

Rehabilitation Counseling

Who We Are

Salve Regina's graduate program in Rehabilitation Counseling develops students into highly skilled professionals who help people with a variety of disabilities develop the skills needed to live independently, find meaningful employment, and experience greater inclusion in society. Our Program has received the highest level of accreditation of eight years (through 2017) by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (www.core-org). In keeping with the University's mission, our rigorous Program develops rehabilitation counselors who understand a full range of disabilities and their implications for living and working, and who work to promote equal opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

Our Program

Through a combination of coursework and fieldwork, our Program provides students with the technical knowledge and practical skills necessary for effective disability case management and competent counseling with people with disabilities. In small classes taught by our experienced faculty, students examine topics ranging from human growth and development to medical aspects of disability, employment, and mental health and career counseling. We work with students to secure hands-on experiences through practicum and internship placements in a variety of organizations that serve people with disabilities in RI, MA, and CT. For most part-time students, the average time necessary to complete the 48 credit MA degree is three years while taking 18 credits per year. Full-time students typically complete the Program in two years by taking 24 credits per year.

Our Results

Upon completion of this Program, our graduates are prepared to work in a variety of settings. Of the 35 graduates from the summer of 2011 to the spring of 2013, 20 were employed in settings such as community mental health centers; community rehabilitation programs; adult education and literacy programs; the State VR programs in RI, MA and CT; the VA centers and rehabilitation programs in RI and CT; agencies supporting children and their families; substance abuse transitional housing programs; the Department of Children, Youth and Families; other state agencies such as the R.I. Worker's Compensation rehabilitation facility in RI; and some are in private practice as rehabilitation counselors and vocational forensic experts. Others have continued on for advanced studies in rehabilitation.

National Certification and Licensure

With appropriate supervised experience, students are eligible to sit for the national exam in Rehabilitation Counseling, which will certify them as a rehabilitation counselor. The passing rate for our graduates on the national Certificate of Rehabilitation Counseling exam from 2008 to the summer of 2012, showed that 90% of our graduates, and 88% of our currently enrolled students passed the exam. We also offer students an option to continue their graduate studies in order to obtain licensure as mental health counselors.

Of the 92 students enrolled in our Program during the 2010 to 2012 academic years, 48 have graduated within two years, while some have continued on for their advanced studies in mental health. Only 10 students withdrew from the Program during this time period, usually due to changing life circumstances, or relocation.

How Our Program Works

As of the fall 2013, the current cost per credit hour is \$460. As of the fall 2013, the two-year 48 credit hour program costs \$22,080. Currently the MA Program in Rehabilitation Counseling is in its 3rd year of a five year Rehabilitation Services Administration grant. During the 2012 and 2013 academic years we awarded 19 scholarships, 10 of which went to non-traditional or minority students.

We Encourage You to Learn More

With courses available at our Newport campus, our Center for Adult Education in Warwick and online, our Program meets the needs of working students by offering a flexible schedule and an opportunity to accelerate the completion of their degree.