



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 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 CORE and look forward to national accreditation by CACREP in July 2017.
- ❖ 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. 40% of our students from 2013-2015 came from racial/ethnically diverse backgrounds or are people with disabilities. We pride ourselves on the diversity of our students!
- ❖ Our students have dedicated their careers to working with individuals with disabilities and with those from underserved/underrepresented populations.
- ❖ Our students and faculty embrace a holistic approach to working with individuals with disabilities, including those with substance abuse and mental health issues.

Great News! – An Affordable, Accessible Rehabilitation Counseling Program

- ❖ Our program has rolling admissions with the goal of admitting at least 20-25 students each 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) spring 2017 is \$3,060 with a registration fee of \$50/semester. The total cost is about \$24,480 for tuition with no fees for library access, printing of the use of the computer labs.

Rehab Happenings

- 16 new students began the program in 2016. It is very exciting to be welcoming them to the rehab community.
- Several of our new 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.
- 3 relatively new students just received job offers and have accepted; 2 students have gotten recent promotions to supervisors at the Providence Center.
- 7 students are completing their internships this spring while working in community mental health centers, substance abuse programs, at a state Workers' Compensation program for injured workers, and at the Job Corps.

Performance Outcomes

- 45 of the 57 students enrolled in the Rehabilitation Counseling Program in 2013 graduated within three years. A total of 9 students left the Program from 2013-2015 for a variety of reason including financial or medical, switching to the 60 Clinical Rehabilitation/Mental Health Program, or transferring to another program at Salve. An additional three students will be returning from a leave of absence to complete their degree in 2016-2017.
- Student are eligible to take the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam near the end of the Program. In the 2015-2016 academic year 15 students sat for the exam, and 13 (87%) passed with scores that beat the national average by 14%!
- After completing an additional 12 credits in Mental Health, students can also become license-eligible in RI, MA and CT and sit for the national licensure exam for licensed mental health counselors.
- 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 or school transition programs, homeless programs, school departments, child and family unification programs, community non-profits, injured worker's programs, and community non-profits for people with developmental disabilities.
- A total of 20 graduates have either completed their CAGS to pursue licensure as a mental health counselor, or are currently pursuing advanced graduate degrees in the Rehab and Mental Health CAGS program to become licensed mental health counselors. Additionally, several students are pursuing their PhDs in counseling or higher education with a focus on students with disabilities.

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