

How can students get academic accommodations?

Academic accommodations are provided through the Office of Specialized Services (OSS) at Ramapo College of New Jersey. OSS provides comprehensive services to students with a documented disability

Does the **ENHANCE** Program help foster social integration on campus?

ENHANCE Program offers regularly scheduled social events. We assist our students individually, in groups and through peer mentoring, to join clubs and attend campus events.

Will students in the **ENHANCE** Program have an earlier move-in date?

Students in the **ENHANCE** Program have the opportunity to participate in “Drop and Go”, during which they can move their belongings into their rooms prior to the move-in date.

Is there a separate orientation process for students in the **ENHANCE** Program?

Yes, we offer a reception for new students in the **ENHANCE** Program and their families. We provide introductions and important information from the **ENHANCE** Program, Center for Student Wellness, Office of Specialized Services, and the Center for Student Success. Peer mentors tour the campus and show students where their classrooms are located. The orientation process is designed to provide introductions to other **ENHANCE** students and to reduce anxiety about transitioning to campus life.

What if a student needs assistance interacting with a professor?

There are different ways in which we can assist. We can strategize together in ways to approach professors, help construct emails, and attend meetings with a student, if necessary. We will support students with methods to achieve self-advocacy.

Is there a fee for the **ENHANCE** Program?

Yes, there is a separate fee for the **ENHANCE** Program. Students can use loans and aid to help pay for the **ENHANCE** Program. New Jersey residents may also contact New Jersey Division of Vocational Rehabilitation for assistance in paying for a disability – related need.



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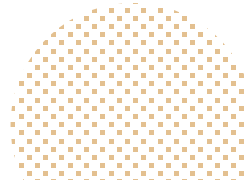
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The **ENHANCE** Program is a therapeutic support program that takes a holistic approach and focuses on social, emotional, and organizational growth to assist autistic students in adapting and flourishing in college.

ENHANCE offers additional services and resources to support our students over and above what is required under current disability law.

Ramapo College of New Jersey has long been at the forefront of supporting students with learning differences. The **ENHANCE** Program is an exciting opportunity intended to help new students transition from high school to college and keep current students academically and socially engaged in order to maximize their college experience.

The **ENHANCE** Program consists of the following components:

- Individual counseling
- Group meetings for peer support
- Trained peer mentors
- Social Events: on and off campus
- Academic Workshops
- Career Coaching

Through these components, the **ENHANCE** Program provides students with individually tailored supports to identify their own personal goals to address and enrich:

- Academic performance
- Social interaction with peers
- Interaction with campus personnel
- Organization and time management
- Self-advocacy

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the admissions process for the **ENHANCE** Program?

There is a separate application for the **ENHANCE** Program. Students can apply to the **ENHANCE** Program after applying to Ramapo College. We may interview you before your Ramapo College acceptance however, your **ENHANCE Program** acceptance is contingent upon your acceptance to Ramapo College. Please note that admission to Ramapo College does not guarantee acceptance to the **ENHANCE** Program.

Is the **ENHANCE** Program open to commuters as well as resident students?

Yes, the **ENHANCE** Program is open to both commuter and resident students. We recognize that not all students are ready to live on campus and the **ENHANCE** Program provides peer mentors and social events to assist students in feeling more connected to campus and helping them make a smooth transition to college.

Will people on campus know if a student is in the **ENHANCE** Program?

Confidentiality is important. No one will know of a student's participation in the **ENHANCE** Program without a signed consent form.

Will Resident Assistants be trained to understand the characteristics of autism/autism spectrum disorder (ASD)?

Residence Life Staff receive training to better serve our neurodivergent students.

Does the **ENHANCE** Program offer any assistance for parents coping with their student's transition to college?

Yes, we intend to offer as much support as possible to parents and families. Students are included in any communication with parents and families.