

SCSU Rehabilitation Counseling Program CACREP Outcomes Report Fall 2021 by Dr. Amy H Knopf, Graduate Director

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 Spring 2021 we had 7 second year students in internship. Of those that completed internship successfully, 5 graduated May 2021, 1 graduated on October 29, 2021, and 1 student put their program on hold.

This was an 86% completion rate for all students who entered the program with a plan of study to graduate in May 2021. 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 2021, we allowed students to choose between the national CRC exam and an on campus comprehensive exam. Thirteen students took the CRCC (Certified Rehabilitation Counselor Certification) exam as a final academic test of their knowledge related to the counseling profession, and only six passed. This is a 46% pass rate compared to the National pass rate of 58%. Nine students took the internal comprehensive exam. Of those nine we asked 3 students to provide additional information on their answers. Passing the CRC exam is an issue nationally with only a 58% pass rate, because of this we are no longer requiring the CRC. The 2020-2022 cohort will choose between the CRC, NCE or internal comprehensive exam.

Rehabilitation Counseling Job Placement Rate

Of the Spring/October 2021 graduates, 100% (6 out of 6) are employed working in the field with consumers with disabilities.

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 15-20 students with clinical classes being smaller 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 2021 we admitted 8 students and 2 dropped out due to being accepted in the CMHC program.

Table 1: Total Number of students enrolled in the Rehabilitation Counseling program

Major/Degree	Fall 2011	Fall 2012	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Total
Counseling Psychology: Rehab Counseling, MS	20	24	23	19	23	23	20	19	18	18	15	222
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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.