

SCSU Rehabilitation Counseling Program CACREP Outcomes Report
Posted: Fall, 2020 by Dr. Amy Hebert Knopf, Rehabilitation Counseling Program
Coordinator

The Rehabilitation Counselor Education program at St. Cloud State University is a CACREP (Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs) accredited program. This accreditation provides students with the assurance that our program meets the highest of academic standards in training high quality rehabilitation counseling professionals. Below is recent data regarding our program's outcomes.

Program Graduates and Completion Rate:

In Summer 2019 and Fall 2109 we had 9 students in practicum and internship. During the Spring of 2020 8 full-time students successfully graduate from the Rehabilitation Counselor Education program. One student took a year off and will complete the program in May of 2021.

This was an 89% completion rate for all students who entered the program with a plan of study to graduate in May of 2020. These findings suggest that once selected to enter our program, students and faculty work hard to ensure student success.

Comprehensive Exam Pass Rate:

In the Spring of 2020, we allowed students to choose between the national CRC exam and an on campus comprehensive exam. Three students took the CRCC (Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Certification) exam as a final academic test of their knowledge related to the counseling profession, and all passed. This is a 100% pass rate which is which is higher than the national pass rates for the CRCC. All of the students who took the internal comprehensive exam also passed. These findings demonstrate that students gain a strong command of the eight core CACREP knowledge-based content areas from their experience in our program.

Rehabilitation Counseling Job Placement Rate

Of the Spring 2020 graduates, 80% (6 out of 8) are employed working in the field with consumers with disabilities. COVID has made an impact on our students getting employment upon graduation. The State of Minnesota has had a hiring freeze on all employment.

Program Admission Rate, Active Students and Class Sizes

The program admits 10-12 students per academic year. For the last five years we have only admitted full-time students each fall. Beginning Fall 2019 the program started accepting applications for both full-time and part-time students with both a Fall and Spring start. On average we receive 15 applications and accept up to 12 in the program. Class sizes range from 15-24 students with clinical classes being smaller in order to provide individual instruction to the development of counseling skills. Field experience courses are capped at 6 students per section for practicum, and 12 students per section for internship. Students are provided with a high level of mentorship, advisement, instruction and supervision in their preparation to become a rehabilitation counseling professional. Fall 2019 we admitted 7 students and 2 dropped out due to medical reasons, and two students transferred from the Rehabilitation and Addiction Counseling program to the Rehabilitation Counseling program. During Fall 2020 we admitted 11

students in the program and they are actively working on their individual plan of study.

Other Benefits of being a Rehabilitation Counseling Program Student at St. Cloud State University

In addition to the small class sizes, CACREP accreditation, and excellent success rates among our students, there are other benefits to joining the Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program at St. Cloud State University, including (but not limited to) receiving:

1. An opportunity to receive instruction and supervision from highly qualified counselor educators, former rehabilitation counselors, and other helping-profession instructors, many of whom have many years of counseling experience in addition to teaching and supervision experience.
2. An opportunity to be a part of a program which values multicultural competence, diversity, and building strong faculty-student relationships.
3. A very competitive and affordable tuition rate, and many opportunities for graduate assistantships or federal grants to help finance your education.
4. A large focus on interpersonal skills training and practical application of knowledge.
5. Live supervision during practicum and internship in community settings.
6. Course offerings are completely online, both synchronous and asynchronous.
7. The opportunity to intern with excellent rehabilitation counselors not only in Minnesota, but within the U.S. and or within its territories. Many of our site supervisors have supervised our interns for many years.
8. The opportunity to participate and present in area, state, and national conferences and professional committee work.
9. The opportunity to be immersed in education abroad experiences and international conferences.
10. The opportunity to become certified at the national level as a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), as well as eligibility to become licensed as a professional counselor (LPC) with the State of Minnesota.
11. The opportunity to begin a career in a highly meaningful profession, which includes working with the most marginalized, under-represented group of people in the world.