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**U.S. News & World Report Ranks Ramapo College of New Jersey  
Among 2023-2024 Best Graduate Schools**

Mahwah, NJ – Ramapo College of New Jersey has been nationally ranked among the 2023-2024 Best Graduate Schools for its Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) by U.S. News & World Report. It is the #2 public school program in New Jersey.

“The national ranking of the graduate program evidences the faculty and staff curricular commitment to excellence in nursing practice. It is supported by the strong student support and assistance routinely given by faculty. We are thrilled to be recognized for all of our work,” said Assistant Dean of Nursing Dr. Kathleen Burke, who is also the graduate nursing programs director.



The program offers four track options: Family nurse practitioner, adult gerontology nurse practitioner, nursing administration, and nursing education. Nurses who complete the program have the opportunity to attain certification in their respective specialty and become nurse leaders where they work.



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Patricia Conte is a nurse working in the Emergency Department at NYU Langone Medical Center in New York City. She is studying to become a family nurse practitioner. “The MSN program provides me with the best education and supportive resources to advance my nursing career. With exam preparation, research-based discussions, and clinical case study presentations, the MSN degree has helped me grow with confidence in the assessment, clinical diagnosis, and education of patients.”

Students complete the program online with some hybrid formats, which provides flexibility for nurses who work and want to further their education, like Conte. “The hybrid program contributes to achieving a perfect work-school-life balance. I love the program’s supportive community and degree of continuity. The professors have been consistent, exceptional resources in my learning experience and are always readily available to discuss questions or concerns pertaining to educational content or clinical experience. The staff are extremely approachable, organized, insightful, and compassionate. The sense of genuine thoughtfulness and support that comes from the MSN staff at Ramapo College has helped fuel my success in the program.”

Christie Rice, a registered nurse and certified clinical research professional who is graduating from the nurse education track in May, agrees. “The professors are extremely supportive and understanding of graduate students, realizing we all are balancing work, family and school responsibilities. The hybrid nature of the program with a majority of the courses online makes it attainable to fit the scheduled in-person classes with a variety of nursing jobs as these sessions are offered virtually.



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About Ramapo College

Ramapo College of New Jersey is the state's premier public liberal arts college and is committed to academic excellence through interdisciplinary and experiential learning, and international and intercultural understanding.

The College is ranked #1 among New Jersey public institutions by College Choice; is recognized as the state's top college on the list of Best Disability Schools by *Great Value Colleges*; was named one of the 50 Most Beautiful College Campuses in America by *Condé Nast Traveler*; and is recognized as a top college by *U.S. News & World Report*, *Kiplinger's*, Princeton Review and *Money* magazine, among others. Ramapo College is also distinguished as a Career Development College of Distinction by *CollegesofDistinction.com*, boasts the best campus housing in New Jersey on *Niche.com*, and is designated a "Military Friendly College" in Victory Media's *Guide to Military Friendly Schools*.

Established in 1969, Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, data science, 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 master's degrees in Accounting, Applied Mathematics, Business Administration, Contemporary Instructional Design, Computer Science, Creative Music Technology, Data Science, Educational Leadership, Nursing, Social Work and Special Education, as well as a Doctor of Nursing Practice.

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