Program Outcomes

The Rehabilitation Counseling program in the School of Health Related Professions (SHRP) at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey is accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) through the end of the 2020/2021 academic year and by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) in the area of Community Counseling until March, 2018.

Students may attend the program on either a full time or part time basis. The program can be completed in two years of full time attendance or three years of part time attendance. Most students attend on a part time basis. Students, whether full time or part time, must attend in the summer semester as certain required courses are offered only in the summer semester. Courses may be taken at either the Scotch Plains campus, which serves Central and Northern New Jersey, or the Stratford campus, which serves Southern New Jersey and the Philadelphia area.

The program typically admits 20 students in the fall semester and another 10 students in the spring semester. Admissions are relatively evenly divided between the two campuses. Students can start the program in any semester but are encouraged to start in the fall or spring semester. Student outcomes are evaluated each year on a variety of different metrics that are part of the overall program evaluation. The most recent Program Evaluation Report is available at http://shrp.rutgers.edu/dept/psyr/programs/msrehab.html

Generally, the program has a total enrollment of 60 to 65 students. The program has six full-time faculty assigned to teach required courses in the program plus additional full-time Department faculty who teach part time in the program. For the 2012-2013 academic year, 57% of students were from underrepresented groups, including students with disabilities. The majority of students in the program are female.

scholarships is available at http://shrp.rutgers.edu, select Prospective Students and then Scholarships. You must be accepted as a matriculated student to be eligible for a SHRP scholarship. Scholarships are based on financial need, and you must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to an application and transcripts. When applying for SHRP scholarships, be sure to read the application directions carefully and follow all directions. Incomplete applications will be disqualified. The deadline for all application materials to be received including transcripts is June 1st. If you have any questions regarding SHRP Scholarships, please contact Donna Cifelli in the Dean’s office at 973-972-6507. The program has three Rehabilitation Services Administration (RSA) training grants that provide scholarships for selected students to assist with tuition. Students must apply to be considered to receive a RSA scholarship and must sign a payback agreement agreeing to work two years in a qualifying job in rehabilitation counseling for every year of financial support received.

For the 2012-2013 academic year, 14 students graduated from the program. All students complete a practicum and internship requirement in an approved agency during the last year of the program. Below is information concerning the program’s student retention rate by entering cohort over the period from 2003 to 2007.

**Graduation Rate by Entering Cohort as of June 2012**  
Students Beginning in Calendar Years 2004 Through 2007

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There is a high demand in New Jersey and the surrounding geographic area for counselors who have a specialization in rehabilitation counseling. Follow-up of those who graduated in the 2011-2012 academic year found that over 90% of graduates were employed in the counseling field within six months. The employment settings where most graduates work are state vocational rehabilitation and other government human services agencies including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) as well as community based, non-profit agencies providing services to persons with disabilities. This includes community based mental health agencies.

Licensure requirements for counselors vary from state to state. Students should check with the state where they are interested in obtaining licensure to obtain information about requirements in that state for the type of license the student is
interested in obtaining. Licensure requirements may include both education and relevant supervised work experience. New Jersey provides for licensure of Professional Counselors and of Rehabilitation Counselors. Additional information about licensure requirements can be obtained from the New Jersey State Board of Marriage and Family Therapy Examiners, Professional Counselors Examiners Committee, P.O. Box 45007, Newark, New Jersey 07101. Students are responsible for obtaining additional information about and making application for credentials in which they are interested. Rutgers cannot assure that you will qualify for any license or credential upon completing the degree.

In the most recent report received from the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) (www.crccertification.com), program students and graduates who took the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) examination between October, 2008, and July, 2012, exceeded the national pass rate with an 84% pass rate as compared to the national pass rate of 70%. Students are eligible to take this examination when they have completed 75% of their course work.

Applicants who graduate from a CACREP accredited program may apply for the National Counselor Examination (NCE) under Option B, which does not require additional supervised work experience (www.nbcc.org/OurCertifications). Taking the NCE is part of the process to obtain the National Certified Counselor (NCC) credential available through the National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC).

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