

# GRADUATE STUDIES

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## Rider University's Vision and Mission

### Rider's Vision

Rider University is a premier, forward-looking university known for its Engaged Learning Program that, together with dynamic academic programs, enriching co-curricular experiences and a vibrant living and learning community, challenges students, excites their imaginations, and instills in them excellence in thought and action, preparing them for highly engaged and fulfilling professional and personal lives.

### Rider's Mission

Rider University welcomes students from throughout the region, across the nation, and around the world who seek to be challenged and supported as active members of our inclusive and vibrant living and learning community. Committed to student growth, transformation and leadership, we connect rigorous academic, artistic and professional programs of study with a rich array of learning experiences that engage students inside and outside the classroom. We prepare graduates to thrive professionally and to be lifelong independent learners and responsible citizens who embrace diversity, support the common good, and contribute meaningfully to the changing world in which they live and work.

Our students, alumni, faculty, staff, and administrators live the **RIDER PROMISE** by being forever.

**P** - prepared to contribute meaningfully to the changing world in which they live and work

**R** - respectful of all people, rights, freedoms and individual differences

**O** - open to a life of independent learning

**M** - motivated to be responsible citizens who support the common good

**I** - innovative, creative and resourceful

**S** - skilled and thriving professionals, educators, artists and performers

**E** - engaged in their communities as leaders and role models

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## Accreditations

Rider University is regionally accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education (<https://www.msche.org/>).

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 (<https://www.aacsb.edu/>) (Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) accreditation in both Business and Accounting. Education programs are accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (<http://caepnet.org/>) (CAEP). Rider's graduate counseling programs in the College of Education and Human Services hold the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Education Programs (<https://www.cacrep.org/>) (CACREP) national accreditation, and its school psychology program holds the National Association of School Psychologists (<https://www.nasponline.org/>) (NASP) accreditation. Rider's B.S. in Chemistry program is approved by the Committee on the Professional Training of the American Chemical

Society (<https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/about/governance/committees/training.html>). The baccalaureate degree, master's degree, and post-graduate APRN certificate programs in Nursing are accredited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (<https://www.aacnursing.org/ccne-accreditation/>)

Rider University is a member of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (<http://www.ncaa.org/>) (NCAA) for both men's and women's athletics. The University offers 21 NCAA Division I sports—10 men's and 11 women's. Rider is a member of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (<https://maacsports.com/>) (MAAC) for most sports, while wrestling competes in the Mid-American Conference (<https://getsomemaction.com/news/2019/3/4/mac-announces-historic-wrestling-expansion.aspx>) (MAC) and field hockey competes in the Northeast Conference (<https://northeastconference.org/?path=fhockey>) (NEC).

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## 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 learning or work 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 (<https://www.rider.edu/about/consumer-information/handbooks-policies/ahnd/>), the University prohibits all forms of discrimination, harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, sexual harassment, dating violence, domestic violence and stalking.

Rider University adheres to all federal, state, and local civil rights laws prohibiting discrimination in education and employment. Rider University does not discriminate in its admissions practices, in its employment practices, or in its educational programs or activities on the basis of race, sex/gender, religion, national origin, or other protected class status. As a recipient of federal financial assistance for education activities, Rider University is required by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 to ensure that all of its education programs and activities do not discriminate on the basis of sex/gender.

For questions or concerns regarding these policies, or to report a violation of policy, please contact the Office of Title IX and Equal Opportunity Compliance:

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## **Affirmative Action**

Rider University is an equal opportunity/affirmative action employer dedicated to excellence through diversity and does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, national origin, age, sex, sexual orientation, handicap/disability, Vietnam-era/disabled veteran status, gender identity or expression, or any other non-job-related criteria.

Rider University's Affirmative Action Plan can be found here: <https://www.rider.edu/sites/default/files/2024-04/AAPFullPlanMarch2024portrait11-2023to10-2024.pdf>

For questions or concerns about this policy please contact the Affirmative Action Officer.

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