



M.A. Rehabilitation Counseling



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"Rehabilitation counselors work with people with disabilities in diverse settings including schools, hospitals, community rehabilitation and mental health organizations, state governments, prisons, at the VA, business and industry, and in private practice. The opportunities to serve and advocate for people with disabilities are limitless. Rehabilitation counseling is interesting, challenging and very rewarding."

Robert Michael Hensel

Robert Michael Hensel was born with Spina bifida and is the Guinness World Record holder for the longest non-stop wheelie in a wheelchair, covering a total distance of 6.178 miles.



About the Program

Salve's M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling program is a 48-credit program designed to prepare professional counselors to assist people with disabilities to achieve their goals in regard to employment, independent living and participation in the community. Rehabilitation counseling is the only profession that assists people with mental health issues and co-occurring disabilities.

Rehabilitation counseling is the only counseling profession that educates students in mental health counseling, co-occurring chronic illnesses and disabilities, and the importance of employment/careers as a means for people with disabilities to achieve financial independence. It is a holistic approach to working with people with a variety of disabilities who represent diverse cultural, ethnic and linguistic backgrounds.

Our program is accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE), certifying that it meets national standards. In addition, our faculty and instructors are comprised of full-time faculty as well as working rehabilitation counselors, clinical counselors and psychologists. This program was accredited by CACREP on July 1, 2017. The program leads to national certification as a rehabilitation counselor. With an additional 12 credits, students completing this program can also become licensed mental health counselors.



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About Salve Regina

Salve is an independent, coeducational institution serving approximately 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students from across the U.S. and around the world. Its 80-acre oceanfront campus is in the Ochre Point historic district of Newport, Rhode Island, and includes 48 new and adapted buildings. The University is accredited by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC).

Admissions Requirements

Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package. Individuals with a bachelor's degree in any undergraduate major from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the United States) are qualified to apply.

To apply, students must submit the following supporting materials to the Office of Graduate Admissions:

- Completed graduate application
- Official transcripts from each college or university attended
- Personal statement
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Resume

Courses are offered at our Center for Adult Education in Warwick, R.I. and online.

Program Objectives

- To develop professional counselors committed to lifelong learning.
- To promote a thorough understanding of the ethics and standards of practice for rehabilitation counseling.
- To develop the student's understanding of the history and philosophy of rehabilitation counseling, including an understanding of the laws and policies related to disability issues.
- To develop the student's working knowledge of a full range of disabilities and their implications for living and working.
- To challenge students to examine counseling theories and practice, disability case management, and assessment from a multicultural perspective in individual, group, family and mental health counseling.
- To develop a student's values so they are consistent with practices that respect human dignity, support informed choice, and promote independent living.
- To learn theories of human development and growth in all areas including human growth across the life span, individual and family response to disability, and learning styles and strategies.
- To provide practical skills in job and transferable skills analysis, job development and placement, work site modifications, career counseling and development, and supported employment options.
- To expand the counseling and consultation skills of students to include working with families, groups, schools and employers for effective systems change.
- To acquaint students with research methodology to become intelligent consumers and creators of research.
- To enable students to develop collaborative relationships with individuals with disabilities for effective disability case management.

Curriculum – 48 credits required

RHB500: Research Methods	3 credits
RHB505: Foundations of Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling	3 credits
RHB508: Human Growth and Development.....	3 credits
RHB509: Counseling and Personality Theory	3 credits
RHB513: Couples and Family Counseling.....	3 credits
RHB516: Group Process.....	3 credits
RHB520: Practicum and Seminar I: Motivational Interviewing.....	3 credits
RHB527: Substance Abuse Counseling and Rehabilitation.....	3 credits
RHB535: Career Development and Counseling.....	3 credits
RHB540: Medical and Psychological Aspects of Disability	3 credits
RHB542: Evaluation and Assessment.....	3 credits
RHB550: Vocational Rehabilitation, Case Management and Employment.....	3 credits
RHB601: Cross-Cultural Counseling.....	3 credits

Clinical Requirements (2 courses/9 credits)

The clinical component of the rehabilitation counseling program includes two clinical experiences that emphasize acquiring and developing clinical counseling skills.

RHB521: Practicum and Seminar II	3 credits
RHB570: Rehabilitation Counseling Internship and Seminar	6 credits



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