

This letter of agreement delineates the terms of understanding between Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ) and Warren County Community College (WCCC) regarding a program that would facilitate the achievement of a Bachelor of Arts in Literature with a concentration in Creative Writing degree from RCNJ by students /graduates of the WCCC Associate in Fine Arts in Creative Writing or the Associate of Arts in Liberal Studies (English Option).

CREATIVE WRITING ARTICULATED PROGRAM
BETWEEN
RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
AND
WARREN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AGREEMENT made and entered into on June 13, 2012 by and between Ramapo College of New Jersey, hereinafter referred to as RCNJ, and Warren County Community College, hereinafter referred to as WCCC

Whereas, RCNJ is a baccalaureate and master's degree-granting college dedicated to the provision of instruction in the humanities; the natural, behavioral and social sciences; business, education and social work; and health professions;
And

WHEREAS, WCCC is an associate's degree-granting community college dedicated to a mission of building a community of learners through accessible, quality learning opportunities designed to meet educational goals and aspirations.
And

WHEREAS, RCNJ and WCCC wish to establish a cooperative agreement for the education of students interested in Creative Writing
And

WHEREAS, RCNJ and WCCC wish to conduct strong educational programs grounded in the strengths of both institutions without needless duplication of resources,

NOW THEREFORE, RCNJ and WCCC wish to confirm in writing the terms of mutual and individual responsibilities related to the articulated program of education leading to a Bachelor's of Arts in Literature with a Creative Writing Concentration.

I. General Description of the Program

- A. **Design of the Program** Ramapo College of New Jersey (RCNJ) proposes a plan whereby students who complete their A.F.A in Creative Writing or A.A in Liberal Arts (English Option) can follow an advising document that facilitates a seamless transition into its Literature-Creative Writing Concentration.

- B. **Routes of Entry** WCCC students who meet the established Admissions criteria will need to apply through the RCNJ Admissions Office once they complete their associate's degree. All students must meet the standard transfer admissions requirements. **As a result of this agreement, WCCC students who apply to RCNJ's Literature program via paper application will have their \$60 application fee waived.**
- C. **The Program-** Warren County Community College students interested in transferring to Ramapo College of New Jersey to major in literature with a concentration in creative writing should complete all the requirements of either the Associate in Fine Arts in Creative Writing or the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts (English option). RCNJ will transfer a maximum of 64 community college credits. Students who complete the Associate in Arts will be waived from general education at RCNJ.

Students who complete the Associate in Fine Arts in Creative Writing at WCCC

Students should seek advisement at WCCC and/or take the CLEP test to determine if they have already attained language proficiency at the intermediate I level, a core requirement of the Salameno School of American and International Studies (SSAIS) at RCNJ. If so, they should follow option A for their humanities electives at WCCC; if not, they should follow option B. Some students may follow a combination of option A and option B, depending on their level of proficiency. The ultimate goal is to complete the language proficiency before matriculating at RCNJ and, if possible, to take courses that could apply to the literature major at RCNJ.

Option A:

WCCC course	RCNJ literature course or category
ENG 201	Survey of British Literature I
ENG 240 <i>or</i> ENG 241	American literature

Option B:

WCCC course	SSAIS school core
Beginning Spanish I	language proficiency
Beginning Spanish II	
Intermediate Spanish I	

The program of study at WCCC includes courses that will fulfill some general-education requirements at RCNJ:

WCCC course	RCNJ general-education course/category
ENG 141	Critical Reading and Writing 102
HIS 101, HIS 102, HIS 113, <i>or</i> HIS 114	history
MAT 131 <i>or</i> higher	mathematics

PHY 111, PHY 112, CHE 110, CHE 164, CHE 165, BIO 145, BIO 162, BIO 163, <i>or</i> BIO 165	science with experiential
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Once students have matriculated at RCNJ, they must complete the following general-education courses or categories:

- Topics in Social Science 4 credits
- Readings in Humanities 4 credits
- International Issues 4 credits
- Intercultural North America 4 credits
- Social Issues 4 credits

In addition, option A *and* option B students must take the following courses or fulfill the following categories for the literature major:

- Introduction to Literature 4 credits
- Readings in Poetry 4 credits
- Drama category 4 credits
- International literature category+ 4 credits
- Pre-1800 literature 4 credits
- Major authors category 4 credits
- One of the following courses (depending on the workshop transferred)++ 4 credits
 - Fiction Writing
 - Poetry Writing
 - Creative Non-Fiction Writing
- Literature Seminar 4 credits
- Creative Writing Capstone 4 credits

Option B students will *also* take:

- Survey of British Literature I 4 credits
- American literature+ 4 credits

+Careful selection of courses from these categories will fulfill the international issues and intercultural North America general-education categories at RCNJ, thus increasing the number of free electives.

++Students will have completed ENG 250, which will transfer to RCNJ as LITR 280, and either ENG 144 or ENG 150, which will transfer to RCNJ as either LITR 283 or LITR 282, as part of their program of study at WCCC, thus fulfilling the introduction course and one of the two required workshops in creative writing.

Summary of degree program requirements:

WCCC	major/general education	64 credits
RCNJ	literature, creative writing, and general education	Option A: 52-56 credits Option B: 56-64 credits
	free electives	Option A: 8-12 credits Option B: 0-8 credits
	Total	128 credits

Students who complete the Associate in Arts in Liberal Arts (English option) at WCCC

Students are waived from general education at RCNJ, but not the language proficiency requirement of the Salameo School of American and International Studies. Thus, they should seek advisement at WCCC and/or take the CLEP test to determine if they have already attained language proficiency at the intermediate I level. If not, they should take the following courses. Some students may need fewer courses to demonstrate proficiency. In any case, the ultimate goal is to complete the language proficiency before matriculating at RCNJ.

WCCC course	SSAIS school core
Beginning Spanish I	language proficiency
Beginning Spanish II	
Intermediate Spanish I	

To complete the literature major with creative writing concentration at RCNJ more efficiently, students should also take the following courses from their career category at WCCC:

WCCC course	RCNJ literature course or category
ENG 250	Introduction to Creative Writing
ENG 144 or 150	Poetry Writing or Fiction Writing Workshop
ENG 201	Survey of British Literature I
ENG 240 or 241	American literature

Once these students have matriculated at RCNJ, they must take the following courses or fulfill the following categories of courses for the literature major:

- Introduction to Literature 4 credits
- Readings in Poetry 4 credits
- Drama category 4 credits
- International literature category 4 credits
- Pre-1800 literature 4 credits
- Major authors category 4 credits
- Literature Seminar 4 credits

- One of the following courses (depending on the workshop transferred) 4 credits
 - Fiction Writing Workshop
 - Poetry Writing Workshop
 - Creative Non-Fiction Workshop
- Creative Writing Capstone 4 credits

Summary of degree program requirements:

WCCC	major/general education	64 credits
RCNJ	literature and creative writing	36 credits
	free electives	28 credits
Total		128 credits

- D. **Recruitment into the Program:** RCNJ and WCCC faculty will plan appropriate events in WCCC's required ENG 250 course, in which students will receive an overview of the program
- E. **Evaluation of Agreement:** This agreement will be evaluated annually to ensure that curricular changes, changes to NJTransfer, and other processes related to the student transfer experience remain current. The chair of WCCC's Creative Writing program and Convener of RCNJ's Creative Writing program will meet once a year with the advisors from each program to review the progress of the program as well as processes, procedures, and student learning outcomes and revise, if necessary.

Dr. Beth Barnett, Provost/VPAA

Date

Dr. Lisa Summins, VP Academics, Student Services

Date