

Guaranteed Transfer Agreement

between

Raritan Valley Community College and Rider University

In the interest of providing area residents with improved opportunities to excel in higher education, Rider University and Raritan Valley Community College agree to cooperate as follows:

1. Rider University will guarantee transfer admission, waiver of the application fee, acceptance of all credits which count toward the associate degree and meet Rider University equivalents, and grant full junior status to all graduates of designated Raritan Valley Community College Associate in Arts (A.A.) or Associate in Science (A.S.) programs who
 - Declared their participation in this program while enrolled at Raritan Valley Community College;
 - Followed applicable Rider University prescribed course selections while completing Raritan Valley Community College program requirements;
 - Earned a cumulative quality point average of at least 2.50 (2.75 for those who plan to major in education);
 - Applied for transfer acceptance by the normal Rider University transfer application deadline.
2. Upon receipt of this agreement, with appropriate signatures, a direct Transfer Agreement with criteria listed shall be in effect between Raritan Valley Community College and Rider University. This agreement shall be subject to review and renewed every three years. New or revised academic programs will be reviewed as necessary.
3. Raritan Valley Community College will provide entering students with full information on this program. Students who declare their intent to participate will be given professional academic advisement to assist them in course selections which fulfill Rider University's requirements.
4. The regular process for transfer admission remains available to Raritan Valley Community College graduates who do not participate in this program, as well as to program participants who fail to fulfill the requirements in 1. above.

ADMISSION PROCEDURE

Raritan Valley Community College will offer students the opportunity to enroll in the Guaranteed Transfer Agreement at the time of their initial application to Raritan Valley Community College or anytime up to the completion of 30 credits at Raritan Valley Community College.

Students interested in the GTA should sign the Letter of Intent. Furthermore, the student must submit a formal application for admission in addition to the Letter of Intent.

Along with the GTA, students must submit all academic credentials required by Rider University, official high school transcript or GED results (if student has completed less than 30 college credits at the time of this application) and transcripts from ALL colleges previously attended. The application fee is waived for Guaranteed Transfer candidates.

Raritan Valley Community College will forward the above listed documents to the Rider University Office of Admission. Upon review of the application materials, a letter specifying the Guaranteed Transfer Agreement and specific course requirements for completion of the student's intended major will be sent.

Raritan Valley Community College will provide Rider University with a "progress" list of students enrolled in the GTA. Rider University will communicate with students who are in the process of completing their required coursework and notify these students in jeopardy of losing the guarantee as a means of early intervention.

Students who choose not to participate in the Guaranteed Transfer Agreement Program may seek admission to Rider through the regular transfer process. Those students should contact the Rider University Office of Admission for further details.

TRANSFER OF CREDITS

There are limits to the number of credits that may be transferred .

Students will receive degree credit for Advanced Placement scores of "3" or better.

Students will receive credit for most exams through the College Level Examination Program (CLEP) for scores equivalent to a "C" average or better.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

A student who transfers into Rider University within three years of the student's initial declaration of participation in the GTA will be entitled to follow the degree requirements for the intended major which were in effect at the time of initial declaration.

If more than three years elapses between the date of initial declaration and the date of transfer into Rider University, the student must fulfill the degree requirements in place at the time of entrance to Rider University.

FUTURE STEPS

The renewal of this Guaranteed Transfer Agreement is but a step in a longer journey of mutual partnership, outreach and networking. By implementation of this agreement, Mercer County Community College and Rider University choose to begin a process to identify, develop and maintain opportunities of mutual interest today and in the future.