

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 2021 (<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 2019, the graduate program has a total of 33 active students. The program has two full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members, one full-time non-tenure-track faculty member, 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 33 students, 55% have either identified as an individual with a disability or have disclosed a chronic health/mental health condition, 33% are ethnically diverse, and 3 students are veterans.

Nineteen students began the program in Fall 2015 with 11 graduating in August 2017, 1 in December 2017, 1 in December 2018, 1 in March 2018, 1 in August 2019, and 2 still in program. Nineteen students began the program in Fall 2016 with 3 graduating in August 2018, 5 in December 2018, 2 in June 2019, and 8 still in the program. Eight students began the program in Fall 2017 with 2 graduating in August 2019 and 1 still in the program. For these 27 graduates, they graduated in 8.85 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 83%.

The estimated tuition for an incoming first year student in Fall 2019 is \$26,964 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.

During the 2018-2019 academic year, all students met at least the minimum standard for the assessment of Expectations for Academic and Professional Performance and all students passed the clinical course (RC 583) with a B or better.

A total of 12 students graduated from the program in December 2018, March 2019, June 2019, and August 2019. All of these students passed the comprehensive examination that is given in the last quarter of the program. Ten (83%) 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 October, 2018 through July, 2019, 5 students and graduates of the WWU Rehabilitation Counseling program passed the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC; www.crccertification.com) exam. During this cycle, students and graduates achieved a 71% pass rate as compared to the national average of 60%.

Graduates are eligible to apply for a Washington State Mental Health Associate Licensure. For more information, visit <http://www.doh.wa.gov/LicensesPermitsandCertificates/ProfessionsNewReneworUpdate/MentalHealthCounselor.aspx>.