



Information about Rider University

How many credits do you accept?

Rider accepts 65-66 credits for graduates of Mercer County Community College Nursing Program. This is the amount of credits awarded by MCCC.

Rider University accepts up to 90 transfer credits from a combination of four-year and two-year college coursework.

What is your tuition?

Graduates of MCCC receive a 30% tuition discount based on the credit rate for the College of Continuing Studies. For academic year 2016-2017 tuition is \$440/credit. There are several opportunities for students to receive scholarships and other financial aid.

How many more credits would be needed to complete the BSN?

A total of 120 credits are required for students to be awarded the Bachelor's degree at Rider University. Thirty credits are required for the RN-BSN nursing program (10 courses, 3 credits each), and 25 credits are needed from general education liberal arts courses.

Do you offer your classes online or face to face or both?

All nursing courses are offered online. General education courses are offered online or students may take the courses on campus.

What is the typical time for completion of your degree?

This depends on the number of credits students are able to transfer to Rider. Nursing courses are offered in the Fall and Spring semesters in two sessions, and all courses except NUR 409 Capstone Experience, are 7 weeks in length. Most students take 1-2 nursing courses each session for a total of 2-4/semester, and take general education courses in the summer semester. There are opportunities for students to earn credit for courses through testing such as CLEP and/or PLA (Prior Learning Assessment). Therefore the degree can be completed in 3-4 semesters (1 ½ -2 years).

Do students have the opportunity to complete a BSN/MSN?

At this time Rider only offers the RN-BSN degree.

What kind of grades do students need to be admitted to your program?

Students are required to have a cumulative 2.5 GPA from previous college work. A grade of C is required for all nursing courses once admitted to the program; students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 throughout their studies at Rider.