
What to take? Here are the courses you should most likely take, according to where you are in the program. Check with Beth or Monica if you have questions about your specific situation.

First Year Students:
RC 580 (Theory), RC 579 (Human Growth), and RC 578 (Legal)

Second Year Students taking the 72 credit curriculum:
RC 591 (Practicum) and RC 587 (Testing)

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/ - sign in & then click on “Web4U”). Then, click the “Student” tab, then “Registration”, then “Add/Drop Classes”, then select term (“Winter 2019”) and click on “Submit”, then enter the five digit CRN for each course you want to register for in the boxes below and 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).

Course Information

RC 580 Theories & Techniques of RC I (6) (CRN 11078)
This is the first in a two course sequence focusing on major counseling theories and techniques. Students will be introduced to major counseling theories and their application to people with disabilities. Students will also engage in experiential application of counseling theory using basic counseling techniques. 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 January 9. Instructor: Dr. Dana Brickham (dana.brickham@wwu.edu).

RC 579 Human Growth, Development and Disability (4) (CRN 11077)
Examines human growth and development in the context of rehabilitation counseling. Provides a review of human development theories across the lifespan and their implications and applications with persons with disabilities.

Online Course. Introductory materials will be posted in Canvas. Instructor: Dr. Anne Blanchard (anne.blanchard@wwu.edu).
**RC 578  Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in RC (2) (CRN 13767)**
An introduction to professional issues in rehabilitation counseling, including scope of practice, relevant legislation, and ethical decision-making.

*Online Course.* Introductory materials will be posted in Canvas. Instructor: Dr. Kathe Matrone (kathe.matrone@wwu.edu).

**RC 587  Assessment & Testing in RC (4) (CRN 11079)**
Prereq: RC 582 or permission of instructor. The use of assessments for diagnostic and intervention planning purposes relevant to educational, career, personal, and social development in rehabilitation counseling. Includes methods of assessment for individuals with disabilities, including testing instruments, individual accommodations, environmental modification, and interpretation of results. Emphasis on a collaborative, client-centered approach to assessment.

Class meets Thursdays, from 5-8:50 pm in the Everett University Center, Room TBA. First class meeting will be January 10. Instructor: Dr. Kevin Bengtson (kevin.bengtson@wwu.edu).

**Practicum and Internship**

If you are planning on doing your Practicum or Internship in the winter, read the Supervised Professional Practice Handbook to be sure you understand what is required. The handbook can be found online, on the program website at [https://wce.wwu.edu/rc/field-experiences](https://wce.wwu.edu/rc/field-experiences).

**RC 591 Practicum in Rehabilitation Counseling (4 credits) - 2 Sections.** Prereq: B or better in RC 583 and permission of instructor. Demonstration of counseling skills with individuals with disabilities in a rehabilitation agency. Supervision by agency personnel. S/U grading.

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. Both sections will meet together on the 5 Tuesdays in winter quarter.

**RC 591, Section 1 (CRN 11080):** meets on 5 Tuesdays (1/15, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, & 3/12) during the quarter with Dr. Kevin Bengtson (kevin.bengtson@wwu.edu) from 5-8:50 pm, in the Everett University Center, Room TBA.

**RC 591, Section 2 (CRN 11081):** meets on 5 Tuesdays (1/15, 1/29, 2/12, 2/26, & 3/12) during the quarter with Dr. Kevin Bengtson (kevin.bengtson@wwu.edu) from 5-8:50 pm, in the Everett University Center, Room TBA. Instructor: TBA.
Textbooks

RC 580—Theory of Rehabilitation Counseling—Dr. Dana Brickham


*You will purchase the two textbooks above for RC 580 - both of these textbooks will also be used in spring quarter for RC 583 (you will not have another textbook to purchase in spring for RC 583).

RC 579—Human Growth, Development and Disability —Dr. Anne Blanchard

RC 578—Legal, Ethical, and Professional Issues in RC —Dr. Kathe Matrone

RC 587—Utilization of Tests and Evaluation Tools—Dr. Nick McLain

RC 591—Practicum in Rehabilitation Counseling— (All Sections) (purchased for RC 590 in Fall 2018)

TELEPHONE CONFERENCE CALLS

No calls are scheduled at this time for the first session of online classes.

RETURNING STUDENTS  If you did not take classes fall term, you must submit a Returning Student Application. You can find the e-form for doing this on the Graduate School website: https://esign.wwu.edu/admc/process/forms/Grad_School/Returning_Student1.aspx?valid=true/. Contact Monica if you have any questions.


GRADUATING STUDENTS  If you plan to graduate in March, you must submit your Application for Master’s Degree (“Blue Card”) by December 14. The application can be submitted via e-form by going to https://esign.wwu.edu/admc/process/forms/Grad_School/Masters_Degree_Application_blue5.aspx Contact Monica if you need assistance with the form.
BOOKS  Your books can be ordered online from the Western Associated Students Bookstore (http://wwu.verbacompare.com/). Your contact person regarding your order is Brenda Armstrong, 360-650-7426 (brenda.armstrong@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 (e.g., Amazon), be sure you are ordering the right 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) - Wendy Gegenhuber from Veterans Services Wendy.Gegenhuber@wwu.edu (360.650.3324)
   b. All other third party payers (i.e. DVR/DSHS/L+I etc.) - Martha.Bartlett@wwu.edu (360.650.7423)

2. Agency will send PO to appropriate contact (Martha or Wendy) for each student.

3. Student will order textbooks via WWU e-mail account to Brenda.Armstrong@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.

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 July exam is February 15th.** 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.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE  The RC 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. In fall, the meeting is on November 30. In spring, the meeting is usually in May or June. Students are welcome to observe. Notify Monica Holmer (rc.everett@wwu.edu) if you want to attend, so she can give you details.
**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  
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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/)