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Ramapo College Enters into Degree Completion Partnership Program for Adults with County College of Morris

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey has entered into a partnership with the County College of Morris (CCM), effective fall 2017.

This collaborative partnership program agreement is specifically designed to facilitate the transfer of adult students into Ramapo's accelerated Degree Completion program. Adult students, who have earned their associate's degree through CCM's Adult Program, will be guaranteed admission to complete a bachelor's degree in one of Ramapo College's degree completion programs for adults.

"We are excited to continue to strengthen the partnership that Ramapo has enjoyed with County College of Morris," said Christopher Romano, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Ramapo College. "Through this program, we recognize that many returning adult students are seeking a degree in a cohort filled with other returning adults and on a schedule that recognizes the needs of working professionals balancing work, school and home life. By aligning our programs, we can ensure that students will find that balance at both CCM and Ramapo and be able to finish what they start."

Ramapo College and CCM will collaborate in providing students with information and academic advising, as well as academic requirements and transfer process. Qualified students must have successfully earned an A.A. or A.S. degree with at least a 2.5 grade point average and at least 64 credits before transferring.

"We're proud to be a partner with Ramapo College and its adult degree completion program," said Dr. Anthony J. Iacono, president of County College of Morris. "Through this partnership, more adults will be able to fulfill their dream of earning a college degree, improving their earning capabilities, and pursuing a career that is both professionally and personally rewarding."

The County College of Morris, founded in 1966, is a public community college located in Randolph, New Jersey. CCM offers degree and certificate programs in humanities, social sciences, natural sciences, engineering, technology and healthcare.

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Ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of the top in the Best Regional Public Universities North category, Ramapo College of New Jersey is sometimes viewed as a private college. This is, in part, due to its unique interdisciplinary academic structure, its size of approximately 6,000 students and its pastoral setting in the foothills of the Ramapo Mountains on the New Jersey/New York border.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, humanities, social sciences and the sciences, as well as in professional studies, which include nursing and social work. In addition, Ramapo College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels. The College also offers nine graduate programs as well as articulated programs with Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, New York Chiropractic College, New York University College of Dentistry, SUNY State College of Optometry and New York College of Podiatric Medicine.