurture of our students, which undergirds their academic success.

If this is the kind of close knit, spiritually uplifting learning environment you seek, please contact our admissions office today!

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