



The Rehab Brief

Rehabilitation Counseling

Turning Empathy into Action to Empower Others

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Who Are We?

- ❖ A cost-effective, high quality educational option for people who want to earn a Master's degree in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling and to make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.
- ❖ We're ranked 69th nationally for Rehabilitation Counseling programs according to US News & World Report.
- ❖ We are a nationally accredited counseling program by CACREP as of the July 1, 2017 merger between CORE and CACREP.
- ❖ Our students are a diverse group of adult learners who range in age from the early 20s to individuals in their 50s. They bring a wealth of experience to our program in terms of life and education, and frequently are balancing their courses with their work and family life, too. We are a life-friendly program!
- ❖ As faculty, we are attentive to the needs of our students and are committed to their personal, professional and academic success. Your success is our success!
- ❖ As rehabilitation professionals we have a shared, inclusive perspective among students and faculty that shapes the learning environment and emphasizes social justice across the program. Thirty-two percent (33%) of our students from 2017-2018 came from racial/ethnically diverse backgrounds or are people with disabilities. We pride ourselves on being a welcoming program for all!
- ❖ Our students have dedicated their careers to working with individuals with disabilities, co-occurring disorders, and are from underserved/underrepresented populations.
- ❖ Our students and faculty embrace a holistic, whole-person approach to working with individuals with disabilities, including those with substance abuse and mental health issues.

Great News! – An Affordable, Accessible Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling Program

- ❖ Our program has rolling admissions with the goal of admitting at least 20-25 students each academic year. Most students begin their studies in the fall or spring.
- ❖ Part-time students can complete their degree in two years over six semesters; full time students (9 credits or more) in approximately one and one half years, or five semesters. Most of our classes are held at our Warwick campus.
- ❖ The estimated cost of attendance per semester is very competitive. For part-time students (6 credits) and full time students (9-12 credits) per credit hour cost for 2017-2018 is currently \$510 with a registration fee of \$50/semester. The total cost is approximately \$24,480 for tuition. There are no fees for library access, printing, or the use of the computer labs.

Rehab Happenings

- ❖ We welcomed 23 new students between the fall 2017 and spring 2018. It is very exciting to be welcoming them to our rehabilitation community.
- ❖ Several of our newer students are Veterans who say they are already making the connection between the work they are doing with fellow Vets and what they are learning in the classroom. One of our veterans in the Clinical Rehabilitation Program was recently featured in the local RI veterans' magazine Dare to Dream.
- ❖ We are graduating 5 students from the Clinical Rehabilitation program and 4 students have completed their CAGS in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling along with their advanced clinical mental health classes.
- ❖ 11 students are completing their practicums and internships into spring 2018 while working in community mental health centers, substance abuse programs, family reunification programs, programs for individuals with Developmental Disabilities, and the Dean Ornish Cardiac Rehabilitation Center.

Performance Outcomes

- ❖ 15 of the 20 students enrolled in the Rehabilitation Counseling Programs in 2015 graduated within three years. One student recently returned from a medical leave of absence.
- ❖ Student are eligible to take the national Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam near the end of the Program. From the fall of 2015 to the summer of 2017 18 students sat for the exam. Of the 18 student, 16 (89%) passed the exam, which surpassed the national average passing rate by 17%!
- ❖ After completing an additional 12 credits in Mental Health, students graduating from the 48 credit program can become license-eligible in RI, MA and CT (and other states) and sit for the national licensure exam for licensed mental health counselors. This is in addition to their national certification as a rehabilitation counselor.
- ❖ 98% of graduates were employed before, or within three to six months after graduating, which is consistent with the program's goals and objectives.
- ❖ Our graduates work in community mental health centers, state-vocational rehabilitation programs, substance abuse programs, prison addiction recovery, school transition programs, homeless programs, school departments, child and family unification programs, community non-profits, injured worker's programs, cardiac and brain injury rehabilitation programs, and community non-profits for people with developmental disabilities.
- ❖ A total of 30 graduates have completed their CAGS to pursue licensure as a mental health counselor over the past two years, or are currently pursuing advanced graduate certificates in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. Their CAGS will enable them to become licensed mental health counselors. Recently four students have advised they have passed the exam and become LMHCs in R.I; 5 more are taking the exam during 2018. Additionally, several students are continuing their PhDs in counseling or higher education with a focus on students with disabilities.

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