

The University of Memphis
Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, & Research
Rehabilitation Counseling Concentration

2013-2014

Program Outcomes

The Rehabilitation Counseling concentration at the University of Memphis is fully accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) through 2016 www.core-rehab.org. The Master's of Science degree program in counseling offers two rehabilitation counseling concentrations; a 48-credit rehabilitation counseling program and a 60 credit clinical rehabilitation counseling concentration. Our department has a goal of admitting 36 counseling students in the fall and spring semesters of each academic term. The rehabilitation counseling concentrations have a goal of admitting 10 students annually. However, during the academic year 2013-2014 four (4) new students were admitted. Student outcomes are evaluated each year on a variety of different metrics that are part of the overall program evaluation.

During this period, the rehabilitation counseling graduate program had a total of 26 enrolled students. The program has two full-time tenured faculty and two part-time tenured professors who teach the CORE accredited curriculum. The instructor to student ratio between the academic years of 2011-2013 was 1:12. The average cumulative grade point average for our students during this period was 3.77. The program's student retention rate ranged from 91.7% - 98.3% annually and averaged 94.33% between 2011-2013. The average time required to complete the program is 2.4 years and costs approximately \$28,042 for resident commuter students.

For the 2013-2014 academic year, a total of 12 students graduated from the program. 100% of students passed their clinical coursework. Based upon alumni and student self report during the same academic years, 100% of the seven University of Memphis' graduates who took the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam www.crccertification.com passed the exam and 100% passed the NCE. Ninety two percent (92%) of our graduates are employed within six months of graduation or pursuing advanced academic degrees.

Sixty-six percent of the students in our rehabilitation concentrations are from underrepresented groups, including people with disabilities. The division currently has an RSA training grant that generates a total of \$150,000 each year in student support in the form of tuition and scholarships.

Our 2013-2014 graduates have obtained positions with the following employers in the Memphis Metropolitan area within six months of their graduation: Lakeside Behavioral Health, Parkwood Behavioral Health, The Exchange Club, LaPaloma Intensive Outpatient Services, Comprehensive Counseling Services, and Youth Villages, Inc. Graduates of our program are eligible for licensure in the state of Tennessee. The annual average starting salaries in the public

and non-profit agencies is approximately \$32,000 per year. The three - year median salary of our graduates is \$33,992. The Tennessee Department of Regulation and Licensing currently requires a master's degree, a total of 60 graduate credits, two year's post-master's experience in a clinical setting, passage of the National Counselor Examination (NCE), and the Tennessee Jurisprudence Examinations in order to become licensed as a Professional Counselor. The University of Memphis serves the tri-state area of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. During this academic year, two of our 12 graduates relocated out-of-state. One is employed at The University of the Rockies.

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