

SCSU Rehabilitation Counseling Program CACREP Outcomes Report

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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 2021 and Fall 2022 we had 8 students in practicum and internship. During the Spring of 2022 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 2023. One student is working on requirements to complete their program and should graduate in May of 2023.

This was a 100% completion rate for all students who entered the program with a plan of study to graduate in May of 2022. 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 2022, 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 higher than the national pass rates for the CRCC. All 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 2022 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 in 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 given high mentorship, advisement, instruction and supervision in their preparation to become a rehabilitation counseling professional. Fall 2021 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 2022 we admitted 23 students to the program, and they are actively working on their individual plan of study.

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

MajorDegree	Fall 2013	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021	Fall 2022	Total
Rehabilitation Counseling, MS	23	19	23	23	20	19	18	17	15	28	205
	18	17	20	15	14	19	13	14	14	16	160
Addiction										5	5
Clinical										2	2
Plan A - Thesis			1						1		2
Plan B - Comprehensive Exam	5	2	2	8	6		5	3		1	32
Vocational										4	4
Total	23	19	23	23	20	19	18	17	15	28	205

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 specialize in one of three areas: vocational, clinical or addiction.
3. An opportunity to be a part of a program which values multicultural competence, diversity, and building strong faculty-student relationships.
4. An extremely competitive and affordable tuition rate, and many opportunities for graduate assistantships or federal grants to help finance your education.
5. A large focus on interpersonal skills training and practical application of knowledge.
6. Live supervision during practicum and internship in community settings.
7. Course offerings are completely Hyflex, on-campus, synchronous and asynchronous.
8. 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.
9. The opportunity to participate and present in area, state, and national conferences and professional committee work.
10. The opportunity to be immersed in education abroad experiences and international conferences.
11. 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.

12. 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.