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Ramapo College Earns Accreditation for Master of Social Work Program

MAHWAH, N.J. – Ramapo College of New Jersey has received accreditation for its Master 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 trauma, substance abuse, family dynamics, hospice, public health advocacy and providing services to adults, adolescents and children

Students do their field experience in hospitals, schools, rehabilitation facilities, assisted living facilities, hospice centers, mobile units employed for home visitation services, mental health agencies, Moreno explained. The program also offers study abroad opportunities. Students have traveled to Ghana, where they examined the needs of the people in rural villages and provide social work services, 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.”

For information about the program, visit www.ramapo.edu/msw

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Ramapo College of New Jersey is the state’s premier public liberal arts college. Ranked among the top colleges in the region by College Choice and recognized by, among others, U.S. News & World Report, Princeton Review, Colleges of Distinction and also designated by Victory Media as a “Military Friendly College,” Ramapo College is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding.

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 business, education, nursing and social work. In addition, the College offers courses leading to teacher certification at the elementary and secondary levels, and offers graduate programs leading to degrees in Accounting, Business Administration, Educational Technology, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education.