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**RAMAPO COLLEGE IS NEW SITE FOR CONTACT HOUR PROGRAMS AND
CONFERENCES FOR REGISTERED NURSES**

MAHWAH – Ramapo College of New Jersey is a new site in northern New Jersey for contact hour programs and conferences for nurses. The College is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the New Jersey State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. “Nursing Essentials” continuing education at Ramapo kicks off this Spring. Registration is requested two weeks prior to the start date of each course.

The course offerings will provide registered nurses with skills updates, outcomes management techniques, evidence-based practices and mandatory contact hours for relicensure. Full course descriptions, requirements and registration information may be obtained by logging on to www.ramapo.edu/cipl/nursing/.

Specific course offerings include:

***“Prescription Update: Controlled Dangerous Substances,” Saturday, February 28,
8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.***

This one-day program is for advanced practice nurses who have prescriptive privileges. The program meets the 6 contact hour mandate for APNs to be licensed to prescribe and manage controlled dangerous substances, including pharmacologic therapy and addiction prevention and management.

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“Basic Health Assessment,” Saturday, March 14, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This one-day program for registered nurses refreshes and updates physical assessment skills and enhances knowledge of abnormal versus normal findings. Course content includes interviewing techniques to obtain and record comprehensive health history and apply clinical skills of inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation to each body system. The course provides 7 contact hours.

Third Annual Joint Conference: “Clinical Outcomes Based on Nursing Research & Evidence: What’s Happening At Your Hospital?” Wednesday, March 18, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

This program is designed to enhance the knowledge base of nurses in the concept of evidence-based nursing practice (EBNP) and research. A multi-specialty perspective is utilized in this conference to address the various challenges nurses encounter when applying EBNP to the care of patients. The course provides 5.5 contact hours.

”Outcomes Management in Health Care Conference”

Pre-conference: Saturday, April 4, 8 a.m. to Noon

Program: Saturday, April 18 and 25, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This series of workshops, for individuals working in health care performance/quality review departments, is designed for the professional working in data-driven health care improvement. These are intended to assist professionals in expanding their role from individual practitioner to a systems/organizational perspective. Content includes the role and responsibility of nursing systems/outcome management, data management, analysis and interpretation of data and dashboard preparation. The course offers up to 19.5 contact hours.

“Code Blue Refresher Course,” Wednesday, May 20, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The program reviews the basic principles of nursing interventions when a patient is in cardiac arrest. Practice time for simulation is included. This interactive, hands-on course

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provides the nurse with the knowledge and skills required to function confidently and safely during a code blue (medical emergency). Rapid Response concepts also are discussed. Content includes signs and symptoms of pre-arrest, cardiac arrest and the roles of code team members. Current Basic Cardiac Life Support (CPR) Certification is required to attend. The course offers 7 contact hours.

For questions related to nursing programs, please contact: Dr. Margaret J. Greene, 201.684.7206 or mgreene1@ramapo.edu. For general information about Ramapo College's Continuing Education programs administered through the Center for Innovative and Professional Learning, please call 201.684.7370.

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