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## **Fast-track to Healing: A Cure for the Nursing Shortage in New Jersey** *Ramapo College Launches 16-month Accelerated Nursing Program*



Mahwah, N.J.- Ramapo College aims to graduate more licensed nurses to address the shortage in New Jersey with the addition of the Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing program. The innovative program enables qualified candidates to complete the degree requirements in only 16 months. As U.S. Congressman Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5) [shared in June](#), New Jersey is one of the top ten states with the most open nursing positions. The state also expects a shortage of more than 11,000 nurses by 2030, according to [New Jersey Hospital Association](#) President and CEO Cathy Bennett.

The ABSN is a full-time, [16-month program](#) beneficial to those with an undergraduate degree and interested in a career change into nursing, those currently working in healthcare and wish to become RNs with a BSN, and community college students with an associate's degree and want to earn a BSN. For candidates who might not have the necessary prerequisites, a [bridge program](#) that offers the required coursework for the ABSN is available.

Students will enjoy special flat-rate program tuition, a cohort model that fosters collaboration and support with classmates as well as the state-of-the-art facilities in the Adler Center for Nursing Excellence. Ramapo has long-standing partnerships with a number of esteemed area hospitals and centers for clinical site placements including Valley Hospital in Ridgewood, St. Joseph's Medical Center in Paterson, University Hospital in Newark, Holy Name in Teaneck, New Bridge Medical Center in Paramus, HMH Hackensack University Medical Center, and Atlantic Health System hospitals.

This program can be attributed to a legislative resolution co-sponsored by [Senator Joe Lagana \(D38-Paramus\)](#) and [Assemblywoman Lisa Swain \(D38-Fair Lawn\)](#) that provided Ramapo with a \$1M appropriation to meet the expected need for more nurses in New Jersey. The funds



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awarded are being used to increase the number of clinical simulation rooms and hire additional faculty to meet the demands that increasing enrollment will create.

Interest in nursing is growing, as evident in the more than 900 applications for Ramapo College's [direct-admit BSN program](#), an increase of more than 30% over this time last year. Nursing programs at Ramapo College have been revered for years, with consistently impressive rankings that include having one of the top three [BSN programs](#), the #1 [online RN to BSN program](#) in New Jersey, and the #5 [MSN in Nursing Administration](#) program in the nation. The college graduated its first [Doctor of Nursing Practice](#) students in May 2023.

The ABSN program will enroll its first cohort to begin in May 2024, and the portal to submit applications is now open. Online information sessions about the program will run [January 10 and 23](#). Visit the [Accelerated Bachelor of Science in Nursing](#) webpage for additional details about the program. To learn more about all Ramapo College nursing programs, visit [ramapo.edu/nursing](http://ramapo.edu/nursing).

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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.