Prepare for a career in RC

Obtain a master's degree in rehabilitation counseling at the University of Texas

The Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program (RCE) offers graduate coursework leading to a Master of Education (M.Ed.) degree. Consisting of 48 hours of academic coursework and practical experience, the RCE master’s program prepares students to become counselors for people with disabilities to assist them in gaining vocational, economic, and functional independence. This coursework may be used in preparation for becoming a licensed professional counselor (LPC) and a certified rehabilitation counselor (CRC).

What is Rehabilitation counseling?

Rehabilitation counselors help people with disabilities deal with the personal, social and vocational complications that may result from those disabilities.

Assessing the strengths and limitations of each individual, the counselors help individuals adjust to changes in their personal lives as well as assist with vocational training, job placement and accessing proper medical care.

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Rehabilitation Counselor Education Program
University of Texas At Austin
Career prospects for students who are hoping to become rehabilitation counselors are extremely good. Whether an individual has a spinal cord injury or a chronic illness, the counselor assesses information from the patient’s family, medical and school records and employers’ reports to create a rehabilitation program that will help individuals reach their full potential and build their capacity to live independently.

It’s an important job and right now there are many more clients out there than there are counselors to serve them – job openings are exceeding the number of qualified professionals.

The U.S. Department of Labor reports that jobs for rehabilitation counselors are expected to grow by around 23 percent, which is faster than the average for all occupations.

The number of people who will need rehabilitation counseling is expected to expand as advances in medical technology allow more people to survive injury or illness and live independently again.

In addition, legislation requiring equal employment rights for people with disabilities will increase demand for counselors, who not only help these people make a transition to the workforce but also help companies to comply with the law.

What are the deadlines for admission?

Fall: July 1
Spring: November 1
Summer: April 15

Contact the Graduate Coordinator in SZB 306 or at 512-471-4161 for more information concerning application procedures and deadlines.

What financial assistance is available?

The program typically has scholarships available from the Rehabilitation Services Administration. Contact the program Coordinator for more information. General financial aid information is available at www.utexas.edu/student/finaid/ and www.hirealonghorn.org/students/gradstds.html. In addition, Applicants should contact the Graduate Coordinator in SZB 306 or at 512-471-4161 for more information concerning application procedures and deadlines. Also Contact: Coordinator, Rehabilitation Counseling at 512-471-4161