

Western Washington University
Woodring College of Education
Department of Health and Community Studies
MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program

Program Outcomes

The MA in Rehabilitation Counseling Program at Western Washington University is fully accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) through 2025 (<https://www.cacrep.org/>). The master's degree program has a goal of admitting 15-18 students each fall. Student outcomes are evaluated each year on a variety of different metrics that are part of the overall written program evaluation.

As of Fall 2024, the graduate program has a total of 40 active students. The program has one full-time tenured faculty member, two full-time non-tenure-track faculty members, and three part-time non-tenure-track instructors who teach the CACREP-accredited curriculum. The FTE instructor to FTE student ratio is 1:9. Of the 40 students, 63% have either identified as an individual with a disability or have disclosed a chronic health/mental health condition, 28% are ethnically diverse, and 6 are veterans.

Nineteen students began the program in Fall 2020 with 12 graduating in August 2022, 2 in August 2023, 1 in August 2024, and 2 still in the program. Twenty-three students began the program in Fall 2021 with 11 graduating in August 2023, 2 in August 2024, and 7 still in the program. Eleven students began the program in Fall 2022 with 5 graduating in August 2024 and 5 still in the program. For these 33 graduates, they graduated in 8.73 quarters on average, which means that most students graduate from the program in 8 quarters. The completion rate for students starting the program in Fall 2020, Fall 2021, and Fall 2022 is 88.7%.

The estimated tuition for an incoming first year student in Fall 2024 is \$30,839 in tuition for the 8-quarter program with an estimated textbook cost of \$2,000. For information regarding scholarships available within Woodring College of Education, visit <https://wce.wvu.edu/scholarships/woodring-scholarships>. For information regarding scholarships available through Western Washington University, visit <https://financialaid.wvu.edu/scholarships/graduate-students>.

A total of 8 students graduated from the program in August 2024. All of these students passed the comprehensive examination that is given in the last quarter of the program. Seven (88%) of the graduates were employed in the field of rehabilitation counseling within the first 6 months following graduation. Employment settings for these graduates include WA State Division of Vocational

Rehabilitation, nonprofit community rehabilitation providers, and private agencies providing workers compensation services.

For August 2022 graduates, 7 took the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC; www.crccertification.com) exam and 6 passed (86% pass rate). For August 2023 graduates, 5 took the CRC exam and 3 passed (60% pass rate). For August 2024 graduates, 2 took the CRC exam and 1 passed (50% pass rate). The national pass rate in July 2024 was 53% for first time candidates taking the exam.

Graduates are eligible to apply for a Washington State Mental Health Associate Licensure. For more information, visit <https://doh.wa.gov/licenses-permits-and-certificates/professions-new-renew-or-update/mental-health-counselor/licensing-information>.