MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey has received accreditation for its Master’s of Social Work (MSW) program, effective immediately through February 2022.

“The goal of our program is to prepare social work professionals to further advocate for social justice and individual well-being, while emphasizing the human compassion component,” said AnnMarie Moreno, Assistant Dean and Director of the MSW Program at Ramapo College. “As advanced generalist practitioners, students will become effective leaders through planning and problem solving, interdisciplinary collaboration, and excellence in service to individuals, families, groups and organizations from a global perspective.”

Ramapo College offers a MSW degree that is affordable and prestigious, combining a rigorous and innovative classroom education along with a community-based practice experience transitioning students to professionals in the field of social work. Program participants gain experience in a wide range of areas, such as eating disorders, palliative end-of-life patient care, the effects of psychopharmacology, and other afflictions.

Students do their field experience in private and public assistant living facilities, hospice centers, mobile units employed for home visitation services, group counseling and one-on-one client sessions, Moreno explained. They also can apply to travel abroad for fieldwork. Students have traveled to Ghana, where they worked in conjunction with the College’s nursing students in rural villages, and to Portugal where they studied policy change on public health issues such as the decriminalization of substance abuse.

“This gives them a real sense of the global impact their work can have, and how they can make a difference,” Moreno said.

Aaron Lorenz, Dean of the School of Social Sciences and Human Services, touted the hard work Moreno and the faculty undertook in earning the prestigious accreditation for the program.

“This accreditation is not given lightly,” he said. “The application process was very involved but we passed with flying colors. This is truly a testament to the tremendous work we do here in this program.”