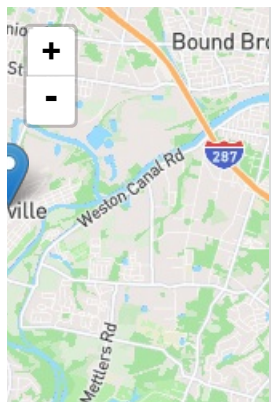


## The Achievement Center <sup>[1]</sup>

### Raritan Community College

The Achievement Center at Raritan Valley Community College is a certificate-based, post-secondary program for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities interested in developing their education to gain skills to enter the workforce. The Achievement Center recognizes that every student learns and processes information differently. Our college-level classes and student-centered approach empowers our students to find the right learning tools for them. To meet their goals, the Achievement Center has created academically inclusive and specialized classes include instruction in Reading Comprehension and Critical Thinking; Writing and Research; Employment and Career strategies; Interpersonal Communication; Functional Mathematics, and College Planning and Strategies. Through these series of classes it offers students an opportunity to “learn their voice” and acclimate themselves to the classroom and college experience while improving their note-taking and study skills. We challenge students to critically examine reading material (short stories, poetry, novels); explore their writing abilities (Essays, Research papers); communication and social skills training; career development; and oral presentations. As a result, our students build confidence, empowerment, independence, and create new individual goals and aspirations.

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**This program supports only transition students from certain districts.:**

No

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General

**Public or private::**

Public

**Type of school::**

2-year community college or junior college

**Is this program a federally funded TPSID program?:**

No

**Number of students::**

65

**Description of our summer transition program::**

**Requirements**

**Accepts out-of-state students?:**

No

**Deadline to apply to this program::**

June 30 (for Fall Semester admission) November 15 (for mid-year admission)

**Please indicate which disabilities students in this program have::**

- Intellectual disability
- Autism
- other learning disabilities

**Acceptance, Retention, and Completion Rates**

**Program length::**

3 years

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3 years

**Cost**

**Is this program able to provide federal financial aid as a Comprehensive Transition Program (CTP)?:**

No

**Students pay for the program in the following ways::**

- Private pay (student and family)
- Scholarships
- Adult intellectual/developmental disability state agency funds
- Local School District funds
- Medicaid Waiver or Day Habilitation funds

**Scholarships available::**

All of the program's classes are approved by Division of Developmental Disability through Goods and Services for any student who has an approved budget and is over 21 years old.

**Academic**

**Students enrolled in this program take the following types of inclusive courses (with students who don't have disabilities)::**

Students do not take typical college courses

**More about course access::**

We provide instruction on a variety of academic and career based curriculum that prepares students for taking typical college classes. We focus on reading and writing comprehension; public speaking and college presentations; basic mathematics; career developments, and research and writing.

**Students take courses that are only for students in this program::**

Yes

**Do students earn a credential of any kind when they complete this program?:**

Yes

**Credential(s) students earn upon completing the program::**

Certificate of Completion

Employment

**Percent of students in this program have paid work while attending the program::**

25%

**Other career development activities are::**

- Internships

Housing

**Housing is provided to students::**

No

Extracurricular

**Students participate in student organizations on campus::**

Yes

**Students have participated in these social/extracurricular activities and organizations::**

All are students receive Raritan Valley Community College student numbers. They are eligible for all student clubs. We have students that participate in such clubs as ROTARAC, Literacy Club, Fitness Club, Drama Club, Gaming Club, Poetry Club. We have students who also are on Athletic teams - soccer and baseball

**Admission criteria (select all that apply):**

Other

**Criteria for admission:**

<div class="item-list"><ul><li class="first last"><p>Students still in high school must be 16 years of age or older.&nbsp; For students who have left high school, a regular high school diploma or GED is required for admission.</p> </li> </ul></div>

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Intellectual disability

Autism

Other disabilities

**Other than the credential listed above, can students earn any other credentials that are available to all students?:**

Our students may go on to take regular college classes at Raritan once they complete our program. Some choose to take typical college classes while also attending our program. We encourage students to complete at least one year of our certificate program before taking regular college classes.

**Are students in this program able to access support services through your IHE disability services office?:**

No

**Instructions:**

In the form below is the information that is currently listed on our website for your program. Please click on each green tab, look over all fields and change any information that needs to be updated. There is no need to save after completing each tab, but you MUST click Save at either the top or bottom of this form

after going through and making any necessary changes. You can save at any time and you may save and leave and return later to make additional changes or add new information. Green check marks will appear in the tabs on the left when you have filled out all questions in a section. Please make every attempt to answer all questions--but if you can't, the form will still save and we will use the information you can provide to create your updated record.

**Planned program length:**

3 years

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Think College is a national initiative dedicated to developing, expanding, and improving research and practice in inclusive higher education for students with intellectual disability. It is based at the Institute for Community Inclusion, University of Massachusetts Boston.

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