

Counselor Education, MA

Rehabilitation Counseling Program

The Master of Arts program in counselor education with a rehabilitation counseling subprogram requires a minimum of 60 s.h. of graduate credit. Students must maintain a graduate program grade-point average of at least 3.00. Full-time students can complete the program in approximately 20 months (four semesters).

The program prepares professional counselors to provide assistance in psychological wellness, employment, independent living, and personal or economic development to persons with disabilities and other individuals who encounter barriers in meeting their own functional needs.

Rehabilitation counselors work in a variety of settings, including public agencies such as state vocational rehabilitation programs and Veterans Affairs vocational rehabilitation programs, independent living centers, community-based rehabilitation centers and supported employment, psychiatric rehabilitation programs, transition from school to work programs, and private for-profit worker's compensation and insurance rehabilitation agencies. They provide interventions designed to help persons with disabilities adapt to the demands of their environments. They also prepare the environments to accommodate an individual's needs. Assessment, personal and vocational counseling, development of rehabilitation and treatment plans, case management, service coordination, psychosocial adjustment, job development, placement, and follow-up are typical services that rehabilitation counselors provide.

The program in rehabilitation counseling is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). Graduates of the program are eligible for certification by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC).

The curriculum blends academic work with supervised clinical experiences. Students take one semester of practicum and one semester of internship concurrently with academic courses. The program concludes with a full-time internship (40 hours per week) during a spring semester. Students are assigned to rehabilitation agencies or facilities that meet CACREP accreditation standards and that have programs or clientele aligned with a student's interests and educational objectives. Clinical placements require criminal background checks. Supervised practicums, internships, and comprehensive examinations are not offered during summer sessions.

The MA in counselor education with a rehabilitation counseling subprogram requires the following work.

Required Courses

Course #	Title	Hours
All of these:		
CSED:5202	Introduction to Group Counseling	3
CSED:5221	Theories of Counseling and Human Development Across the Life Span	3

CSED:5241	Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice	3
CSED:5249	Medical and Psychopathological Aspects of Chronic Illness and Disability	3
CSED:5250	Multiculturalism in Helping Professions	3
CSED:5253	Forensic Rehabilitation and Case Management	3
CSED:5254	Assessment and Appraisal	3
CSED:5278	Applied Microcounseling	3
CSED:6341	Occupational Information, Job Development, and Job Placement	3
CSED:6342	Psychosocial Aspects of Health and Disability Across the Developmental Lifespan	3
CSED:6346	Practicum in Rehabilitation Counseling	3
CSED:6347	Internship in Rehabilitation Counseling	12
CSED:6500	Research and Program Evaluation	3

Electives

In consultation with their advisors, students choose 12 s.h. from a minimum of four courses in elective coursework. Students are permitted to select coursework numbered 3000 and above from counselor education (prefix CSED), teaching and learning (prefix EDTL), educational policy and leadership studies (prefix EPLS), and psychological and quantitative foundations (prefix PSQF). Students are encouraged to select from the following course list, as these courses are curated for counselor education students.

Course #	Title	Hours
CSED:4110	Psychology of Food and Mood	3
CSED:4113	Sleep, Sleep Deprivation, and Sleep Disorders	3
CSED:4114	Psychology of Body Modification and Self-Image	3
CSED:4131	Loss, Death, and Bereavement	3
CSED:4132	Introduction to Addictions and Impulse Control Disorders	3
CSED:4162	Introduction to Couple and Family Therapy	3
CSED:4173	Trauma Across the Lifespan	3
CSED:4174	Positive Psychology	3
CSED:4175	Motivational Interviewing	3
CSED:4176	Child Abuse: Assessment, Intervention, and Advocacy	3
CSED:4179	Sexuality Within the Helping Professions	3
CSED:4185	Introduction to Substance Abuse	3
CSED:4187	Introduction to Assistive Technology	3

CSED:5280 Topical Seminar in arr.
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Comprehensive Examination

The comprehensive examination consists of a departmental comprehensive portfolio that documents knowledge, skills, and dispositions on the process and practice of rehabilitation counseling. Exams are offered only during fall and spring semesters.

Admission

Applicants must meet the department's general admission requirements. They should have a good academic record and relevant experience such as assisting individuals with disabilities. No specific undergraduate major area of study is required for the MA program, but a major in one of the social sciences is considered good preparation. Postbaccalaureate work experience relevant to the field of rehabilitation counseling is preferred. The program encourages applications from persons traditionally underrepresented in the field, particularly those with a disability and/or members of minority or ethnic groups. A personal interview is required.

Although students may be admitted for any semester, the program highly recommends that full-time students begin in the fall.