

Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling

The Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling offered by the College of Education is a three-year course of study. It is designed to prepare students to work with individuals with disabilities (including transition aged youth and veterans) in public and private rehabilitation agencies, hospitals, industry and related fields. Graduates of the program will be prepared to take the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor examination.

Rehabilitation counseling is a growing field in the mental health and allied health professions. A rehabilitation counselor helps individuals with disabilities achieve optimal social, psychological and vocational potential. Whenever possible, the final goal of rehabilitation is job placement.

Admission to the Program

In addition to the general requirements of the university, specific requirements for admission to classified graduate status are:

1. A baccalaureate degree with a major preferably in education, psychology, sociology, or a related social service field;
2. A cumulative undergraduate grade point average of 2.5 ("B") overall;
3. Completion of the graduate entrance writing requirement, as required;
4. Completion of an interview to assess competence in interpersonal skills and aptitudes for the rehabilitation counseling profession.

Advancement to Candidacy

In order to be formally advanced to candidacy, a student must have:

1. Achieved classified graduate standing;
2. Satisfactorily completed EREH 6615 and EREH 6616 with a grade of "B" (3.0) or better in each;
3. Secured approval of candidacy from the College of Education;
4. Filed an approved graduate program for completion of the degree. This must be prepared in consultation with an advisor in the College of Education and approved by the College and the Dean of Graduate Studies.

Requirements for Graduation

1. A minimum of 60 semester units of acceptable work, with 42 completed in residence at this university;
2. A minimum of 40 semester units taken after a student has been advanced to candidacy for the degree;
3. Participation in a continual evaluation process assessing personality, character, professional ethics, aptitudes, counseling skills, dispositions, oral and written language usage;
4. A grade point average of 3.0 ("B") in course work taken to satisfy the Master of Arts degree requirements, including a minimum of a "B" in EREH 6615 and EREH 6616 and grades of "C" (2.0) or better in all courses in the program;
5. The Graduate Writing Assessment Requirement is met upon successful completion of EREH 6624;

6. Successful completion of the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) Examination, which is a national certification examination given by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification.

Degree Requirements (60 units)

(Program Code: EREH)

EREH 6615	Introduction to Rehabilitation Counseling	5
EREH 6616	Medical Aspects of Disability Across the Life Span	5
EREH 6617	Counseling Theories and Psychosocial Aspects in Rehabilitation	5
EREH 6618	Addictions & Co-Existing Disabilities	5
EREH 6619	Counseling Skills - Practicum	5
EREH 6620	Multicultural Rehabilitation Counseling	4
EREH 6621	Psychiatric Rehabilitation Diagnosis & Psychopharmacology	5
EREH 6622	Theoretical & Practical Applications of Case Management / Job Placement	5
EREH 6623	Theory and Practice of Group Counseling in Rehabilitation	4
EREH 6624	Assessment, Research & Program Evaluation	5
EREH 6625	Fieldwork in Rehabilitation Counseling	12
Culminating Experience		0
Total Units		60

Culminating Experience (0 units)

EREH 6980	Comprehensive Examination in Rehabilitation *	0
Total Units		0

* A grade of CR will be awarded upon successful completion of the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) Examination, which is a national certification examination given by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification. The exam is administered in March, July and October each year. Students need to apply and pay the examination fee. Students need to provide evidence of exam completion in the final semester of the academic program. Students must take the CRC Exam as part of EREH 6980 in order to complete the Master's degree program in Rehabilitation Counseling Master's Program. If a student does not pass the CRC on the first attempt, they need to retake the exam. If after the second attempt they do not pass the examination, the student needs to petition both the Dean of Graduate Studies and the Coordinator of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program, for permission to develop a plan of remediation in order to retake the CRC exam.