

**A. INSTITUTIONAL NARRATION INCLUDING ACCREDITATION STATUS**

***Institutional Profile***

The Public College is located in Mahwah Township, in northwestern Bergen County. The barrier-free campus occupies 300 acres. Facilities include general classrooms, laboratories, an administration building, library, the new Anisfield School of Business academic building, the Berrie Center for Performing and Visual Arts, the Bill Bradley Sports and Recreation Center, academic wings, campus life buildings, playing fields, student apartments and residence halls. The 1,787 GSF Sharp Sustainability Education Center opened for classes in spring 2010. In addition, The Salameno Spiritual Center, the cost of which will be realized through private donation, opened in fall 2010.

The Public College's mission is focused on its four "pillars" of education: international, intercultural, interdisciplinary and experiential, all of which are incorporated throughout the curriculum and extracurricular activities. The international mission is further accomplished through an emphasis on global programs such as faculty/student exchanges.

Organized into five interdisciplinary schools offering more than 40 programs, the Public College's offerings are complemented by lectures, performances, and off-campus experiences. Ramapo College offers bachelor's degrees in the arts, business, the humanities, the social sciences, and the sciences, as well as in professional studies programs such as nursing, social work and teacher education. Four programs are offered leading to a master's degree: Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS), Master of Science in Educational Technology (MSET), a Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN), and a Master of Arts in Sustainability Studies (MASS). The College has joint degree programs with UMDNJ-School of Health Related Professions in Clinical Laboratory Sciences and Allied Health, and maintains articulation agreements with other participating institutions in chiropractic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry, and other professional fields.

Faculty have been successful in obtaining major grants from state, national, and international sources to support scholarship, partnerships, curriculum improvements,

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seminars and conferences. Their efforts have brought recognition in the form of Fulbright Awards and Guggenheim Fellowships, major National Science Foundation and National Endowment for the Arts grants, international presentations, and numerous prestigious awards.

In 2005, the faculty and administration of the Anisfield School of Business committed themselves and the school to the task of attaining accreditation from the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). The school is in the process of implementing the goals as outlined in its Accreditation Plan accepted by AACSB. The Public College hopes to realize its goal of AACSB accreditation fall 2010.

The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools first accredited the College in 1975. Ramapo is up for re-accreditation in 2020. The process for applying for re-accreditation involves examining the college's programs and services within the context of the fourteen standards outlined in the Commission's Characteristics of Excellence and the college's own mission. The self study is a decennial process of self-evaluation for the purpose of institutional improvement and to attain or maintain accredited status with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education. Ramapo College was reaccredited in 1980, 1990, 2000 and summer 2010. National disciplinary associations and State entities have also accredited certain Ramapo programs, including Chemistry (American Chemical Society A.C.S.), Nursing (National League for Nursing N.L.N. and N.J. Board of Nursing), Social Work (Council on Social Work Education C.S.W.E. and Teacher Education (Teacher Education Accreditation Council T.E.A.C. and N.J. State Department of Education).