

ASCEND Pre-College Institute 2019

June 24-August 1

CAMDEN CAMPUS



Congratulations and Welcome!

The Achieving Success through Collaboration, Engagement, and Determination (ASCEND) Pre-College Institute (PCI) commends you for taking the first step to a bright and promising future. Out of more than 2100 prospective ASCEND students, you have been selected to participate in this summer's PCI. As a new student of the University, you will be a part of the inaugural class of ASCEND scholars and we could not be more excited to welcome you into the vibrant learning community that is PCI. PCI is a six-week rigorous summer academic program that will provide you with the necessary tools to help enrich your educational journey. As an ASCEND scholar, you will gain valuable academic and social skills, while also building a supportive community of faculty, staff and peers, both in and out of the classroom.

During PCI you will have the chance to take classes, adjust academically and socially to the University, develop behaviors of a successful college student, as well as countless opportunities to network with University administrators, faculty, staff and fellow Rowan students. PCI is designed to assist you with your adjustment to college and your academic success throughout your educational career at Rowan University. Moreover, PCI offers an academic and personal support system that is comprehensive and structured to help you succeed in college. As a participant of ASCEND, you will join other students of diverse backgrounds, cultures and interests, on a very rewarding academic journey.

The information contained in this booklet will help familiarize you with the PCI program's daily schedule, rules and guidelines. It is imperative that you take full advantage of this opportunity and work to your fullest potential. Your matriculation into Rowan University in the fall depends on your successful completion of PCI.

Finally, as you set out on this academic journey that will help to shape the thinkers, professionals, citizens and difference-makers you are destined to be, I encourage you to go forth in a spirit of exploration. This is your chance to take advantage of the array of academic and social opportunities provided by the ASCEND program and Rowan University. Push yourself beyond what's familiar. We are looking forward to a productive summer and successful academic year.

Congratulations on your acceptance into ASCEND. We wish you the best in this academic endeavor.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dawn S. Singleton
Senior Director Student Success and Inclusion Programs

ASCEND Summer Program Orientation At-a-Glance

WEEK 1: JUNE 24–JUNE 28

Monday, June 24

8:30–9 a.m.	Continental Breakfast and Sign-in
9–10 a.m.	Welcome Remarks: Introduction of PCI Staff & ASCEND Summer Program Overview Dr. Dawn Singleton
10 a.m.–11 a.m.	Parent and Student Breakout Session: Review of Expectations and Q&A Room 137 RUCAB and LL MPR
11 a.m.–noon	Motivational Speaker
12:15–1:15 p.m.	Lunch Room 137 RUCAB
1:30–4:30 p.m.	Professor Introductions and Syllabi Distribution
1:30–2 p.m.	Professor Jude Miller, <i>Pre-College Writing</i> Room 311 RUCAB
2–2:30 p.m.	Robert Eisberg, <i>Pre-College Reading</i> Room 311 RUCAB
	Dr. Sandra Joy, <i>Introduction to Sociology</i> Room 311 RUCAB
2:35–3:10 p.m.	OR Ms. Kimberly Wilson, <i>Introduction to Africana Studies</i> Room 340 RUCAB

Tuesday, June 25

8:15–8:50 a.m.	Breakfast 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
9–10:15 a.m.	College Student Inventory (CSI) Workshop Lower Level MPR
10:30 a.m.–noon	Tour of Rutgers Facilities Library and Fitness Center
12:30–2 p.m.	Travel to Black Bear Day Camp/Boxed Lunch (12:30 bus pick up from RUCAB)
2:30–5 p.m.	Black Bear Day Camp: Group Dynamics and Team Building Ropes Course

Wednesday, June 26

8:15–8:50 a.m.	Breakfast 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
9 a.m.–noon	RSN & Banner Workshop/Email Etiquette Workshop Room 311 RUCAB OR Academic Advising: What is it? Room 309 RUCAB
12:15–1:15 p.m.	Lunch/Glassboro
1:30–4 p.m.	Main Campus Scavenger Hunt Glassboro campus

Thursday, June 27–Friday, June 28

7:30 a.m.	Depart for Glassboro–Freshman Orientation Program Meet in front of RUCAB for Overnight Freshman Orientation Program Students leave Glassboro at 2 p.m. from the Student Center and return to Camden campus on Friday, June 28.
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BUILDING KEY

MPR = Multipurpose Room | 129 North Broadway

CC = Conference Center | 601 Cooper Street

RUCAB = Rowan University Camden Academic Building
129 North Broadway (Use Cooper St. entrance)

LL = Lower Level

ASCEND Summer Program At-a-Glance

WEEKS 2-5: JULY 1-JULY 26
JULY 4 HOLIDAY—NO CLASS!

Monday

8:30-9 a.m.	Breakfast 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
9-11 a.m.	Structured Study Rooms 340 & 311 RUCAB
11 a.m.-noon	Academic Workshop Lower Level MPR
noon-1 p.m.	Lunch 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
1-5 p.m.	Group A: Introduction to Sociology Room 311 RUCAB Group B: Introduction to Africana Studies Room 340 RUCAB

Tuesday

8:30-9 a.m.	Breakfast 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
9-10:30 a.m.	Group A: College Reading Lab Room 311 RUCAB Group B: First in the Family Workshop Series Room 306 RUCAB
10:30 a.m.-noon	Group A: First in the Family Workshop Series Room 306 RUCAB Group B: College Reading Lab Room 311 RUCAB
noon-1 p.m.	Lunch 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
1-3 p.m.	Group A: Pre-College Writing Room 309 RUCAB Group B: Structured Study/Counseling Meeting Room 311 RUCAB
3-5 p.m.	Group A: Service and Wellness Projects Room 309 RUCAB Group B: Service and Wellness Projects Room 311 RUCAB

Wednesday

8:30–9 a.m. Breakfast
3rd Floor Student Lounge Rooms 111 & 311 RUCAB

9–11 a.m. Structured Study | Room 311 RUCAB

11 a.m.–noon Academic Workshop | Lower Level MPR

noon–1 p.m. Lunch
3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB

1–5 p.m. Group A: Introduction to Sociology
Room 311 RUCAB
Group B: Introduction to Africana Studies
Room 340 RUCAB

Thursday (July 4 - No class due to holiday)

8:30–9 a.m. Breakfast
3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB

9–10:30 a.m. Group A: College Reading Lab | Room 311 RUCAB
Group B: First in the Family Workshop Series
Room 306 RUCAB

10:30 a.m.–noon Group A: First in the Family Workshop Series
Room 306 RUCAB
Group B: College Reading Lab | Room 311 RUCAB

noon–1 p.m. Lunch
3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB

1–3 p.m. Group A: Pre-College Writing | Room 309 RUCAB
Group B: Structured Study/Counseling Meeting
Room 311 RUCAB

3–5 p.m. Group A: Counseling Meeting | Room 309 RUCAB
Group B: Yoga | Room 311 RUCAB

Friday

July 5 Classes (please see Thursday's schedule)

July 12 Educational Field Trip - TBD

July 19 Educational Field Trip - TBD

July 26 Educational Field Trip - TBD

WEEK 6: JULY 29–AUGUST 1 PLACEMENT TESTING, FINAL EXAMS & CLOSING CEREMONY

Monday, July 29

8:30–9 a.m.	Breakfast 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
9–11 a.m.	Structured Study Rooms 340 & 311 RUCAB
11 a.m.–noon	Academic Workshop Lower Level MPR
noon–1 p.m.	Lunch 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
1–5 p.m.	Group A: Introduction to Sociology Room 311 RUCAB Group B: Introduction to Africana Studies Room 111 RUCAB

Tuesday, July 30

8:30–9 a.m.	Breakfast 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
9 a.m.–noon	Placement Testing or <i>What to Expect in the Fall</i> Workshop RU Computer Lab or Room 311 RUCAB
noon–1 p.m.	Lunch 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
1–4 p.m.	Placement Testing or <i>What to Expect in the Fall</i> Workshop RU Computer Lab or Room 311 RUCAB

Wednesday, July 31

8:30–9 a.m.	Breakfast 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
9 a.m.–noon	Structured Study & Closing Video Preparation
12:05–1 p.m.	Lunch 3rd Floor Student Lounge RUCAB
1:15–5 p.m.	Group A: Introduction to Sociology-Final Exam Room 311 RUCAB Group B: Introduction to Africana Studies-Final Exam Room 340 RUCAB

Thursday, August 1

8:30–9 a.m.	Breakfast Cafeteria
9 a.m.–noon	Academic Advisement/Pre-College Writing Final Portfolio Conferences
4–7 p.m.	PCI Closing Ceremony (By invitation ONLY)

Important Information

How do I make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor or my ASCEND counselor?

For academic advisement, visit the front desk on the second floor to make an appointment. To make an appointment with your ASCEND Counselor, log into the Rowan Success Network at rowan.edu/rsn.

I need to travel to the Glassboro campus to meet with my advisor, but I don't drive.

There is a shuttle bus that travels between the Camden and Glassboro campuses. It runs every hour from 7 a.m.–11 p.m. during the fall and spring semesters.

I'm taking classes at the Camden campus. Where do I purchase my books for my fall and spring courses?

All textbooks for Camden campus courses may be purchased at the University District Bookstore, which is located across the street from the Rowan University Camden Academic Building (RUCAB). Textbooks for courses in Glassboro may be purchased at Barnes & Noble–Glassboro.

I need to research my topic for a class project. Is there a library on the Camden campus?

We share the Rutgers-Camden Paul Robeson Library. You can conduct research, borrow books and use other services. There is also a special librarian available just for Camden campus students: Mr. Bart Everts, bart.everts@rutgers.edu.

I want to work on campus. How do I find out about job opportunities?

There are many opportunities on- and off-campus for student employment. Visit with an advisor from the Office of Career Advancement to explore career opportunities.

The ASCEND Administrative offices are located on the second floor of RUCAB. Call 856-361-2930 during summer hours: 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

Pre-College Institute

Code of Student Conduct

The following are the expectations of all ASCEND students. Read the following and sign the contract indicating that you understand what is expected of you during the academic summer program.

EXPECTATION 1: Attendance

1. In order for you to progress and complete this program successfully, you must attend every class, every day throughout the intensive six weeks. You cannot fulfill the program requirements if you are not present.
2. If you must be absent, it is your responsibility to communicate your absence in advance to both your counselor and your professor(s).
3. Due to the intensity of the ASCEND summer program, we encourage you to refrain from scheduling any appointments during this time. If you have an unavoidable doctor's appointment or an appointment with a government agency, you must provide notice to the Director of ASCEND one week in advance in order to get an excused absence.

Excused Absences

You are allowed a maximum of one excused absence during the summer program for the following reasons:

- Appointment with a government agency, such as jury duty, immigration or welfare,
- To observe a religious holiday or
- Medical emergency.

Procedure For Excused Absences

- You must present an official note to the Director of ASCEND as proof that there is an appointment with a doctor or government agency.
 - If the Director of ASCEND approves the absence, the student will receive an excused absence from the Director.
 - You must show the excused absence form to all professors and your ASCEND counselor.
 - If you do not follow the above procedure, the absence will be NOT be excused.
4. If you are absent for a test or quiz, the following will apply:
- EXCUSED ABSENCES: You will have one opportunity to make up the test.
 - UNEXCUSED ABSENCES: You will receive a “0.”
 - Two unexcused absences will result in separation from the ASCEND program.

Please note: In the event that you have a morning or afternoon excusable absence that does not require you to be absent the entire day, you are required to attend the day’s program (e.g., if you have a 10 a.m. appointment that concludes at 11 a.m., you are expected to return to the program).

EXPECTATION 2: Lateness

All students are required to be on campus by 8:30 a.m.. If you are not present at the start of class, you will be marked late and the professor may not allow you in to the class until there is a break. If you are late for two classes, you will receive one unexcused absence.

If you accumulate two or more late arrivals, you may be dismissed from the program.

EXPECTATION 3: Personal Problems

If you have personal problems, such as a medical condition that may prevent you from being successful, please let your ASCEND Counselor know. We are here to help you. We cannot assist you if you do not advise us of your problem(s). Your success depends on your willingness to obtain help.

EXPECTATION 4: Attire/Dress

Your attire is very important as it speaks to first impressions. It is important that you dress appropriately as a means to respect yourself and be respected by others. The following clothing and accessories will not be allowed: droopy pants/jeans, spaghetti straps, skirts, shorts, dresses, etc., that are more than finger-tip length above the knees, bra-tops, spaghetti straps, mid-drift baring shirts, sunglasses, offensive t-shirts, hats, bandannas, headscarves, wave caps, or doo-rags; sleepwear, excessively long tee shirts, long gold/silver chains (with or without medallions) and oversized earrings.

EXPECTATION 5: Materials

Students are expected to bring all materials to class every day. This includes notebooks, textbooks, handouts, books, pens and pencils. The professor may ask you to leave the class if you do not have the appropriate materials.

EXPECTATION 6: Speaking in the Native Language

All students are encouraged to speak English only in the classroom in efforts to promote inclusivity. The use of profanity and insulting comments are prohibited. If you do not adhere to this expectation, you may be asked to leave the class, and pending severity, you may be dismissed from the program.

EXPECTATION 7: Missed Assignments

The student is responsible for completing all missed assignments due to absence if allowed by the instructor. This applies to excused and unexcused absences. Missed assignments may not be completed during class time.

EXPECTATION 8: Cell Phone/Electronics

Cell phones are not permitted on campus. If you are found with a cell phone, you will receive a warning letter. Repeated failure to adhere to this policy will be grounds for dismissal from the program. iPods/MP3 players/iPads or PDAs are not allowed unless requested by the professor or ASCEND staff for a specific assignment or project. If there is an emergency and someone needs to contact you, they can call the front desk at 856-361-2930 and ASCEND staff will coordinate a time for you to make or respond to a call.

EXPECTATION 9: Behavior

You are a representative of our ASCEND program and your family. It is important that you conduct yourself orderly and appropriately at all times. The following behaviors are deemed grounds for termination from the program: cheating/plagiarism, failure to submit academic assignments/homework, consistent lack of participation in courses and/or field trips, excessive absences, damage to university property or the property of others, threats or harassment, stealing, physical violence, disorderly conduct, cell phone possession, sleeping during program activities (i.e., class, workshops, etc.), violation of the dress code, lateness, the use of obscene language, and inappropriate classroom behavior, disrespect of program staff.

ASCEND SUMMER PROGRAM DISCIPLINARY PROCESS

In order for you to successfully complete the summer ASCEND program, you must adhere to the abovementioned list of Expectations. In the event that expectations are not being met, the following steps will be followed:

1. **Warning letter:** If a student is found not meeting any of the outlined expectations, the student will first receive a warning letter from the Director of ASCEND.
2. **Conduct Meeting:** After receipt of a warning letter for any violation of the student conduct expectations, any subsequent violation will result in the student being called in for a conduct meeting with his/her ASCEND counselor.
3. **Dismissal Notice:** If a student has received a warning letter and a conduct meeting in regard to his/her attendance and/or misbehavior, any subsequent misconduct, will result an dismissal from the summer program. Upon dismissal, he/or she will be required to meet with the Director of ASCEND, where his/her file will be reviewed, alternative education plans will be discussed, and the final decision of dismissal will be implemented.

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