



Mercer County Community College – Rider University

**Program to Program - Guaranteed Transfer Agreement
between**

**Biology Associate of Science degree in Liberal Arts and Sciences
from Mercer County Community College and the
Bachelor of Science, Biology major at Rider University**

In the interest of providing Mercer County Community College students with improved opportunities to excel in higher education, Rider University (Rider) and Mercer County Community College (MCCC) agree to create a Program to Program **Guaranteed Transfer Agreement** between the Biology Associate of Science degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences at MCCC and the Bachelor of Science with a Biology major at Rider University.

1. Rider University will guarantee transfer admission, the waiver of application fee; acceptance of all credits earned with a grade of C+ or better that count toward the Associate degree in the Liberal Arts & Sciences Program and meet Rider University equivalents; and full junior status to all graduates in good standing of the Biology Associate of Science degree in Liberal Arts & Sciences at Mercer County Community College.

Rider University admission will be granted to students who have fulfilled the following criteria:

- A. Declared their participation in this program while enrolled at MCCC by completing the Intent to Enroll Form. Students are encouraged to submit their application to the program before they have completed 30 credits at MCCC in order to maximize the efficiency of their transfer to Rider University. Rider further agrees that we will accept the MCCC student up to 45 credits; but prior to completion of the last semester at MCCC.
 - B. Followed the appropriate transfer program of prescribed selections for Rider while at MCCC, listed in the Associate of Science in Liberal Arts & Sciences (Biology) Program to Program – Transfer Advising Guide.
 - C. Graduated with their Associate degree at MCCC.
 - D. Earned a cumulative grade point average of at least a 2.50.
 - E. Applied for transfer admission by the normal Rider transfer application deadline.
2. This agreement between MCCC and Rider goes into effect immediately upon receipt of the signatures of each institution.
 3. This agreement shall be subject to review and renewal every five years.



4. MCCC will provide its students with full information about the Program to Program - Guaranteed Transfer Admission Program that falls under the overall Guaranteed Transfer Agreement with Rider and MCCC. Students under this Program to Program Agreement will be eligible for the benefits outlined in the Rider-MCCC overall Guaranteed Transfer Agreement.
5. Students who declare their intent to participate will work directly with MCCC counseling and advising staff to obtain assistance with course selections which fulfill Rider's requirements.
6. MCCC will provide Rider with the names and contact information of students who have enrolled in the Program to Program – Guaranteed Transfer Agreement Program and Rider will establish communication with the participating students. Students will provide this information and permission to share information when they complete the MCCC-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form.
7. The regular process for transfer admission to Rider will remain for MCCC students who do not participate in this program, as well as for program participants who do not fulfill the requirements listed in Article 1 of this document.
8. Rider University is committed to making our educational opportunities as affordable as possible. With scholarship and financial aid, transfer students often find Rider's private education is comparable to attending a public college or university. The MCCC transfer student, who holds a GPA of 2.50 to 4.00 on college-level work, is eligible upon the submission of a full-time student application, for consideration for transfer scholarship and grants. In addition, for those students of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Mercer County Community College, the student may be eligible to receive an annual renewable scholarship. For specific financial aid and scholarship information please access the Rider University website.
9. MCCC students, following completion of the MCCC-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form, have the option to take a course at Rider that counts toward the Rider degree at no charge. The course may be taken following completion of 30 college-level credits at MCCC and prior to the time period before their matriculation with Rider University. The designated course (s) requires a grade of "C" or better and allows the MCCC student to experience first-hand the academic environment at Rider. The course credit options are: BIO-117/117L, Cell & Molecular Biology (4).



TRANSFER ADVISING GUIDE

Biology (A.S.) from Mercer County Community College to Biology (B.S.) at Rider University

<i>MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE Biology, A.S.</i>	Cr	<i>RIDER UNIVERSITY COURSE/AREA SATISFIED Biology, B.S. (120 Credits)</i>	Cr
BIO 101 General Biology I ^B	4	BIO 115 Principles of Biology I BIO 115 L Principles of Biology I Lab	4
CHE 101 General Chemistry I ^B	4	CHE 120 Principles of Chemistry CHE 121 Principles of Chemistry Lab	4
CMN 111 Speech: Human Communication <u>OR</u> CMN 112 Public Speaking	3	COM 201 Communication Theory COM 104 Speech Communication	3
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	CMP 120 Expository Writing	3
MAT 146 Pre-Calculus	4	MTH 105 Algebra & Trigonometry	4
	18		18
BIO 102 General Biology II ^B	4	BIO 116 Principles of Biology II BIO 116L Principles of Biology II Lab	4
CHE 102 General Chemistry II ^B	4	CHE 122 Intro. To Chemical Systems CHE 122 L Intro. To Chemical Systems Lab	4
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	CMP 125 Research Writing	3
Humanities General Education Elective Suggest: HIS 101 History of Western Civil. to 1648 <u>OR</u> HIS 112 World History to 1500	3	HIS 150 World History to 1500	3
	14		14
BIO Biology Elective ¹ Suggest: BIO 208 Genetics <u>OR</u> BIO 201 Microbiology	4	BIO 265 Genetics BIO 315 Medical Microbiology	4
Technical Electives ² Suggest: CHE 201 Organic Chemistry I ^B	5	CHE 211 Organic Chemistry I CHE 211 L Organic Chemistry I Lab	4
Social Science General Education Elective Suggest: SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology	3	SOC 101 Sociological Imagination	3
Technical Electives ² Suggest: MAT 151 Calculus I	4	MTH 210 Calculus I	4
	16		15
HPE 110 Concepts of Health & Fitness ^T	2	Not Transferrable	0
BIO Biology Elective ¹ Suggest: BIO 204 Ecology (Per Mercer request)	4	BIO 350 General Ecology	4
Technical Elective ² Suggest: CHE 202 Organic Chemistry II ^B	5	CHE 214 Organic Chemistry II CHE 214 L Organic Chemistry II Lab	4
General Education Elective ³	3	General Education Elective ^U	3
	14		11
Total:	62		60

Rider Course Option: BIO-117/117L Cell & Molecular Biology (4)	Rider Course Option: Following completion of 30 credits and the Rider Intent to Enroll Form and while a student at Mercer; students have the option to take a course at Rider that counts toward the Rider degree. The selected course counts academically at both Mercer and Rider and allows the student to experience first-hand the academic environment at Rider. See Mercer or Rider Transfer Representatives. Contact information below.	4
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Mercer County Community College Notes

† HPE 111 is an acceptable alternative.

β Mercers students need to complete the sequential courses such as BIO 101/102; CHE 101/102; CHE 201/202 at Mercer.

Rider University Footnotes:

∩ – Students have a number of options to fulfill this requirement; courses will be evaluated on an individual basis.

For transfer credit Mercer students must have a grade of “C” or better in all courses.

Students interested in the College of Continuing Studies (CCS) should contact that division directly.

Requirements are subject to change. This Advising Guide is best used in consultation with an advisor.

COURSES REMAINING FOR A BACHELOR’S DEGREE IN BIOLOGY AT RIDER UNIVERSITY*

Course Number	Rider University Course Name or Core Area	Credits	Notes* (if course can be taken at Mercer, indicate course number)
		62-63	
	Mercer students need to meet the 120 credit requirement for the Bachelor’s degree.		

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT

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