

**Honors - Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement  
between  
Brookdale Community College and Rider University**

**Honors Program Articulation**

Rider University and Brookdale Community College have collaborated to create a seamless progression of academic courses from the associate to the baccalaureate level for honors students. The intent of the Honors – Program-to-Program Articulation Agreement is to provide an opportunity for graduates of the Brookdale Community College Honors Program (BCCHP), who have completed the criteria below, to transfer into the Rider University Baccalaureate Honors Program (BHP).

**Baccalaureate Honors Program (BHP)**

The Rider University Baccalaureate Honors Program offers students the opportunity to explore subjects in-depth through team taught courses led by faculty from different disciplines. Program admission is open to all majors meeting the academic criteria.

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 degree earned with honors and meet Rider University equivalents; and full junior status to all Associate degree earned with honors graduates in good standing.

**2. Honors Eligibility Criteria for Brookdale Community College Honors students:**

- A. The Brookdale Honors transfer student must complete the Associate degree and meet all academic criteria at Brookdale.
- B. Brookdale Community College students who complete the 18-credit Brookdale Community College Honors Program and maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.5 will be admitted into Rider's Baccalaureate Honors Program and will receive credit for three BHP experiences. Brookdale general education courses will fulfill the Rider University general education requirements as defined on the NJ Transfer system.
- C. The Brookdale Honors transfer student should declare their participation in Rider's BHP while enrolled at Brookdale by completing the Rider Intent to Enroll Form. (Note: Students should be advised to submit their application to the Rider BHP before they have completed 30 credits at Brookdale to maximize the efficiency of their transfer to Rider University.)
- D. The Brookdale Honors transfer student must apply for transfer admission by the normal Rider transfer application deadline.

**3. Honors Eligibility Criteria for Rider University Honors students:**

- A. 24 Honors credits, including the 3-credit capstone or senior thesis, are required for the BHP diploma. Students must earn an overall GPA of at least a 3.3 as well as a minimum 3.3 GPA in the eight (8) required honors courses, including the senior capstone.

- B. Rider University students must fulfill eight (8) total “Experiences”, to include at least 4 BHP courses and one (1) capstone. Brookdale transfer students with an Honors Associate degree may count 3 Brookdale Honors courses toward this total of 8 Experiences. To complete BHP at Rider, the Brookdale transfer student will need to complete at least 4 BHP seminars, plus a BHP capstone. Brookdale Community College transfer students must earn a grade of “B” or higher in their first two Honors seminars at Rider to remain in the Honors Program at Rider University.
3. This agreement between Brookdale and Rider goes into effect for students matriculating at Brookdale Fall 2015 or later upon receipt of the signatures of both institutions.
  4. This agreement shall be subject to academic review and renewal every five years.
  5. Brookdale will provide its students with full information about the Honors - Program-to-Program – Guaranteed Transfer Admission Program that falls under the overall Guaranteed Transfer Agreement with Rider and Brookdale. Students under this Program-to-Program Agreement will also be eligible for the benefits outlined in the Rider-Brookdale overall Guaranteed Transfer Agreement.
  6. Students who declare their intent to participate will work directly with Brookdale’ transfer and advising staff to obtain assistance with course selections which fulfill Rider’s requirements.
  7. Brookdale will provide Rider with the names and contact information of students who have enrolled in the Honors - Program-to-Program- Guaranteed Transfer Admission Program and Rider will establish communication with the participating students. Students will provide this information and permission to share information when they complete the Brookdale-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form.
  8. The regular process for transfer admission to Rider will remain for Brookdale students who do not participate in the Brookdale Honors Program as well as for program participants who do not fulfill the requirements in Article I of this document.
  9. 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 Brookdale transfer student, who holds a GPA of 2.50 to 4.00 on college-level work, is eligible upon the submission of a full-time student application, for consideration for transfer scholarships and grants. In addition, for those students of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) at Brookdale Community College, the student may be eligible to receive an annual renewable scholarship. For specific financial aid and scholarship information please access the Rider University website.
  10. Brookdale Honors students, following completion of the Brookdale-Rider Guaranteed Transfer Admission Intent to Enroll Form, have the option to take a BHP course at Rider that counts toward the Rider degree at no charge. This course will allow the Brookdale student to experience first-hand the academic environment in the honors program at Rider, and upon successful completion, the course will count toward the student’s eventual satisfaction of the BHP requirements. Brookdale Honors students will be able to select a course in consultation with the Rider BHP Director. Courses can be selected after the end of the first full week of Rider’s registration period, and course options are subject to space availability.

### Brookdale Community College – Sample Honors Courses

Brookdale Community College		Credits
<b>(All Majors)</b>		
ANTH 105	Cultural Anthropology	3
ENGL 121	English Composition :Writing Process	3
ENGL 122	English Composition : Writing & Research	3
ENGL 245	American Literature I	3
HIST 105	World Civilization I	3
HIST 106	World Civilization II	3
HIST 135	American Civilization I	3
HIST 136	American Civilization II	3
PHIL 115	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL 227	Introduction to Ethics	3
PSYC 106	Introduction to Psychology II	3
PSYC 206	Human Growth & Development I	3
SOCI 101	Principles of Sociology	3
SPCH 115	Public Speaking	3
<b>Total:</b>		<b>18</b>

Total: Minimum of 18 credits of honors coursework, including no fewer than 9 credits in dedicated honors sections.

Note: Honors students should, generally speaking, follow the same course sequence as non-honors students in their major. Also, no honors students will be permitted to do by-contract coursework until s/he has successfully completed at least one dedicated-honors course.

### Rider University – Honors – Sample Course Sequence

Rider University	Credits
<b>Fifth Semester Courses (All Majors)</b>	
BHP Seminar	3
Remaining Non-Honors Credits	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Sixth Semester Courses (All Majors)</b>	
BHP Seminar	3
Remaining Non-Honors Credits	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Seventh Semester Courses (All Majors)</b>	
BHP Seminar	3
Remaining Non-Honors Credit	12
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>Eighth Semester Courses (All Majors)</b>	
BHP Seminar	3
BHP Capstone	3
Remaining Non-Honors Credits	9
<b>Total:</b>	<b>15</b>
Total Credits Required for the BP Degree	120
60 Credits from Brookdale Community College on Transfer	
60 Credits from Rider University	

Completion of BHP requires honors credits (8 Courses, average of 1 each semester)