Concord’s three-year accelerated pathways take advantage of a student’s extensive prior learning credits and make it possible for the student to obtain a university degree in just three years and either enter the workforce, or continue into a graduate or professional school, a year early.

**Why a three-year program might be right for you?**

Listen to a current CU Rise Scholar, **Kenesha Skeens - Biomedical Science major**:

*My biggest reason for joining the CU Rise program was to accelerate through college to achieve my goal of attending medical school. If you know what you want, this program will help prepare you for your career choice and give you opportunities to grow as a student, person, and as a professional. Having the opportunity to be a part of what the CU Rise program offers is a huge honor and accomplishment.*

*There is also a financial benefit of completing your degree in three years – paying less for tuition fees and housing costs.*

**Ready to RISE to the next phase of your career early?**

We invite you to take a look at the CU Rise [website](#) to learn more about our three-year degree options;

- Biology (Biomedical Sciences emphasis)
- Biology (Organismal and Field emphasis)
- Biology (Pre-PA or PT emphasis)
- Chemistry (concentrating in Biochemistry or Professional Chemistry)
- Chemistry (concentrating in Pre-Pharmacy or Clinical Lab Science)
- Computer Science
- Environmental Geosciences (concentrating in Public Health, Society and Environment)
- Health Sciences (Pre-Professional Studies)
- Psychology (Pre-Professional track)

**How do you explore what a three-year pathway would look like for you?**

We encourage you to contact our CU Rise director (Prof. Rodney Tigaa) at [rtigaa@concord.edu](mailto:rtigaa@concord.edu) or (304) 384-5297.