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Creating Accessible Pathways for Adult Learners to Return to College *Ramapo College Awarded NJ OSHE Grant for Some College, No Degree Statewide Initiative*

Mahwah, N.J.- Ramapo College commits to making access to college easier for New Jersey's adult learners by participating in the statewide initiative [Some College, No Degree](#). According to state data, more than 750,000 New Jersey residents have some college credit, but did not complete the academic requirements and graduate. The SCND program, through ReUp Education, provides personalized support to help adults re-enroll and earn their undergraduate degree. Ramapo aims to deliver a transformative education in a diverse community dedicated to welcoming and mentoring students who bring with them [a range of lived experiences](#).

"As New Jersey's Public Liberal Arts College, Ramapo is committed to increasing access to higher education for all underserved populations," said Ramapo College President Cindy Jebb. "The SCND initiative aligns closely with the goals and objectives of Ramapo's strategic plan, [Boldly Ascending](#), specifically: furthering academic excellence and student success, fostering an inclusive community, and strengthening agile stewardship."

Mission-critical to Ramapo College is an unwavering commitment to supporting both the academic and non-academic needs of its students. The award, provided by the Office of the Secretary for Higher Education (OSHE), affords Ramapo the opportunity to provide grants for persistence, educational supplies, and emergency funds. The award also allows for expanding curricular pathways for SCND students as well as refresher workshops focused on writing, reading, and time management skills in the [Center for Reading and Writing](#).

Recognizing some of the barriers that prevent adult learners from completing their degree might include facing food insecurity and homelessness, the [WeCare Program at Ramapo](#), which opened in 2017 as a food pantry for students, commits to mitigating financial hardships of SCND students with emergency relief funding. Earlier in 2023, New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education Dr. Brian K. Bridges [visited the campus](#) to learn about the success of the WeCare Program and how it assists students in need.

To learn more about the Ramapo College Degree Completion Program, visit ramapo.edu/dcp/.

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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 comprehensive college is situated among the beautiful Ramapo Mountains, is within commuting distance to New York City, was named one of the 50 Most Beautiful College Campuses in America by *CondéNast Traveler*, and boasts the best on-campus housing in New Jersey per Niche.com. 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.