

Master's Program in Rehabilitation Counseling (RC/MI) with an emphasis in Rehabilitation of Individuals Who Are Mentally Ill (Distance Ed.) – Cohort 1 Spring 2020

**The George Washington University
Graduate School of Education and Human Development (GSEHD)
Rehabilitation Counseling Department**

Purpose

The Master's program in Rehabilitation Counseling is an educational on-line training program designed to prepare State/Federal rehabilitation professionals to work specifically with persons who are mentally ill as well as a variety of other disabilities.

Scholarship Opportunity

Students admitted into the MA program are strongly encouraged to apply for ***Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) scholarship funding through the GW Rehabilitation Counseling Program***, to gain full or partial funding for their master's degree program. Students who receive RSA scholarship funding must adhere to "payback through service" requirements. Through RSA scholarships, students commit to service in the rehabilitation services field for a specified time-period dependent upon amount of RSA funding received.

Benefits of Enrollment

Students have unique opportunities within this program. Students complete a 100-hour practicum and 600 hour internship with a focus on working with persons with mental health diagnosis in a VR setting in order to gain immediate access to the field, and are paired with a professional mentor for professional development and educational support.

Mission

The rehabilitation counseling program emphasizes the philosophical foundations of rehabilitation: organizational structure of public, not-for-profit and private vocational settings; individual, group and family counseling theories; behavior and personality theory; human development; multicultural counselling;

attitudinal and environment barriers for the people with disability; rehabilitation services; case management; medical and psychosocial aspects of disability; job development and placement; and ethical standards for rehabilitation counselors. Our on-line counseling program is offered to students who live more than 50 miles from Washington, DC. Students are expected to spend 3 days on campus for the Interview Skills class and 3 days on campus for the Group Counseling class (both classes in separate semesters) for the master's program. We have many students around the country as well as in other countries who have successfully completed practicum and internship requirements.

As graduates of the Rehabilitation Counseling program, students will be prepared to work in a variety of settings with particular emphasis in working with persons with mental illness in a state-federal vocational rehabilitation agency.

Admissions Requirements

The admissions requirements include the following:

- Undergraduate degree (GPA \geq 2.75)
- 2 letters of recommendation
- 1 official transcript from EACH undergraduate/graduate institution attended
- 2 copies of your resume
- 2 copies of your 250-500 word Statement of Purpose
- GRE or MAT scores

Note: to be eligible for this funding, you must be a U.S. citizen.

Program of Study

Currently ranked 3rd in the U.S. by *U.S. News and World Report*, this 48-credit-hour program prepares rehabilitation counselors to assist persons who are physically, mentally and/or emotionally disabled to resume or assume their place in society. The primary teaching modality is online via the use of Blackboard instructional software.

Application and Program Details

For more detailed program information and application instructions please visit the following websites:

- <http://gsehd.gwu.edu/application-guidance>
- <https://gsehd.gwu.edu/programs/masters-rehabilitation-counseling>

Course Descriptions

Sample of required courses:

Foundations of Rehabilitation Counseling (CNSL 6376): This course provides students with history, philosophy, basic principles, legislation, roles, services of public VR, and the role of the VR counselor.

Job Placement and Supported Employment

(CNSL 6380): This course provides students with job development and job placement methods and techniques, with emphasis on labor market information, supported employment and independent living, in order to understand and implement the vocational planning and placement process.

Medical Aspects of Disabilities (CNSL 6381):

This course provides students training in chronic and traumatic disorders with rehabilitation implications.

Disability Management and Psychosocial Rehabilitation (CNSL 6378):

This course provides students with training in disability management services; psychosocial aspects of disability; and rehabilitation services for persons with psychiatric disabilities.

Accreditation

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program at GW is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP; cacrep.org).

Program Faculty

Maureen McGuire-Kuletz, Ed.D.: Associate Professor of Counseling, Co-Director, Center for Rehabilitation Counseling Research and Education.

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