

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 2023 (<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 2022, the graduate program has a total of 37 active students. The program has two full-time tenured faculty members, two full-time non-tenure-track faculty member, and two part-time non-tenure-track instructors who teach the CACREP-accredited curriculum. The FTE instructor to FTE student ratio is 1:8. Of the 37 students, 35% have either identified as an individual with a disability or have disclosed a chronic health/mental health condition, 46% are ethnically diverse, and 8 students are veterans.

Eleven students began the program in Fall 2018 with 5 graduating in August 2020, 1 in August 2021, 2 in December 2021, and 2 still in the program. Fifteen students began the program in Fall 2019 with 9 graduating in August 2021, 1 in June 2021, 1 in August 2022, and 1 still in the program. Nineteen students began the program in Fall 2020 with 12 graduating in August 2022 and 5 still in the program. For these 31 graduates, they graduated in 8.68 quarters on average, which means that most students graduate from the program in 8 quarters. The completion rate for those students starting the program during the last three years is 87%.

The estimated tuition for an incoming first year student in Fall 2022 is \$30,628 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 http://www.finaid.wvu.edu/scholarships/pages/wvu_scholarships/graduate.php.

A total of 17 students graduated from the program in December 2021, June 2022, and August 2022. All of these students passed the comprehensive examination that is given in the last quarter of the program. 15 (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 the time period July, 2022 through October, 2022, 7 students and graduates of the WWU Rehabilitation Counseling program took the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC; www.crccertification.com) exam and 6 passed. During this cycle, students and graduates achieved an 86% pass rate. The national pass rate in March, 2022 was 71%.

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>.