Western Washington University

Master of Arts in Rehabilitation Counseling
(CACREP-accredited)

Everett University Center
located on the Everett Community College campus
What is Rehabilitation Counseling?

- Oriented toward serving individuals with disabilities
- Focused on the individual
- Counseling is goal-oriented
- Services are time-limited

Rehabilitation counselors are the only professional counselors educated and trained specifically to serve individuals with disabilities.
Rehabilitation counselors encourage and support individuals with physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, and emotional disabilities to achieve their personal, career and independent living goals in the most integrated setting possible. * 

*Adapted from Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification website.*
Rehabilitation Counselors engage in a counseling process which includes communication, goal setting, and beneficial growth or change through self-advocacy, psychological, vocational, social and behavioral interventions. * 

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Rehabilitation counseling is distinguished from other helping professions by several key factors:*

Specialized training that focuses on:

• understanding the medical and psychosocial aspects of various disabilities and disabling conditions within a cultural context

• knowledge of assistive technology

• skilled service delivery through application of the case management process

• assessing abilities and strengths to facilitate a return-to-work or entry into the world of work

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**Philosophy and approach to counseling that:**

- values the rights of individuals with disabilities to live independent, integrated lives for full community participation
- considers advocacy with and for people with disabilities to be an essential part of the job
- strongly commits to the concepts of holistic counseling, full inclusion, and empowerment
- engages in a co-collaboration between the individual and counselor

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Where do Rehabilitation Counselors Work?

- Division of Vocational Rehabilitation; Department of Services for the Blind
- VA Hospitals; VA Veteran Readiness & Employment program (VR & E)
- Non-profits focusing on employment; including mental health and substance use agencies
- Workers Compensation Agencies
- Community College & University Disability Support Services
Program - Format

Combination of online, hybrid, and face-to-face classes

Each face-to-face class meets one evening a week; hybrid classes meet 5x in quarter

Offices and classrooms are located in the Everett University Center building

Program Length: Most students complete the program in 2 or 3 years (includes summers).
Tuition

For 2022-2023 (WA State Residents)

• $369/credit up to 9 credits
• $3,685 for 10-18 credits
• In addition, there is a $50 per quarter Everett fee and a $1 per quarter Legislative Action Fund fee
• Approximately $300/quarter for books

Important Dates

• Priority Deadline: April 1st
• Final Deadline: June 1st
  (we accept applications after June 1st if there is still space in the cohort)
• New students start the program: Fall
For more information:

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