REGISTRATION begins Tuesday, February 25th at 11 am. Spring quarter begins Tuesday, March 31st. (WWU Important Dates & Deadlines for Spring Quarter: [http://www.wwu.edu/registrar/calendars/index.shtml](http://www.wwu.edu/registrar/calendars/index.shtml) - click on Spring 2020.)

What to take? Here are the courses you should most likely take, according to where you are in the program.

**First Year Full-time Students:**
- RC 546 (Addictions & RC)
- RC 583 (Theories & Techniques II)
- RC 586 (Medical Aspects of Disability)

**Second Year Full-time Students:**
- RC 592 (Internship)
- RC 594 (Psychiatric Rehabilitation)

**All other students:**
Please consult the most recent plan that Beth sent to you.
If you have questions, please contact Beth or Monica.

**Reminder:** Registration is through Web4U: ([http://mywestern.wwu.edu/](http://mywestern.wwu.edu/) - sign in & then click on “Web4U”). Then, click the “Student” tab, then “Registration”, then “Add/Drop Classes”, then select term (“Spring 2020”) and click on “Submit”, then enter the five digit CRN for each course you want to register for in the boxes below, and then click on submit changes (if needed-for variable credit courses, after you register for the class you will then need to go back to the Registration menu and choose Change Variable Credit Hours to choose number of credits from the drop down menu).

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### Course Information

**RC 546 Addictions & RC (2) (CRN 22897)**
General understanding of addictions, including assessment tools and major treatment modalities. Addresses personal, family, and social rehabilitation issues that emerge from addiction.

*Online Course.* Introduction materials will be on Canvas. Instructor: Dr. Kevin Bengtson (Kevin.Bengtson@wwu.edu).

**RC 583 Theories & Techniques of RC II (4) (CRN 20983 or 20984)**
Prereq: RC 580 or permission of instructor. This is the second in a two course sequence focusing on major counseling theories and techniques. It is a continuation from RC 580 of the introduction to major counseling theories, with an emphasis on continued development and refinement of practice skills through advanced role play and direct counseling with individuals with disabilities. Competencies will be developed and demonstrated through assigned readings, didactic instruction, microskills training, class discussion, and self-study assignments.

Class meets Wednesdays, from 5-8:50 pm in the Everett University Center, Room TBA. First class meeting will be April 1. Course is co-taught by Dr. Dana Brickham (dana.brickham@wwu.edu) & Dr. Brett Kuwada (brett.kuwada@wwu.edu).

You can choose which section to register for. If you try to register for one section and it is full, please register for the other section. Sections 1 & 2 will meet together during most class times.
RC 586 Medical Aspects of Disability (6) (CRN 22898)
Prereq: Graduate status or permission of instructor. An examination of the etiology, prognosis, treatment, and vocational implications of major disabling conditions, with an emphasis on physical, sensory, and cognitive impairments. Includes an introduction to medical specialties, therapeutic services, restorative techniques, medical terminology, and assistive technology.

Online Course. Introduction materials will be on Canvas. Instructor: Dr. Kevin Bengtson (Kevin.Bengtson@wwu.edu).

RC 594 Psychiatric Disabilities in Rehabilitation (4) (CRN 20969)
Understanding major psychiatric disorders, principles and practices of psychiatric rehabilitation. Examines the role of the rehabilitation counselor as an integral part of the treatment team.

Online Course. Introduction materials will be on Canvas. Instructor: Dr. David Strand (David.Strand@wwu.edu).

Internship
If you are planning on doing your Internship in the spring, read the Internship Guide to be sure you understand what is required. The guide can be found online, on the program website at https://wce.wwu.edu/rc/field-experiences.

RC 592 Internship in Rehabilitation Counseling (1-8 credits). Prereq: RC 591 and permission of instructor. Demonstration of counseling skills in a rehabilitation agency with primary supervision by agency personnel. Students are required to spend significant time within an agency functioning as a professional counselor. Repeatable to a maximum of 16 credits. S/U grading.

Please Note: Unless there is something unusual about your situation, you should register for 8 credits of Internship. To do this, after you have registered for RC 592, you will need to go back to the Registration menu and choose Change Variable Credit Hours to enter 8 credits (when you add the class, the system will automatically register you for the least amount of credit - 1).

RC 592, Section 1 (CRN 20968) Meets on 5 Tuesdays (3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, & 5/26) from 5-8:50 pm, in the Everett University Center, Room TBA. Instructor: Dr. Dana Brickham (Dana.Brickham@wwu.edu).

RC 592, Section 2 (CRN 21350) Meets on 5 Tuesdays (3/31, 4/14, 4/28, 5/12, & 5/26) from 5-8:50 pm, in the Everett University Center, Room TBA. Instructor: Dr. Kevin Bengtson (Kevin.Bengtson@wwu.edu).

You can choose which section to register for. If you try to register for one section and it is full, please register for the other section.
RC 546—Addictions and RC — Dr. Kevin Bengtson

RC 583—Theories & Techniques of RC II — Dr. Dana Brickham & Dr. Brett Kuwada
Both of the textbooks purchased for RC 580 in winter 2020 will be used again in spring quarter for RC 583 (you do not have another textbook to purchase in spring for RC 583).

If you did not take RC 580 in winter 2020 but are taking RC 583 in spring 2020, please make sure you have the following textbooks:


RC 586—Medical Aspects of Disability — Dr. Kevin Bengtson

RC 594—Introduction to Psychiatric Rehabilitation— Dr. David Strand


RC 592—Internship in Rehabilitation Counseling - (All Sections)
No new textbooks required (same textbooks as Pre-Practicum & Practicum).
BOOKS  Your books can be ordered online from the Western Associated Students Bookstore (http://www.bookstore.wwu.edu/) or through the Verba price comparison tool (http://www.verbacompare.com/). You can also purchase your textbooks through Amazon or any bookstore. To contact customer service at the Western Books call 360-650-3970 or email txtdept@wwu.edu. Purchase Orders for books should be payable to the Western AS Bookstore.

Order your books early. If you want to check out other sources, be sure you are ordering the correct edition, and don’t wait too long! **It is strongly recommended that you purchase your books rather than renting, as you will need them again for the Comprehensive Exam, and they are the beginning of your professional library.**

**Special Instructions for eligible Veteran’s and students eligible for federal/state assistance with textbook purchases:** Do not place an order online at Western’s Bookstore if a third party agency will be purchasing books for you. Instead please follow these steps below:

1. Student will advise agency Counselor to send email to the appropriate contact below in order to confirm arrangements and identity of eligible student. Student will request agency to include allowance for shipping (@$13/order).
   a. Veteran’s Administration (chapter 31 eligible veteran’s only) - contact Veterans Services at veteran.services@wwu.edu or 360.650.3324
   b. All other third party payers (i.e. DVR/DSHS/L+I etc.) - Sonja.Dyer@wwu.edu (360.650.7600)
2. Agency will send PO to appropriate contact (Veterans Services or Sonja) for each student.
3. Student will order textbooks via WWU e-mail account to Sonja.Dyer@wwu.edu. Order will include mailing address and self-identifying themselves as working with DVR/VA/DSHS etc. with any other relevant account info. E-mail sent via WWU email account will serve as student signature.
4. WWU Bookstore will charge to students agency account and mail textbooks to student.

RETURNING STUDENTS  If you did not take classes winter term and did not register for GRAD 699, you must reapply for admission using the “Returning Grad Student” program option within the application: https://www.applyweb.com/wwugrad/index.ftl. Contact the Graduate School (gradschool@wwu.edu or 360-650-3170) or Monica if you have any questions.

Reminder: The Graduate School’s new Continuous Enrollment Policy went into effect Winter Quarter 2018: http://www.wwu.edu/gradschool/policies.shtml. Students who have not completed all degree requirements and are not currently registered for any RC credits will be required to register for GRAD 699, Continuous Enrollment, every quarter (excluding summers) until the degree requirements are completed. GRAD 699 is non-graded (flat fee of $50). **If you are not taking any RC classes in spring, please contact the Graduate School about getting an override to be able to register for GRAD 699 (gradschool@wwu.edu).**

CRC EXAM  The Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification offers the CRC exam three times a year in a computer-based format. **The deadline to apply for the October exam is June 30th.** Check the CRCC website (www.crccertification.com) for more information and the application materials.

For more information on the CRC credential, go to https://www.crccertification.com/about-crc-certification.
**GRADUATING STUDENTS** If you plan to graduate in June, you must submit your Application for Master’s Degree by **March 20**. The application can be submitted via e-form by going to [https://esign.wwu.edu/admcs/process/forms/Grad_School/Masters_Degree_Application_blue5.aspx](https://esign.wwu.edu/admcs/process/forms/Grad_School/Masters_Degree_Application_blue5.aspx). Please read the instructions and **complete the form carefully** (it asks for what name you would like on your diploma and where it should be mailed after you graduate). After you complete Section 1 of the form, please insert Beth’s email (elizabeth.boland@wwu.edu) at the bottom of the form in the blue box next to “Email To:” and click submit. Contact Monica Holmer if you need assistance with the form.

**Please remember that a non-refundable graduation fee will be billed to your student account each time your file is evaluated for degree completion.**

**COUNSELING SERVICES** WWU in Everett is offering students free one-to-one counseling services designed to address personal issues, mental health, as well as academic and professional concerns. Western students will be provided up to three sessions per academic year, with a self-pay option after the three sessions. Students may contact the counselor directly to schedule an appointment.

Chett Hill, MA, LMHC - Northwest Psychological Consulting  
2722 Colby Ave, Suite 720  
Everett WA  98290  
206-650-5910 or Chett.hill@comcast.net

**TERM DATES** If you are thinking about planning a trip or vacation, please remember that Western’s term dates (the start and end dates for each quarter) can be found at [http://www.wwu.edu/registrar/calendars/term-dates.shtml](http://www.wwu.edu/registrar/calendars/term-dates.shtml).

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS** Please take a few minutes to view Everett Community College’s video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrLDBiKFULo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wrLDBiKFULo).

Safety & Emergency Info from Western: [http://www.wwu.edu/emergency/](http://www.wwu.edu/emergency/)

**ADVISORY COMMITTEE** The Rehabilitation Counseling Program Graduate Advisory Committee is composed of representatives from employers and education, as well as alumni of the program and current students. It meets twice a year. The next meeting will be held on May 15th. Students are welcome - please notify Monica (RC.Everett@wwu.edu) if you wish to attend.

**GRADUATES** We are pleased to announce that one of our students in the master’s program are scheduled to graduate at the end of spring quarter. Our congratulations and best wishes go to Julie S.