

# Why Should I Do a Co-op?

Your Frequently Asked  
Questions...Answered!

# Am I Eligible to Participate in a Co-op at Ramapo?

You Are Eligible to Participate in a Co-op if You Have...

- 32 or more credits!
- 16 or more credits completed at Ramapo if you are a transfer student!
- A GPA of 2.0 or better!



# But Will I Gain Additional Credits?

- Yes! You can earn 4 credits toward graduation for every co-op completed up to 8 credits.



# So What Else Can a Co-op Do For Me?

- A co-op can help you on a personal level by further developing your maturity and helping you determine your strengths and weaknesses.
- A co-op can help you understand the relationship between your academic studies and your career.
- You can also gain valuable work experience in your field of interest without making a commitment to that career.



# Where Can I Do a Co-op?

- Ramapo College has numerous co-op opportunities with hundreds of different companies in several fields. These include accounting firms, public relations firms, television and movie production companies, hospitals, internet companies and many more!



# What if I Want a Permanent Position?

- If you are about to graduate or recently have, you may be hired at the very same place you did your co-op.
- Even if you are not offered a permanent position by the employer you did your co-op with, you will be able to use them as a career related reference and a great experience on your resume.



# Can I Get Paid For This?

- Depends, some co-ops are paid while others are simply for the experience.
- In the 2008-2009 school year, students who did a paid co-op received salaries ranging from \$800 - \$10,000 for one semester.



# What If I Need Help?

- You will be under the supervision of faculty and a career counselor whenever you need to ask questions in regards to the program.





# How Do I Get Started?

Here's a few different ways:

- Come in to the Cahill Center, C209, and our staff will get you started.
- After that, you can check out our new online job database, College Central Network, to try find your own internship. Just go to [collegecentral.com/ramapo](http://collegecentral.com/ramapo)
- Call 201-684-7444 and ask to speak to our Co-op Adviser.



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