

St. Cloud State University

Rehabilitation Counseling Program

Program Outcomes

We would like to welcome you to the Program Outcome link for the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at St. Cloud State University. This program is over 44 years old and is one of the oldest accredited programs at this university. We are fully accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) through the year 2021, www.core-rehab.org. This is a full-time program. The average time it takes to complete this program is 21 months or 4 semesters. We accept students at two times during the year generally for the start of the fall and spring semesters. Applications are due by March 1st.

The Rehabilitation Counseling generally accepts between 12-15 new students per year. About 95% of these students are full-time. Overall between first and second year there are usually about 20 students in the program at one time. The ratio of students to faculty is about 10 to 1. This number generally assures you that you have classes small enough that you can get individual attention while at the same time providing you with the chance to interact with other students. Once a student is accepted, the graduation rate is about 95%. Our retention rate is the same. We generally graduate between 10 and 12 students per year or about 30 over a 3 year period. A major goal of our program is to provide supportive services to allow our students to finish their degrees. The cost for 2 semesters in this program for tuition and books is estimated at about \$ 11,000.00. Per credit cost for a graduate student is \$344.74. This makes it a very cost effective program.

There are several scholarship or aid programs to assist with funding your program. Our department offers 4 Graduate Assistantships that require 10 hours of work per week and pay \$5,000.00 per year. Most students who wish to find an assistantship are able to do so. With an assistantship the school forgives the student 6 credits per semester in addition to paying an hourly rate. There are many opportunities on campus for 10 and 20 hour assistantships also available to students. This program also offers two internal scholarships and an MRCEA scholarship and the Perkins award. Each is worth \$500.00. We are also happy to announce that we have received an RSA Traineeship Grant that pays tuition for 8 full-time students per year. This grant is reserved for students who want to intern and eventually work in state or federal rehabilitation programs.

Employment rates for graduates have never been better. In 2014 we graduated 10 students. All of which are either working at 3 months at follow-up or are pursuing doctoral training. We generally see a 100 percent placement rate within 3 months for those students are searching for employment after graduation. About 50% are finding employment while still in the

program. In addition to this we have about 1-2 students per year who pursue doctoral training after graduation. Settings that most graduates find after employment include; Workforce Centers, Non-profit Rehabilitation Centers, Chemical Recovery Programs, County Mental Health Facilities, Private Rehabilitation Services, Technical Colleges, Veteran Hospitals and Universities. Graduates of this program are approved by the State of Minnesota and the Board of Behavioral Health as eligible to sit for the LPC exam and to pursue supervised training in this area towards this license. Most students take the CRC exam as their comprehensive exam to complete this program. Success rates from taking the CRC are at 92%. Many of these students go on to get their LPC License.

The faculty that teach in the Rehabilitation Counseling program have the necessary training and background to teach in this area. It is a requirement that our professors have degrees in Rehabilitation Counseling and have had some work experience in the field. Currently, our expertise includes working in state rehabilitation services, hospitals and clinics, private practice and vocational evaluation programs. Students may take classes with 3 other counseling psychology programs which we feel is a great advantage of our program.