



Academic Review Committee
Request Form: Program Revision

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Please submit the ORIGINAL and two (2) SIGNED copies of this request form and supporting documents (along with an electronic version) to your unit ARC representative who will deliver them to the Academic Review Committee.

SECTION A: Program Information

Program Title: Art Therapy Joint Program (Visual Arts - Caldwell College) ^(RCAS)
 School(s): CA Convening Group(s): Visual Arts + Psychology
 Proposal Date: 9/15/12 Effective Date: Fall 2012¹² Fall 2013

Please attach a description of the proposed changes, and all supporting documentation.

SECTION B: Approvals

Reviewed and Approved by:

Title	Print name	Sign	Date
Convener's ^{ARTS/ASC}	^{ARTS} <u>W. Wade</u> ^{ASC} <u>Josephine Bressi</u>	<u>W. Wade</u>	<u>9/19/12</u>
Graduate Council Chair			
School Curriculum Committee chair			
Dean	<u>STEVEN PERRY</u>	<u>Stm Perry</u>	<u>9/19/12</u>

ARC Disposition:

- Information item only - no ARC approval necessary
- ARC recommends approval by the Faculty Assembly
- ARC does NOT recommend approval by the Faculty Assembly
- Faculty Assembly approval not needed; ARC approves
- Faculty Assembly approval not needed; ARC does not approve

ARC Chair: _____ Date: _____
print & sign

The ARC recommends the following:

Office of the Provost Use Only:

Approved Not Approved Provost Signature _____ Date: _____

¹² Proposal must be received by ARC by October 15th 2011

Program Revision: Visual Arts Proposes Joint Program Agreement between RCNJ ARTS and Caldwell College's Masters in Counseling with a Specialization in Art Therapy.

Summary: We propose creating a Joint Program in Art Therapy whereby first year students who meet the criteria can be accepted into RCNJ Visual Arts and Caldwell College's Master's in Counseling with a Specialization in Art Therapy. While at Ramapo, students will have to meet benchmarks and prerequisite requirements before being fully accepted into Caldwell's program.

The Joint Program will require specific courses in Math, Psychology and Visual Arts that are required for admission into Caldwell College's graduate program in Counseling with a Specialization in Art Therapy. Tracks would be used to designate the students admitted for advisement and admission purposes.

Description of Proposed Changes: We intend to formalize a joint degree program whereby qualified first year students can be accepted into Ramapo College's Visual Arts program and Caldwell's Master's in Counseling with a Specialization in Art Therapy graduate program. These students would receive specific advisement and would be monitored at prescribed benchmarks so that they are on track to meet all the criteria of Caldwell's graduate program and Ramapo's degree requirements. They would not be fully admitted into the graduate program until they have met these criteria. Once they do, they are guaranteed admittance. In a separate but related request, Visual Arts proposes adding 2 new tracks to include Art Therapy prerequisite courses. They are tracks within existing concentrations. Students would be accepted into Visual Arts with a concentration in Drawing and Painting with Art Therapy OR a concentration in Sculpture with Art Therapy. These specific tracks are designed to comply with the portfolio requirement and specific prerequisites for Caldwell College's Master's in Counseling with a Specialization in Art Therapy.

Benefits: There are many benefits both for Ramapo College and for our students.

- This joint program would attract high quality high school graduates to the Visual Arts major.
- The program encourages interdisciplinary study between Visual Arts and Psychology.
- The program is restricted to a small number of students, 3 per year, so is easily accommodated within the existing resources.
- Ramapo offers two related courses within Visual Arts that introduce Art Therapy to undergraduates, an extra preparation our students.
- The Caldwell program is unique in that it offers a Master's in Counseling with the addition of a specialization in Art Therapy.
- Four-year plans accommodate the graduate prerequisites without adding additional time.
- Students can opt for a minor in Psychology by adding just one additional course.

**Comparison of RCNJ Psychology Minor Requirements with Caldwell College
Prerequisite Courses for the Masters in Counseling with Art Therapy**

In order to fulfill the PSYC minor requirements at Ramapo and the PSYC prerequisite courses for Caldwell, students would need to take one additional class, or six classes. This table is pending transfer equivalency approval of the Psychology courses noted below.

PSYC MINOR	REQUIRED PSYCH FOR CALDWELL	Name of course at Caldwell	
PSYC 101	PSYC 101	General Psychology	
Category X	PSYC 241 Developmental Psychology Category 4	Human Development	
Category Y	PSYC 314 Abnormal Psychology Category 2	Psychopathology	
Category Z	Any Psych course fulfilling Category 1, 3, 5, or 6.		
Elective	PSYC 302 Data Analysis	Psychology Statistics	
Additional Course	Psyc 303 Research Methods	Experimental Psychology	