Program Overview
The M.S. degree program in Psychiatric Rehabilitation, Leadership Track is offered by the Department of Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counseling Professions. The mission of this Track is to prepare experienced mental health and rehabilitation professionals to become supervisors, managers, trainers/educators, and applied researchers in psychiatric rehabilitation, roles that professionals with graduate degrees are often called upon to perform in the field. This degree is offered on-line via the Internet. The degree can be completed on either a part-time or full-time basis.

The field of psychiatric rehabilitation seeks to empower people with severe mental illness to pursue career, educational, social, and other life goals with success and satisfaction. As a leader in health professions education, Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is ideally suited to provide this program in psychiatric rehabilitation.

Program Description
The Leadership Track M.S. in Psychiatric Rehabilitation is a 36 credit degree. The course of study for the Leadership Track emphasizes the leadership skills needed for advancement to administrative and supervisory positions. This includes classes in management, supervision, organizational and program development as well as a firm background in the empirical basis of psychiatric rehabilitation including applied research. The major areas of study in this Track include the following:
1. Evidence-based and Promising Practices
2. Wellness and Recovery
3. Psychiatric Rehabilitation Theory and Skills
4. Supervision and Management Skills
5. Statistical Methods and Applied Research

As part of the curriculum, all students complete a Practicum, an Independent Study project or a thesis to integrate knowledge and skills learned in course work. With the permission of the Program Director for the Leadership Track and of the agency, students employed in relevant settings may complete these experiences at their job sites.

**Description of the profession**
Professionals with expertise in psychiatric Rehabilitation assist individuals with severe mental illness to pursue life goals of their choice with both success and satisfaction. Goals may relate to career, education, independent living or social roles in the community. Professionals with master’s degrees in psychiatric rehabilitation find employment in many settings that provide mental health services. Currently, professionals with graduate degrees in psychiatric rehabilitation are in high demand in New Jersey and the surrounding regions as well as nationally. Additionally, the curriculum for the M.S. in Psychiatric Rehabilitation includes the important knowledge and skill areas for seeking the Certified Psychiatric Rehabilitation Practitioner (CPRP) credential through the United States Psychiatric Rehabilitation Association (USPRA).

**Full-time and Part-time status**
Students admitted to the program may enroll either full-time or part-time. However, it is strongly suggested that students who work full time register for no more than two courses semester.

**Department Faculty**
Please see the department faculty under Psychiatric Rehabilitation and Counseling Professions Department/view all campus.

**Curriculum**
See database for program requirements and course descriptions and select your program at:
**Admissions requirements**
- Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
- Two (2) letters of reference
- Personal statement outlining reason for pursuing this degree and future professional plans
- Personal interview

**G.P.A. minimum requirement**
The minimum requirement is 3.0.

**For more information**
For more information contact the Office of Enrollment Services at (973) 972-5336.

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