

## Master's Degree Programs

by passing the writing component of COUN 220. Please refer to the specific counseling program's *Student Handbook* for additional information regarding the Graduate Writing Requirement and appeals process.

### M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling

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**Program Mission.** The program's mission is to serve people with disabilities by doing an outstanding job of training warm, empathic, trustworthy, and competent qualified rehabilitation professionals who will make a real difference in the lives of persons with disabilities and transform the practice of rehabilitation counseling in California and beyond.

#### Program Description

The Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling is a 60-unit professional degree program designed to cover two years of full-time coursework, including a full semester of internship. The program combines classroom and practical field experiences, which integrates theory and practice of rehabilitation counseling. Upon graduation, all students are expected to be competent in individual and group counseling, case management, medical and psychological aspects of disability, ethics, assessment, independent living philosophy, and all other knowledge domain areas of the Commission on the Certification of Rehabilitation Counselors (CRCC).

The program is accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE). Students are eligible to take the national exam to become a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) during the last semester of study.

It is ranked among the top 17 in the country by the U.S. News and World Report.

#### Career Opportunities

Persons completing the M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling may become employed in a variety of work settings including state and federal vocational rehabilitation programs, sheltered workshops, medical rehabilitation centers, private practice, drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation programs, county and private mental health programs, community colleges and university disabled student programs, industrial accident/employee assistance programs, and insurance company rehabilitation programs. The M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling qualifies students to take the national exam to become a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC).

**Admission Requirements.** In addition to the admission requirements listed in the *Graduate Education Program* section of this catalog, M. S. in Rehabilitation Counseling program applicants must meet the following requirements:

1. Complete the following prerequisite coursework or their equivalents, earning a letter grade of *C* or better: ERA 153, COUN 174 or PSYCH 174, and COUN 176 or PSYCH 166.

Program prerequisites may not be counted toward the Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling. The prerequisites may be completed during the first semester of the program, but students may not complete more than 10 units of 200-level coursework before obtaining classified standing (full admission to the program).

#### Program Requirements

Under the direction of the graduate adviser, each student prepares and submits an individually designed program within the following framework:

	Units
<b>Core requirements</b> .....	<b>44</b>
REHAB 201, 203, 204A, 204B, 205, 206, 211, 238, 239, 268A or B or C	.....
<b>Courses in supporting curriculum</b> .....	<b>9</b>
Research methods: ERA 220 .....	(3)
Individual and group counseling skills: COUN 200, 202 .....	(6)
<b>Elective</b> .....	<b>1</b>
(Approved by adviser.)	
<b>Culminating Experience</b> .....	<b>6</b>
Choose between (a) 6 units of electives plus comprehensive exam, (b) COUN 298 Project [3 units] plus 3 units of electives, or (c) COUN 299 Thesis [6 units].	
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>60</b>

*Note:* (1) REHAB 201, 204A, 204B, 237, and 238 must be completed with a grade of *B* or better. (2) Students meet the Graduate Writing Requirement by passing the writing component of REHAB 237 or 238. Please refer to the program's Student Manual for additional information.

In order to graduate, the student must complete the graduate writing requirement, the comprehensive exam (or a project/thesis), two clinical reviews, and all other specific degree requirements.