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Ramapo College and WCCC to Partner

MAHWAH, N.J. -- In an effort to provide Warren County Community College students with a smooth transition to a 4-year college, Ramapo College of New Jersey recently signed a partnership agreement with WCCC that will offer residents a streamlined opportunity to continue their educational pursuits.

Ramapo offers numerous bachelor and master programs, with some of their classes online and easily accessible for students whether or not they are on the Mahwah campus. Ramapo has similar partnerships with other community colleges, including Sussex County Community College.

"We're thrilled to work with Warren County Community College to deliver an integrated and streamlined experience," said Christopher Romano, Vice President for Enrollment Management and Student Affairs at Ramapo College. "The ultimate goal of this partnership is to increase student success. Everybody benefits when we do that."

"Everything is designed so that students can finish their final two years in a timely fashion," added Dr. Peter P. Mercer, President of Ramapo. "You earn your associates degree at WCCC and Ramapo then supports you in the ultimate goal of completing your degree."

Dr. Will Austin, President of WCCC, expressed similarities of the two colleges. "We are both relatively small in size, and have similar mission statements," he stated.

Indeed, both colleges have high graduation rates, similar environments and generally small class sizes.

One of the programs that both colleges are particularly excited about working together on is nursing. Ramapo recognizes that more and more nurses are being required to obtain a BSN degree in order to get better jobs in many health-related fields. Ramapo offers an accelerated RN to BSN degree program, with a majority of those classes available online for students at WCCC, which also features a top-notch nursing program.

Ramapo and WCCC have had an unofficial partnership for years for Creative Writing majors.

Ramapo has more than 30 majors in all, and besides nursing, is renowned for its Business School (AACSB accredited) and its designation as the state's Public Liberal Arts College with majors including humanities, history and political science.

For more information about this partnership, visit www.ramapo.edu or call the Admissions Office at 201-684-7300.

PHOTO CAPTION: Warren County Community College President Will Austin, left, and Ramapo College President Peter P. Mercer sign a partnership agreement between the two schools.

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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 eight 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.