

CLINICAL REHABILITATION COUNSELING, MS

The MS degree program in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling prepares rehabilitation counselors at the master's degree level to serve adolescents and adults with disabilities, including short-term or chronic illness, substance use disorders, and mental health disorders, in both private and public rehabilitation agencies and programs through counseling, assessment, job placement, case management, and advocacy.

The program's mission centers on improving the quality of life and fostering inclusion for individuals with disabilities in community settings. The range of disabilities served by graduates includes physical and psychiatric disabilities, alcohol and drug abuse, traumatic brain injury and other neurological impairments, learning and intellectual disabilities, sensory disabilities, and aging. The program places a strong emphasis on field experiences including practical training in supervised placements in rehabilitation counseling settings. Students benefit from opportunities to take courses from faculty in both the rehabilitation counseling and counseling psychology programs to develop expertise in counseling skills, foundations of psycho-social aspects of disability, assessment techniques, socio-cultural aspects of counseling, and career development, among other topics.

As part of one of the nation's top schools of education and most highly ranked universities in the world, students have access to interdisciplinary perspectives, a wide range of professional development resources, and emerging research in the field of rehabilitation counseling.

The MS program is accredited by the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Programs (CACREP). Graduates also meet the educational qualifications for the national Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) credential as well as the educational requirements to apply for a training license as a professional counselor in the state of Wisconsin (Licensed Professional Counselor-In Training). Please visit the program website (<https://rpse.education.wisc.edu/about/accreditation/>) for updates on CACREP accreditation.

Financial support (<https://rpse.education.wisc.edu/admissions-and-aid/funding-and-financial-aid/>) is available to some qualified graduate students and may include scholarships, traineeships, teaching assistantships, and/or research/project assistantships.

Employment opportunities following graduation include nonprofit rehabilitation programs, state vocational rehabilitation programs, private rehabilitation and employment support agencies, mental health agencies, substance abuse treatment agencies, corrections settings, and educational settings including high schools, colleges, and universities.