

Rowan Choice Orientation

Reserve your spot at orientation:

- _____ You must have already confirmed admission to the Rowan Choice program.
- _____ Review this reservation information and frequently asked questions document.
- _____ Discuss with your parents or adult family members whether or not they would like to attend Parent & Family Orientation. You will be asked to enter information for each guest attending orientation with you online.

Parents: Let your students take the lead in reserving an orientation date and completing the New Student Checklist items in preparing for orientation. Doing so gets your student involved in the process and encourages personal responsibility, a highly beneficial skill for successful college students.
- _____ You will receive an e-mail confirmation after you have successfully registered.
- _____ Check your e-mail regularly to stay up to date until orientation.

Rowan is your new place, and orientation is your time to explore it.

Orientation is a great opportunity to learn more about your new University community. Campus offices and departments come together to welcome you and share information about student resources, campus policies, and expectations. Don't miss this opportunity - it only happens once in your college career! Make the most of your orientation program: meet other new students, experience living & dining on campus, and have your questions answered.

Orientation is an informative and rewarding experience designed to make you feel confident in your future success at Rowan and prepare you for the fall term. Our two-day orientation features separate programming for both students (see pages 2 & 3) and parents & adult family members (see pages 4 & 5).

Please reserve your spot online at <http://rowan.edu/orientation>. Once you've completed the reservation process, you'll receive an e-mail confirmation of your selected session with additional information about housing, directions to campus, and what to bring.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call us at 856-256-4041.



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Welcome to Rowan Choice!

Rowan University has teamed up with its two-year partner Rowan College at Gloucester County (RCGC) to create a brand new option in higher education: Rowan Choice. Students selecting this program live at Rowan University and take Rowan College classes. Orientation for Rowan Choice students will provide an overview of this exciting program and student resources:

- meeting with student orientation leaders;
- review the policies and expectations of both Rowan College and Rowan University;
- an introduction to student services and involvement opportunities;
- academic planning workshop and an overview of your fall term class schedule;
- and experience with residence hall living and the opportunity to select your fall room assignment and roommate(s).

Orientation reservations

The Rowan Choice program orientation is Monday, July 20 and Tuesday, July 21, 2020. This is a joint event hosted by Rowan University and Rowan College that will review the policies, expectations, and procedures of both institutions. Students are able to spend the night in a Rowan University residence hall. You will spend time on the Rowan University campus, meet other new students, receive your fall term class schedule, and have your questions answered. An e-mail invitation with reservation instructions will be sent beginning in late March to students who have confirmed their acceptance. There is a \$220 orientation fee which covers meals and materials for the student and up to two adult family members. This fee will be added to your fall semester bill.

Orientation fee

The \$220 undergraduate orientation fee covers the cost of orientation programming, including: meals (for both students and parents & family members); a Rowan t-shirt & drawstring backpack; publications & materials; mailings; rental of tables, chairs & equipment; the online orientation reservation system; and ongoing programming throughout the academic year to support your transition to college.

Your orientation fee added to your fall semester bill. A detailed breakdown of orientation program costs is available on our web site, <http://sites.rowan.edu/oslp/orientation/fee.html>. The orientation fee is non-refundable.

Up to two parents or adult family members are covered by the \$220 fee. Meals for additional family members can be added for \$25 per person by calling our office at 856-256-4041 in advance. Students will receive two lunches and one breakfast and dinner. Parents will receive breakfast and lunch on both days.

About orientation

For most freshmen, college is an exciting, yet challenging experience. You may find, like most new students, the first several days—or even weeks—on campus represent a crucial period of adjustment to college life. Orientation will introduce you to Rowan and help ease the adjustment process.

During orientation you will have the opportunity to meet other students, learn about campus resources, familiarize yourself with campus, and spend the night in a residence hall.

You'll learn many things about the new experience of starting college. But, most importantly, you will learn that college life is often filled with new and exciting opportunities.

Discover Rowan

Rowan requires orientation of all new students because extensive research shows that students who attend orientation have a far greater chance of succeeding than those who don't attend.

During orientation you will receive important information about University policies & academic expectations, your rights and responsibilities as a student, the importance of making healthy choices, and tips for academic success.

In addition, you'll receive information about services and support offered by the University including student health & counseling services, financial aid, safety, and campus dining.

Orientation Program Expectations

We expect students to make their own reservations for orientation (and to make the parent & family reservations as well). Students are responsible for creating their Rowan University computing account and keeping this information safe and secure. Students should not share this information with anyone in order to protect the confidentiality of student records. See <https://irt.rowan.edu/display/POLICY/Acceptable+Use+Policy> for the complete Acceptable Use Policy.

We expect students to attend all orientation activities. All sessions during orientation are required and programming is specifically designed to assist students with their academic and social transition to the University.

It is our goal for students to build a relationship with their advisors as well as learn the necessary skills to register on their own in future terms. Therefore, we expect students to register for classes with the assistance of the professional academic advisors only, and not their parents or family members.

We expect students to follow all University policies, as well as all applicable laws and ordinances, including rules prohibiting alcohol and drug use. Failure to comply with these rules can result in dismissal from orientation without being permitted to register for classes, termination of fall residence hall contract, further disciplinary action by the University, and/or legal consequences such as arrests, tickets and fines, and future appearances in local courts.

Common Questions

Is orientation mandatory?

Yes, all new students are required to attend an orientation program. If you are unable to attend one of the several on-campus orientation sessions, please contact our office at 856-256-4041 to make arrangements for registration in August or our online orientation program.

Can I attend just one day?

You must attend both days. Important Glassboro campus resources and policies are discussed on day 1, and you will learn about Rowan College of South Jersey on day 2.

Why is Orientation on two days?

The two-day program gives new students time to participate in academic and social activities that encourage student interaction, and allows students to get to know one another and their Peer Referral and Orientation Staff.

Do I have to spend the night?

No. However, it is highly recommended because there are numerous evening activities planned for you to get to know other students. Orientation is also an excellent opportunity to experience a night in a residence hall before classes begin.

Does it matter what session I attend?

Yes, you must attend the Rowan Choice orientation session.

Programs, sessions and events for students

- > Overview of Rowan University
- > Meeting with orientation leaders (PROS)
- > Academic Success workshop
- > Personalized academic advising
- > Class schedule adjustment
- > Games and activities
- > Optional campus tours
- > Group discussions
- > Student Activities information
- > Workshops, including:
 - Wellness
 - Campus recreation
 - Personal decision-making
- > College resources & information
- > Evening entertainment

For Parents & Family Members

We realize that you are very much affected by your child's decision to participate in the Rowan Choice program. It is important for you to become familiar with Rowan and RCSJ and the challenges your student will face during the coming year.

We're sure you have many questions about the college experience too:

- > Will my student be respected as an individual?
- > What services and resources are available if my student has a problem while attending RCSJ or living at Rowan?
- > What changes can I expect my student to undergo?
- > How can I be helpful and understanding during these changes?
- > What are other family members feeling and how are they managing their concerns?

The first six weeks of college are critical for new students. Most students who drop out of college make that decision during these first crucial weeks. Orientation will inform you how to help your student successfully navigate this adjustment period.

Many of the parents and family members who attend orientation comment that the program is helpful in anticipating what will happen in the lives of their students, and in their own lives as well.

Attending Parent & Family Orientation

To provide the answers to your questions and address concerns, we've developed the Summer Orientation program. While your student attends the two-day program for students, you are invited to participate in the special two-day orientation program for parents and adult family members. We do not recommend that young children attend the program, no child-care services are available.

Parent & Family Orientation and Student Orientation will follow different schedules for both days. Parent & Family Orientation gives you the opportunity to meet with faculty, administrators, staff, and a special group of students called PROS (Peer Referral and Orientation Staff) to learn about the changes you should expect to see in your Rowan student.

More than 1,500 parent & family members attended last year—we hope you will have the opportunity to experience one of this summer's sessions. Please discuss your attendance at Parent & Family Orientation as your student will need to register you when they reserve their spot at orientation.

Programs, sessions and events for parents & family members

- > Overview of the University
- > Presentations about:
 - Student services
 - Adjusting to life at Rowan
 - Academics
 - Financing college
 - Safety
 - Rowan thrive
- > Small-group discussions with:
 - Administrators
 - Student orientation leaders (PROS)

Glassboro's Got It!

Visit <http://rowan.edu/glassboro> for listing of hotels, restaurants, shopping and entertainment in the area.

Parent & Family Orientation FAQs

Do I have to attend orientation?

The Parent and Family Orientation program is optional, and parents & family members are not required to attend, but it is a great opportunity for everyone to learn about Rowan and RCSJ.

Do I have to attend both days?

If you can only attend one day, it is recommended that you attend the first day. Most of the workshops for parent & family members are held on the first day.

Do I have to spend the night?

Parents and family members are not required to spend the night and the University does not provide overnight accommodations on campus. A list of area hotels is provided at <http://rowan.edu/glassboro>.

How much does orientation cost?

Up to two parents or adult family members are covered by the \$220 fee. Meals for additional family members can be added for \$25 per person by calling our office at 856-256-4041 in advance.

Where do I go on the first day?

Parking is available for orientation in Lot B, see <http://rowan.edu/maps> for driving directions. Drop your student(s) off at Holly Pointe Commons and then proceed to Pfleeger Concert Hall, in Wilson Hall for check-in and a continental breakfast.

Can I see my child during Orientation?

The University designs separate programs for parents & family members and students to provide the specific information needed by each group. There will be very few joint sessions. If you need to contact each other, consult the information table located in the Student Center or use personal cell phones.

Are meals provided at Orientation?

Students will receive lunch and dinner on day 1 and breakfast and lunch on day 2. Parents will receive a continental breakfast and lunch on both days.

Is parking available on campus?

Yes, orientation parking is in Lot B. For driving directions, visit <http://rowan.edu/maps>. During the academic year, in order for freshmen to have a car on campus they must obtain written permission from the Parking Office. Please contact the Parking Office in Bole Annex at 856-256-4575 for further assistance.

What time does Orientation begin and end on Day 1 and Day 2?

All orientation participants should arrive at 8 a.m. to register on the first day. The Parent & Family Orientation program ends at 5 p.m. The students' program runs until 12 a.m. On Day 2, breakfast is served at 7:45 a.m. for students, and workshops conclude at lunch.



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