



**Mercer County Community College – Rider University
Program to Program - Guaranteed Transfer Agreement
between
Associate of Science, Nursing Program
from Mercer County Community College and the
Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) 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 Nursing Program, Associate of Science Program at Mercer County Community College and the Bachelor of Science with a major in Nursing at Rider.**

1. Rider University will guarantee transfer admission; waiver of application fee; acceptance of all credits earned with a grade of C or better that count toward the Associate of Science degree in the **Nursing Program** and meet Rider University equivalents; and full junior status to all graduates in good standing of the **Nursing Program, Associate of Science degree 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 **Nursing Program to Program - Transfer Advising Guide.**
 - C. Graduated with their Associate of Science (A.S.) 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's 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 has the ability to tailor their course work and financial obligations to fit their lifestyle. Students pursuing the BSN have **three options** to consider that keep costs manageable. **For our Mercer County Community College Partner, Rider offers a reduced tuition for all three options.**
 - A. **Option One:** Full-Time (12 to 18 credits), **entirely online**. Students remain under the per-credit tuition and fee rate for the semester. **For our Mercer County Community College Partner, Rider offers a reduced tuition.**
 - B. **Option Two:** Full-Time (12 to 18 credits), **hybrid selection of both online and on-campus (Non-Nursing) courses**. Students pay the traditional full-time tuition and fees for the semester. **For our Mercer County Community College Partner, Rider offers a reduced tuition.**
 - C. **Option Three:** Part-Time (**1 to 11 credits**). Students remain under the per-credit rate no matter their choice of course selection (online or on-campus). **For our Mercer County Community College Partner, Rider offers a reduced tuition.**
 - D. For all the options listed above, Mercer students may qualify for specific scholarship and financial aid.
 - E. **On-campus courses** would be non-nursing classes. The 30 credits in the Nursing curricula are entirely online, no on-campus nursing courses are offered.

For specific financial aid and scholarship information please access the Rider University, College of Continuing Studies website or speak with an advisor in the College of Continuing Studies.


9. MCCC students, following completion of the MCCC-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form, have the option to take an additional course at Rider that counts toward the Rider degree at no charge. This 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 Mercer County Community College student to experience first-hand the academic environment at Rider. The course credit option is: COM-104, Speech Communication (3CR) or PSY-105 Introduction to Research in Psychology (3CR).


Agreed this 29th day of April, 2016


For: Rider University


For: Mercer County Community College

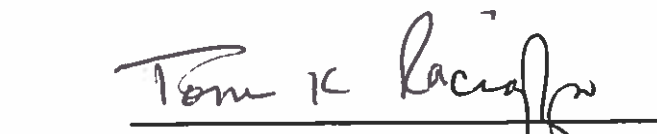

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TRANSFER ADVISING GUIDE

Nursing (A.S.) from Mercer County Community College to RN to BSN (B.S.) at Rider University

MERCER COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE COURSE <i>Nursing, A.S.</i>	Cr	RIDER UNIVERSITY COURSE/AREA SATISFIED <i>RN to BSN, B.S.</i> (120 Credits)	Cr
BIO 103 Anatomy & Physiology I	4	BIO 221 Human Anatomy & Physiology I (3) BIO 221L Human Anatomy & Physiology I Lab (1)	4
ENG 101 English Composition I	3	CMP 120 Expository Writing	3
Math Elective Suggest:	3/4	MATH-CORE ^U	3/4
MAT 125 Elementary Statistics I ¹ (3)	4	CHE-1XX Chemistry Elective ^U	4
CHE 107 General & Physiological Chemistry	14/15		14/15
BIO 104 Anatomy & Physiology II	4	BIO 222 Human Anatomy & Physiology II (3) BIO 222L Human Anatomy & Physiology II Lab (1)	4
ENG 102 English Composition II	3	CMP 125 Research Writing	3
NRS 111 Clinical Reasoning in Nursing Practice	1	ELE-FREE Lower Level Free Elective	1
NRS 112 Concepts of Nursing Practice	6	ELE-FREE Lower Level Free Elective	6
	14		14
BIO 201 Microbiology	4	BIO 315 Medical Microbiology	4
NRS 125 Concepts of Nursing Practice II	8	ELE-FREE Lower Level Free Elective	8
PSY 101 Introduction to Psychology	3	PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology	3
	15		15
NRS 225 Concepts of Nursing Practice III	8	ELE-FREE Lower Level Free Elective	8
Social Science General Education Elective Suggest:		Free Elective ^U	
PSY 207 Devel. Psychology: Across the Life Span	3	PSY 230 Devel. Child Psychology I – Child	3
OR		OR	
SOC 101 Introduction to Sociology		SOC 101 Sociological Imagination	
	11		11
NRS 235 Concepts of Nursing Practice IV	8	ELE-FREE Lower Level Free Elective	8
General Education Elective ² Suggest:	3	Free Elective ^U	3
PHI 102 Introduction to Philosophy		PHL 202 Social Philosophy	
PHI 205 Moral Choices			
	11		11
Total	65/66		65/66

Rider Course Option: COM-104, Speech Communication (3) OR PSY-105, Intro. to Research in Psychology (3) Pre-requisite at Rider – PSY-100, Introduction to Psychology	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 allows the student to experience first-hand the academic environment at Rider. See Mercer or Rider Transfer Representatives. Contact information below.	3
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Mercer County Community College Footnotes:

1 MAT 135, 140 (4 Credits), or 200 (3 credits) are acceptable alternatives

2 PHI 102 or 205 recommended

The Mercer Nursing Curriculum has been revised for Fall 2015; please note that this new Transfer Advising Guide reflects the new academic changes.

Rider University Footnotes:

U 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 higher in all courses.

Please consult a Rider Admission Representative as early as possible in the academic transfer process to maximize the efficiency of credit transfer from Mercer to Rider.

Rider, through this document has amended the Transfer Advising Guide to reflect the new Nursing curriculum changes in 2016 at Mercer.

Mercer students must achieve successful completion of the National Council Licensing Exam for Registered Nursing that results in licensure as a Registered Nurse (RN).

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

COURSES REMAINING FOR A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN NURSING AT RIDER UNIVERSITY*

Course Number	Rider University Course Name or Core Area	Credits	Notes* (if course can be taken at Mercer, indicate course number)
Nursing 400	Professionalism & Professional Values	3	
Nursing 401	Organizational & Healthcare Systems Leadership	3	
Nursing 402	Scholarship for Evidence-Based Practice	3	
Nursing 403	Information Mgmt. & Application of Patient Care Technology	3	
Nursing 404	Healthcare Policy, Finance & Regulatory Environments	3	
Nursing 405	Interprofessional Collaboration & Communication for Improving Healthcare Outcome's	3	
Nursing 406	Population Health & Clinical Prevention Across the Lifespan	3	
Nursing 407	Cultural Diversity in a Global Society	3	
Nursing 408	Gerontological Nursing Concepts for an Aging Society	3	
Nursing 409	Capstone/Evidence-Based Microsystem Practice Change*	3	
	Total:	30	

The Rider University B.S. in Nursing (BSN) degree totals 120 credits. In addition to the 30 credit Nursing Core Curriculum (as listed above) the Mercer student may need to take additional credits to meet the Rider University degree.

*This course is typically completed in a health care setting.

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