

## **RABBINICAL COLLEGE OF AMERICA**

### **ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

Generally, applicants to all programs must meet one of the following high school graduation requirements - students must:

1. Have graduated high school and provide evidence of high school graduation
2. Have completed homeschooling at the secondary level as defined by state law and provide documentation of homeschooling
3. Meet one of the recognized equivalents. Recognized equivalents include:
  - a. A GED certificate.
  - b. A certificate or other official completion documentation demonstrating that the student has passed a state-authorized examination (such as the Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or, in California, the California High School Proficiency Exam) that the state recognizes as the equivalent of a high school diploma (certificates of attendance and/or completion are not included in this qualifying category).
  - c. An associate's degree.
  - d. The successful completion of at least 60 semester or trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours that does not result in the awarding of an associate's degree, but that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree at any institution.
  - e. Enrollment in a bachelor's degree program where at least 60 semester or trimester credit hours or 72 quarter credit hours have been successfully completed, including credit hours transferred into the bachelor's degree program.

The institution will maintain documentation of the high school diploma or its recognized equivalent.

Rabbinical College of America does not utilize an Ability to Benefit test for admitting students.

Provisional students: Students who are expected to complete the requirements for high school graduation within a short period of time may be admitted as provisional students.

Admission to the New Direction Program – Tiferes Bachurim – is granted to applicants who possess a high school diploma or its equivalent (see above) and who demonstrate the interest, ability, and perseverance required for successful completion of the prescribed course of studies.

Admission to the Advanced Talmud Program – Tomchei Tmimim – requires, in addition, that applicants satisfy the following requirements:

1. Competence in the Pentateuch and Commentaries.
2. Completion of at least 150 folio pages of the Talmud.
3. Competence in the laws and customs in the Code of Jewish Law (Orach Chaim) and personal commitment to their observance.

Qualified students in the New Direction Program are eligible to transfer to the Advanced Talmud Program.

#### ADMISSION PROCEDURE

In order to initiate the application process, we encourage qualified students to complete an online application through our website, <https://www.rca.edu>. Students who require assistance with the application can contact the College at:

Rabbinical College of America  
226 Sussex Avenue  
Morristown, NJ 07962-1996  
<https://www.rca.edu/>

Students may be asked to have a phone, video or in-person interview. Since the academic programs at the Rabbinical College of America are very specialized, this interview becomes very useful for both the student and the College. At this interview, the student will become familiar with the programs at the College and be evaluated for academic and intellectual ability to undertake the respective program.

Students are generally notified of their acceptance by e-mail, mail or telephone. Upon admission, students will be required to complete an admission form.

Prospective students are highly encouraged to visit the campus and observe the programs in which they would like to enroll.

Students should enclose a letter of recommendation from their sponsoring organization, previous school or from a recognized rabbinic authority with their application for admission.