

# GRADUATE

## Rider University's Vision and Mission

### Rider's Vision

Rider University will be a leader in American higher education celebrated for educating talented students for citizenship, life and career success in a diverse and interdependent world. Rider will achieve distinctiveness by focusing on students first, by cultivating leadership skills, by affirming teaching and learning that bridges the theoretical and the practical and by fostering a culture of academic excellence.

### Rider's Mission

Rider attracts and graduates talented and motivated students with diverse backgrounds from across the nation and around the world and puts them at the center of our learning and living community.

As a learner-centered University dedicated to the education of the whole student, Rider provides students the intellectual resources and breadth of student life opportunities of a comprehensive university with the personal attention and close student-faculty interactions of a liberal arts college.

Through a commitment to high quality teaching, scholarship and experiential opportunities, faculty on both campuses provide undergraduate and graduate students rigorous and relevant programs of study to expand their intellectual, cultural and personal horizons and develop their leadership skills. Our highly regarded programs in the arts, social sciences, sciences, music, business and education challenge students to become active learners who can acquire, interpret, communicate and apply knowledge within and across disciplines to foster the integrative thinking required in a complex and rapidly changing world.

Rider attracts highly qualified faculty, staff and administrators with diverse backgrounds who create an environment which inspires intellectual and social engagement, stimulates innovation and service and encourages personal and professional development. As key members of our University community, it is their commitment to our values, vision and mission that will ensure Rider's success.

The University's institutional identity will continue to reflect the strengths of its people, history, location and shared values, among which are a commitment to diversity, social and ethical responsibility and community.

The success of our graduates will be demonstrated by their personal and career achievements and by their contributions to the cultural, social and economic life of their communities, the nation and the world.

## Accreditations

Rider University is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.

The University also holds many specialized accreditations that attest to the quality of its academic programs. Rider is among the select business schools to have attained AACSB International (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation. Elementary and secondary education programs and their applicable graduate programs on both campuses are accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE). The undergraduate and graduate music programs of Westminster Choir College are accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM). In addition,

Rider's graduate counseling services program in the School of Education holds the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (CACREP) national accreditation, and its school psychology program holds the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) accreditation. Rider's chemistry program is accredited by the American Chemical Society.

Rider University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division I for both men's and women's athletics. The University offers 20 sports—10 men's and 10 women's teams. Rider is a member of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC), Eastern Wrestling League (EWL) and the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC).

## Notice of the Title IX Coordinator

As a community of educators and learners, Rider University is committed to fostering an environment dedicated to learning and mutual respect as reflected in the University's mission, Statement of Community Values, Anti-Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy and Title IX. All students, faculty, administrators and staff at the University have the right to expect an environment that allows them to enjoy the full benefits of their work or learning experience. The University, therefore, does not condone violations of its Anti-Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy and treats all allegations about violations very seriously. As outlined in the Anti-Harassment and Non-Discrimination Policy ([www.rider.edu/ahnd](http://www.rider.edu/ahnd)) ([http://www.rider.edu/sites/default/files/docs/anti-harassment-non-discrimination-2015-16\\_v08012016.pdf](http://www.rider.edu/sites/default/files/docs/anti-harassment-non-discrimination-2015-16_v08012016.pdf)), the University prohibits all forms of discrimination, harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking.

Rider University is an Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action Employer.

No one will be denied employment at, admission to, or the opportunity to participate in educational programs and activities at the University on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, handicap/disability, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, status as a Vietnam-era qualified disabled veteran or other protected veteran, or status as a member of any other protected class under federal or state law. The University does not discriminate on the basis of any of the aforementioned protected bases in the recruitment and admission of students, the recruitment and employment of faculty, administrators and staff, and the operation of any of its programs and activities.

The Associate Vice President for Human Resources serves as both the Affirmative Action Officer and the Title IX Coordinator for the University, and is the resource available to anyone seeking additional information or wishing to file a complaint related to Affirmative Action and discrimination on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, handicap/disability, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity, national origin, ethnicity, status as a Vietnam-era, qualified disabled veteran or other protected veteran, or status as a member of any other protected class under federal or state law.

The Affirmative Action Officer and the Title IX Coordinator for the University may be contacted as follows:

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