

The University of Memphis

Department of Counseling, Educational Psychology, & Research

Rehabilitation & Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Concentration

2016 Program Outcomes

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. The Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) accredits the rehabilitation counseling concentration. ***Both CORE and CACREP dually accredit the 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 combined goal of admitting 10 students annually. During the 2015-2016 academic year seven 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 21 enrolled students. The program has two full-time tenured faculty members, a part-time tenured professor, and an adjunct professor who teaches in the CORE accredited curriculum. The instructor to student ratio between the academic years of 2015-2016 was 1:10. The average cumulative grade point average for master's students in the College of Education during this period was 3.73. The program's one-year, one-term retention rate was approximately 100% during 2015-2016. The average time required to complete the program is 2.6 years and costs approximately \$30,428 for resident commuter students.

For the 2015-2016 academic year, a total of 8 students graduated from the program. 100% of students passed their clinical coursework. Based upon the CRCC Examination Outcome Report for the period 10/2014-10/2016, of the 3 alumni and 10 students who took the exam, 100% of the alumni and 90% who took the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam www.crccertification.com passed the exam and 100% of all students passed the NCE. All of our graduates are employed within six months of graduation or pursuing advanced academic degrees.

Fifty-three percent of the students in our rehabilitation concentrations are from underrepresented groups, including people with disabilities. The median debt for all

counseling graduates is \$34,679. However, the debt accrued by graduates from the rehabilitation counseling concentrations is less than the average as six of the eight received RSA scholarships at some point in their graduate study. The division currently has an RSA training grant that generates a total of \$190,000 each year in student support in the form of tuition and scholarships.

Our 2015-2016 graduates have obtained positions with the following employers in the Memphis Metropolitan area within six months of their graduation: Parkwood Behavioral Health Center, Clovernook Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired, The University of Memphis, a hospital based vocational rehabilitation program, a private counseling clinic, a private elementary school and West Tennessee Holistic Health. One of our graduates is pursuing a doctorate in Counselor Education and Supervision. The annual average starting salaries in the public and non-profit agencies is approximately \$32,000 per year. The median salary of our graduates one year after graduation is \$37,747.

Graduates of our program are eligible for licensure in the state of Tennessee. 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.

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