

# COUNSELOR EDUCATION: REHABILITATION COUNSELING, MA

The Masters of Arts Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling is designed to prepare rehabilitation counselors to serve persons with disabilities in a variety of work settings. The rehabilitation counseling program is a 60 hour credit program and is fully accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP). The curriculum provides both didactic and experiential learning opportunities and culminates in a 600 hour internship.

Professional rehabilitation counselors encourage and provide support to persons with disabilities and their families by helping them meet their personal, social, vocational, psychological and wider quality of life goals. The program focuses on the provision of individual and group counseling, vocational assessment, case management, advocacy, assistive technology, and consultation services. The mission of the Rehabilitation Counselor Education (RCE) distance-based program is to produce professional rehabilitation counselors who will provide quality rehabilitation counseling services for persons with disabilities and their families.

## Admission Requirements

Statement of purpose and letters of recommendation consistent with goals of the program, entrance exam scores (300 or above on the GRE or at least the 50th percentile on the MAT), and a GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale are needed for regular admission.

Using the rolling admission procedures, admission to MA in Rehab Counseling decisions are made each semester. Priority is given to prospective students whose applications are reviewed in November and April. Admission decisions to MA in RCE are made on a rolling basis. Admission decisions may be made in the summer if openings remain after April admission decisions have been completed. Please attend to the following priority dates to allow adequate time for your application to be reviewed:

- October 15: Priority deadline for all application materials to be received to be considered for spring admission
- March 15: Priority deadline for all application materials to be received to be considered for summer or fall admission
- May 15: Priority deadline for all application materials to be considered for fall admission (only applies if openings remain available after April admission decisions are made).

See the Admission Criteria section of this catalog for more information.

## Degree Requirements

The Rehabilitation Counselor Education program is an on-line program. Similar to all Counselor Education Master's degree programs, RCE students have a planned program of study. Once an academic advisor has been assigned for your program of study, you should make an appointment to discuss your preferences and career aspirations. Some rehabilitation courses are offered as synchronous courses and will require weekly participation via live virtual classroom. The Rehabilitation Counseling program is 60 credit hours and meets accreditation criteria put forward by Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

While the majority of your courses will be offered through the Program in Counselor Education (designated as BCE) many required courses will be offered by affiliated programs. During your academic career, you will likely enroll for courses in Educational Psychology (designated as BEP), Educational Research (designated as BER), School Psychology

(designated as BSP), and other areas. These courses afford the opportunity to take advantage of the expertise of faculty in other programs in the College of Education.

Code and Title		Hours
<b>Required Courses</b>		
BCE 512	Counseling Theory Proc	3
BCE 513	Career Development	3
BCE 514	Counseling Skills	3
BCE 517	Professional Counseling	3
BCE 521	Group Proced Coun Educ	3
BCE 522	Indiv & Group Appraisal	3
BCE 533	Special Topics (With title Work and Disability)	3
BCE 540	Orientation to Rehab. Counsel.	3
BCE 542	Med Aspects	3
BCE 545	Case Management, Vocational Rehabilitation & Placement	3
BCE 611	Multicult. Approach Counseling	3
BCE 613	Substance Abuse Counseling	3
BEP 550	Life Span Development	3
BER 500	Intro Educatn Research	3
BER 540	Statistical Methods In Educ	3
BSP 660	Psychopathology	3
Elective Course (in consultation with advisor)		3
BCE 546	Pract Rehab Counseling	3
BCE 547	Intern Rehab Counseling	6
<b>Total Hours</b>		<b>60</b>