



## Welcome to your new home at Crowne Plaza Hotel

110 DAVIDSON AVE.  
SOMERSET, NJ 08873  
Hotel Front Desk: 732-560-0500 | Hotel Fax: 732-560-3669

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### **MOVE-IN INFORMATION**

**Your move-in date is Friday, August 28 between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

**There will be a Town Hall Meeting at 4pm on Friday, August 28, 2009 and a Welcome BBQ on Sunday, August 30, 2009 at 3pm.**

Students who cannot arrive until after the move-in date/time should e-mail us at [dolbrys@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:dolbrys@rci.rutgers.edu), so we can prepare for your late arrival; you can check in at the hotel desk.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you are on a campus meal plan, meals do not start until Saturday afternoon

**Check-in** is the Crowne Plaza Hotel (look for signs in the hotel main lobby) you will be required to show a valid photo ID.

- Professional Residence Life staff will be at the Crowne Plaza Hotel during move-in hours to answer any student or parent questions.
- At 4:00 p.m. there will be a **Welcome & Information Meeting**.

#### **Keys**

Keys can be picked up at the check-in desks at the Crowne Plaza Hotel. If you are arriving late please let us know and we will leave your keys at the front desk in the lobby of the hotel.

#### **Transportation to/from Campus**

A bus shuttle will begin on August 28 and run from 7 a.m. to 3 a.m., 7 days a week on a loop from the hotel (entrance/exit E) to the College Avenue Student Center. Students who choose to drive may park on campus as long as they have registered their cars and purchased a parking permit.

#### **Parking Permits**

To purchase a parking permit which will allow parking on campus, students may apply online at: <http://rudots.rutgers.edu> or in person at the Public Safety Building at 55 Commercial Ave, New Brunswick, NJ 08901. For questions call 732-932-7744

## **Directions**

### **Directions to Crowne Plaza Hotel**

Crowne Plaza Hotel is located at 110 Davidson Ave. Somerset, NJ 08873  
It is about 5 miles from the College Avenue Campus.

**I-287 North** to exit 10 Route 527 New Brunswick South Bound Brook. Follow exit ramp to the first traffic light. Make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Hotel is the second building on the left.

**I-287 South** to exit 10 Route 527 Easton Avenue New Brunswick. At the Bottom of the exit ramp get immediately into the left lane and make a left turn under the overpass of I-287. Go straight bearing right to the first traffic light and make a left onto Davidson Avenue. Hotel is the second building on the left.

**New Jersey Turnpike I-95** take exit 10 to Route 287 North. Follow directions from Route 287 North.

**Garden State Parkway traveling North** take exit 127 to Route 287 North. Follow directions from Route 287 North.

**Garden State Parkway traveling South** take exit 129 to Route 287 North. Follow directions from Route 287 North.

**From Philadelphia** take New Jersey Turnpike I-95 North to exit 10 Route 287 North. Follow directions from Route 287 North.

**From Mid-town Manhattan** take either the Holland or Lincoln Tunnel to the New Jersey Turnpike I-95 South. Take exit 10 Route 287 North. Follow directions from Route 287 North.

## **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

### **Where can I park?**

Students can park at the hotel for free and will be able to buy a parking permit for on-campus. For questions about the parking permit contact Parking & Transportation Services at 732-932-7744 or <http://rudots.rutgers.edu>

### **How do I get my mail?**

You will have a P.O. Box on the College Avenue Campus. You may receive packages at your P.O. Box or at the hotel desk. You should receive an e-mail before you arrive with your RPO # and information. If you do not receive an e-mail, please e-mail [bgasecki@aps.rutgers.edu](mailto:bgasecki@aps.rutgers.edu) for help.

### **Is there TV and Internet?**

A television is in every room and has cable and HBO so please leave your TV at home! The Crown Plaza offers wireless connectivity provided by vista communications in their hotel rooms. If you have any difficulty connecting, you can contact vista communications support line at 1-866-458-0860. If you have difficulty connecting to Rutgers websites, please contact the Help Desk at 732-445-HELP (4357).

### **What are the hours of the fitness center, pool and store?**

Fitness center is open 24 hours

Pool is open 6:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

Gift shop is open from 7:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### **How do I get to class?**

A bus shuttle will run from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m., 7 days a week on a loop from the hotel to the College Avenue Student Center. It is about a 10 minute run when there is no traffic. You should leave extra time during rush hour it could take much longer due to traffic. College Avenue is the hub for all buses to all campuses so you can pick up a bus there to any campus. Students who choose to drive may park on campus as long as they have registered their cars and purchased the commuter parking permit.

### **Who can I talk to about my contract?**

Questions about your housing contract and bill should be directed to the Assignments Office at 732-445-0750. You will be billed on your student account for the cost of housing.

### **What services does the Hotel provide?**

Indoor and outdoor pool

Jacuzzi

Fitness Center

Bed linen (not towels) will be provided. Rooms will be cleaned and linen changed once per week.

Coin operated washers and dryers are available

Outdoor Tennis, Basketball and Beach Volleyball (Equipment may be signed out at the front desk)

**How about food?**

Students are expected to take their meals on campus but a meal plan is not required for students living at the hotel. A meal plan will be required if you move to the residence halls, unless you are assigned to an apartment. You may NOT bring cooking appliances to the hotel. Microwaves will be available in one of the lounges.

The hotel has a restaurant and a small store on the main floor but eating at the restaurant is not funded by the University. Students eating at the restaurant will receive a 25% discount. Students will be able to use their RU EXPRESS accounts at the restaurant. In addition, the restaurant will provide a fixed prize take out menu option for Rutgers students.

**How about Storage?**

There is no additional storage facility at the hotel. Students may purchase plastic storage bins that fit under the bed and under the bathroom sink. For example, each bed has enough space to store up to 6 Rubbermaid 41 qt (29X18X6 in) containers. These containers can be purchased at any local department.

**What kind of Rutgers staff is living at the hotel?**

Similar to the residence halls on campus, there will be a Residence Life Coordinator, and 21 Resident Assistants (RAs) who will live at the hotel. The hotel will be under the supervision of a full-time Residence Life Coordinator (RLC). There will be a Residence Life professional staff person on duty 24 hours a day for emergencies and problems. In addition there are 24-hour personnel provided by the hotel staff. Questions about Rutgers staff can be directed to Jessica Fred, Residence Life Coordinator or Delmy M. Lendof, Assistant Director at 732-932-7209.

**WAIT, I still have questions!**

Please email any further questions to us at [dlendof@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:dlendof@rci.rutgers.edu) or [jessfred@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:jessfred@rci.rutgers.edu), if your question is about the facilities at the hotel you may email [ddiamante@cpsomerset.com](mailto:ddiamante@cpsomerset.com), if your question is about your assignment email [oncampus@rci.rutgers.edu](mailto:oncampus@rci.rutgers.edu)

## Room Information

All rooms are fully carpeted; bathrooms have ceramic floor tiles.

### **Each student is provided with:**

- ❖ A full size bed
- ❖ 2 pillows, sheets, down comforter w/duvet (*students may opt out of this service at any time by calling the front desk*)
- ❖ Narrow table and chair
- ❖ Dresser which will need to be shared

### **Each room also has:**

- ❖ Soft cushion chair
- ❖ Night stand
- ❖ Clock radio/cd player/alarm
- ❖ 2 telephones (local calls are free)
- ❖ Television
- ❖ Bathroom
- ❖ Closet
- ❖ Drawers
- ❖ Small refrigerator

For each floor of rooms, there will be three hotel rooms set up as lounges for students on that floor. There will also be a large study room on the third floor, and a large social lounge on the first floor which will have microwave ovens for your use.

## SOME QUICK DO'S AND DON'T'S

**PLEASE pack light! Leave your winter clothes, posters, lamps, etc. home. A TV is provided so please don't bring one.**

**DON'T** bring microwave ovens, cooking appliances, candles, pets (including fish), halogen lamps or anything else prohibited by Rutgers housing policies or local laws.

**DO** bring a photo-ID with you for check-in.

**DON'T** bring any additional furniture. No outside furniture is permitted in the hotel.

**DO** bring a desk lamp.

**DO** remember that Crowne Plaza, like all students housing, is a SMOKE FREE living environment.

**DO** bring a friend to help you move.

**DON'T** bring a bike (bikes are not allowed at the hotel)

**We look forward to your arrival!**