

FAQ for Ridley-Lowell Students

1. Q: What programs does TRCC provide for credit and for non-credit?

A: Please go to our website at www.threerivers.edu/courseschedule for a complete schedule of all our credit courses, and www.threerivers.edu/workforce-education/ for non-credit courses.

2. Q: Can I get college credit for my skills-related training? CLEP? APL?

A: At this time, Three Rivers, is looking at different ways to assess the skills-related training that was taken at Ridley-Lowell. This may include credit by exam, CLEP exams, or the Assessment of Prior Learning process. Credit by exam (an exam given by a faculty member that evaluates the learning that has been learned), CLEP exams (exams taken that will give college credit for a course if passed), Assessment of Prior Learning, (a process that requires the student to document the learning received and based upon this documentation, college credit can be awarded). Students must be enrolled in a credit-bearing program in order to be eligible to petition credit through APL. These options will be determined on an individual basis and may not apply to every individual. For more information, visit www.threerivers.edu/apply-outside-credit .

3. Q: Upon evaluation of the work I completed at Ridley-Lowell, would it be possible for me to join a current workforce training program TRCC?

A: Transcripts from Ridley-Lowell will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis for entry into an existing non-credit program.

4. Q: I am SNAP employment and training eligible. Who can I contact at TRCC?

A: If you are qualified for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistanct Program (SNAP), you may be eligible for the SNAP Employment & Training Program (which covers the cost of some training programs). For more information contact Holly Badalementi at 860-215-9426 or visit www.threerivers.edu/snap-scholarships .

5. Q: I have heard about The Eastern CT Manufacturing Pipeline. Please describe this program and the process to enroll.

A: This is a US Department of Labor training program that trains CT residents for manufacturing jobs at Electric Boat and small to mid-size manufacturers. These non-credit training programs are 5-10 weeks in length and offer training in welding, outside machinists, intro to manufacturing, designers, carpenters, painters, pipefitters and electricians. To apply for the program visit the Eastern Workforce Investment Board's portal at: www.ewib.org

6. Q: While at Ridley-Lowell, I took out a loan with financial aid. Am I eligible for loan forgiveness, cancellation, and/or discharge?

A: Students that received Direct Loans, Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loans, or Federal Perkins Loans to attend a school that closes before they were able to complete their program *may* be eligible for a 100% discharge of the loan(s). Students should contact their loan servicer to learn more about how to apply for a loan discharge.

7. Q: What kind of financial aid is available at Three Rivers Community College?

A: Three Rivers awards more than \$11 million of financial aid each academic year. In fact, approximately 67% of our first-time, full-time students receive financial aid in the form of federal grants, state grants, work-study, loans, and/or scholarships.

8. Q: How do I access financial aid?

A: To apply for federal grants, state grants, work-study, and loans, you must first complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Information about submitting the FAFSA can be found on our Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage: www.threerivers.edu/financialaid. If you have already completed the FAFSA, you simply need to log in and change your school code. Three Rivers' school code is 009765. Three Rivers offers FAFSA workshops for those students needing assistance with completing the FAFSA. To register to attend a FAFSA workshop, please visit www.timecenter.com/trcc.

Information about Three Rivers College Foundation Scholarships can be found at: www.threerivers.edu/scholarships.

For Financial Aid Information, please call: 860-215-9040 and/or e-mail us at financialaidhelp@threerivers.edu.

9. Q: I am a veteran eligible for benefits. Who is TRCC's veteran coordinator?

A: Terri DeBarros is Three Rivers veteran affairs and certifying official. For Veteran's information please call 860-215-9235 or email at tdebarros@threerivers.edu.

10. Q: Do you accept credits from other colleges and/or universities. Where do I send them for evaluation, and how long does it usually take to find out what can transfer?

A: Yes, Three Rivers accepts credits from other *Regionally* accredited universities and/or colleges. They need to be official transcripts that we received in a university sealed envelope and sent to Three Rivers Community College, Registrar's Office, 574 New London Tpke. , Norwich, CT 06360. The process to evaluate them takes about one week and the student will receive notification in the mail regarding the credit that is eligible to be transferred.

11. Q: Where can I find additional information on the U.S. Department of Education website?

A: studentaid.ed.gov/sa/sites/default/files/ridley-lowell-ct.pdf