

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 2020 (<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 Summer 2018, the graduate program has a total of 25 active students. The program has two full-time tenured and tenure-track faculty members and six part-time non-tenure-track instructors who teach the CACREP-accredited curriculum. The FTE instructor to FTE student ratio is 1:8. Of the 25 students, 68% are individuals with disabilities and 8% are ethnically diverse. Over the last three years, students graduate in 8.79 quarters on average, which means that most students graduate from the program in 8 quarters. The completion rate for the program for both full-time and part-time students is 92%.

Fifteen students began the program in Fall 2014 with 10 graduating in August 2016, 1 graduating in December 2016, 1 graduating in August 2017, 1 graduating in December 2017, and 1 graduating in March 2018. Fourteen students began the program in Fall 2015 with 11 graduating in August 2017 and 1 in December 2017. Over the past three years, the student retention rate has been 87.5%.

The estimated tuition for an incoming first year student in Fall 2018 is \$21,480 in tuition for the 8 quarter program with an estimated textbook cost of \$2,000. The program has one RSA long-term training grant focusing on master's level students for a total of \$200,000 per year. At least \$130,000 is used each year to support second-year students in the form of tuition and stipends. For more information on the RSA grant, visit <https://wce.wvu.edu/rc/tuition-financial-aid>. 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 2017-2018 academic year, all students met at least the minimum standard for the mid-program assessment and all students passed the clinical course (RC 583) with a B or better.

A total of 15 students graduated from the program in August 2017, December 2017, and March 2018. All of these students passed the comprehensive examination that is given in the last quarter of the program. Thirteen (86.67%) 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 beginning October, 2014 through July, 2017, 35 students and graduates of the WWU Rehabilitation Counseling program passed the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC; www.crccertification.com) exam. For the October 2014-July 2015 exam cycle, WWU students and graduates achieved a 93% pass rate (14 out of 15) as compared to the national average of 72%. For the October 2015-July 2016 exam cycle, WWU students and graduates achieved an 77% pass rate (10 out of 12) as compared to the national average of 69%. For the October 2016-July 2017 exam cycle, WWU students and graduates achieved an 85% pass rate (11 out of 13) as compared to the national average of 69%. During this three-year cycle, students and graduates achieved an 88% pass rate as compared to the national average of 70%.

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>.