

# STUDENT SUCCESS

ADVISEMENT,  
CAREER DEVELOPMENT, CONNECT,  
EOF, NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE &  
THE TESTING CENTER

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# VISION STATEMENT

- **Student Success guides students throughout their first year and beyond by providing services, resources and experiences that facilitate a student's acclimation into the Ramapo College community. Collectively, these services and resources provide students a foundation to advance their learning and progression towards graduation. Student Success provides the campus and surrounding community with the resources to foster student engagement and create a culture of academic learning and student success.**

# UNIT BREAKDOWN

## Student Success

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Academic Advisement  
Center for Student Success

Career Development

Connect

Educational Opportunity  
Fund Program (EOF)

New Student Experience

Testing Center

# **ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT CENTER FOR STUDENT SUCCESS**

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# ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

## ■ Current Plan

- First-Year students are advised by professional staff in Student Success
  - Mandatory advisement occurs prior to and throughout their first year
- *Upper-class students are advised by faculty advisors*
  - *Mandatory advisement occurs in the third and sixth semesters*

## ■ Coordinates the Academic Advisement Council

## ■ Definition of Academic Advisement

- Academic advisement at Ramapo College of New Jersey seeks to engage students in the process of defining and achieving their academic objectives, as well as career and life goals. This is a collaborative process of shared responsibilities between students and advisors that includes selecting a course of study; understanding academic policies, procedures, and requirements; becoming familiar with campus resources and opportunities; and identifying and fostering goals for success in college and beyond.

# ACADEMIC ADVISEMENT

## ■ Websites

- <http://www.ramapo.edu/myadvisor>
- <http://www.ramapo.edu/myadvisees>

## ■ Upcoming Trainings:

### ■ Dates to Look For:

- New Faculty Orientation Extended Session – TBD
- Unit Council Meetings

### ■ Unit Council/School Liaisons

- ASB – Diana Benavides, [dbenavid@ramapo.edu](mailto:dbenavid@ramapo.edu)
- CA – Paula Ihne, [pihne@Ramapo.edu](mailto:pihne@Ramapo.edu)
- SSHGS – Nicole Pedoto, [npedoto@ramapo.edu](mailto:npedoto@ramapo.edu)
- SSHS – Kevin Brenfo-Agyeman, [kbrenfoa@ramapo.edu](mailto:kbrenfoa@ramapo.edu)
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- Associate Director, John Yao, [jyao@ramapo.edu](mailto:jyao@ramapo.edu)

# CAHILL CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

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# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Individual advising by major, 6 professional career advisors
  - Advising for career planning, graduate school, job/internship search, resumes, cover letters, networking, interviewing, LinkedIn Profile, etc.
- Pathways program - required for all students (Note: requirements vary for some upper-class students)
  - <https://www.ramapo.edu/careercenter/exploration/>
- Cooperative Education
  - Students work at a relevant internship and earn academic credit
  - Faculty oversee academic requirements
- Employer Engagement
- Student Assistant Program - Over 800 student employees



# CAREER DEVELOPMENT

- Website

- <https://www.ramapo.edu/careercenter/>

- Unit Council/School Liaisons

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# CONNECT

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# CONNECT

- **Academic Progress Survey Software**
  - Accessible through [web.ramapo.edu](http://web.ramapo.edu) or Canvas
  - Displays students in your courses automatically
  - Monitor student progress and learning
    - Raise academic progress items for excellent or concerning work
    - Review academic progress items that have been raised about your students
  - Professional staff and other faculty on campus who can intervene become aware
- **Website**
  - <http://www.ramapo.edu/connect>

# **EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND PROGRAM (EOF)**

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# EOF

- The mission is to provide access to higher education and support for highly motivated students who exhibit the potential for success, but who come from families/communities disadvantaged by low income and a lack of access to quality educational preparation necessary to attend college. The EOF program provides such students full-time admission to the college, and the support needed to maintain their continued enrollment through graduation.
- Program Highlights
  - Career Development
  - Faculty Mentorship
  - Financial Support
  - Leadership
  - Student Development Specialists
- Website
  - <https://www.ramapo.edu/eof-program/>

# NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE

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# NEW STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- **Transitional Programming for First-Year and Transfer Students**
  - **Orientation**
    - Separate programs for First-Year and Transfer students and families
  - **Welcome Week**
    - Extended orientation programming before students start classes
- **Peer Facilitator Program**
  - Weekly mentoring from upper-class student(s)
  - Peer facilitators in each General Education First-Year Seminar course
    - Each course of approximately 25 students has 2 peer facilitators
- **New Student Programming**
  - Academic Honor Societies
  - Majors & Minors Exploration
  - Transfer Center & Veterans Lounge
- **Websites**
  - <http://www.ramapo.edu/studentsuccess>
  - <http://www.ramapo.edu/orientation>
  - <http://www.ramapo.edu/welcome>

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# TESTING CENTER

- Placement Testing
  - Critical Reading and Writing
  - Mathematics
  - Languages
- CLEP Testing
  - Done through the College Board
  - Students can earn academic credit for prior knowledge through testing
- Accommodated testing
  - Proctored in collaboration with the Office of Specialized Services (OSS)
- Website
  - <http://www.ramapo.edu/testing>