Mission and Objectives

The mission of the Michigan State University Master of Arts Rehabilitation Counseling Program is to promote the effective delivery of rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities by providing graduates who have demonstrated through academic achievement the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to provide rehabilitation services to individuals with physical, mental, and/or emotional needs.

The objectives of the program are to provide students with the opportunity to:

1. Acquire a sound, basic education in rehabilitation;
2. Develop the lifelong habit of updating skills and professionalism;
3. Develop a commitment to assist individuals with disabilities in using their own resources and opportunities to meet their developmental, vocational, and educational needs;
4. Nourish a commitment to individual human values;
5. Exercise skills and competencies on a high ethical level and with personal integrity; and
6. Maintain a critical, questioning, and exploratory attitude.

One of the Nation’s Best Programs

Michigan State University ranks #2 for Rehabilitation Counseling in the US News & World Report listing of “America’s Best Graduate Schools.”

This recognition is based on a survey of masters program directors from accredited peer programs across the country.

The MA Rehabilitation Counseling application, additional materials, and more information is available at:

education.msu.edu/ceps/rehab/

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What is a Rehabilitation Counselor?
A rehabilitation counselor is a counselor who possesses the specialized knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to collaborate in a professional relationship with people who have disabilities to achieve their personal, social, psychological and vocational goals.

The 48-credit-hour, two to three year, MA degree program in rehabilitation counseling is comprised of coursework that addresses the foundations of the rehabilitation counseling profession, counseling theories and techniques, medical, psychological, and social aspects of disability, assessment, and the career development of people with disabilities. The program is fully accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE).

Professional Credentials
Graduates are eligible for licensure as a professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Michigan and national certification as a rehabilitation counselor (CRC).

Disability Services
Information on disability services and the reasonable accommodation process at MSU can be found at the Resource Center for Persons with Disabilities website: www.rcpd.msu.edu

In addition to on-campus coursework and community based practicum and internship experiences, students have the opportunity to attend professional rehabilitation conferences and become integrated into a broad network of rehabilitation and counseling professionals.

Employment Opportunities
Graduates obtain professional positions in a wide variety of settings, including nonprofit rehabilitation programs, state rehabilitation agencies, private rehabilitation/workers compensation programs, high schools and colleges, independent living centers, medical rehabilitation centers, substance abuse treatment programs and corrections facilities.

Financial Assistance
Students are encouraged to seek financial assistance options through the MSU Office of Financial Aid, Graduate School, and College of Education. If funded with a Federal Training Grant, the program may have available partial fellowships for a limited number of students. Students may also seek paid internships near the end of their program.

Admission
Students are admitted for the fall semester of each academic year. Applications are accepted through February 15th of the year in which admission is desired.

Application materials and procedures can be found at: education.msu.edu/cepse/appforms.asp

The applicant’s previous academic and professional experience is considered. The following factors are significant in determining acceptance:

1. A bachelor’s degree in an appropriate field from an accredited institution, with a GPA of 3.0 (B) or better.

2. A written statement of academic goals and career objectives that is 1-2 pages (single-spaced) in length and describes the applicant’s professional goals as they relate to the MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program.

3. Three letters of recommendation, with at least two from professors and/or employers.

4. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination General Test if the applicant’s GPA is below 3.0.