

REHABILITATION COUNSELING

Master of Arts (MA)

Application Deadline: M.A. – February 15.

What is Rehabilitation Counseling?

Rehabilitation counseling is a systematic process which assists persons with physical, mental, developmental, cognitive, and emotional disabilities to achieve their personal, career, and independent living goals in the most integrated setting possible through the application of the counseling process. The counseling process involves communication, goal setting, and beneficial growth or change through self-advocacy, psychological, vocational, social, and behavioral interventions.

The MA Curriculum

The 54-credit hour Master of Arts (MA) degree program in Rehabilitation Counseling is comprised of coursework that addresses the foundations of the rehabilitation counseling profession, counseling theories and techniques, medical, psychological, and social aspects of disability, assessment, and the career development and employment of people with disabilities.

In addition to on-campus coursework and community-based practicum and internship experiences, MA Rehabilitation Counseling students have the opportunity to attend professional rehabilitation conferences, gain exposure to and become integrated into a broad network of rehabilitation and counseling professionals, and receive mentoring through our program Student Rehabilitation Association (SRA).

Employment Opportunities

Program graduates obtain professional positions in a wide variety of employment settings including non-profit rehabilitation programs, state rehabilitation agencies, private rehabilitation/workers compensation programs, high schools and colleges, independent living centers, medical rehabilitation centers, substance abuse treatment programs, and corrections facilities.

Professional Credentials

Graduates are eligible for national certification as a rehabilitation counselor (CRC) and licensure as a professional counselor (LPC) in the state of Michigan.

Financial Support

The MA Rehabilitation Counseling program provides financial support to students through a federal Rehabilitation Services Administration, U.S. Department of Education, rehabilitation counseling training grant and through paid internship opportunities. Program students also identify sources of financial assistance via full or part-time employment in rehabilitation agencies and MSU-based scholarships, fellowships, and student loans.

Admission

Students are admitted for Fall Semester of each year. Applications are accepted through February 15 of the year in which admission is desired, or until available openings are filled.

Consideration is given to the applicant's previous academic and professional experience. There should be in each applicant's background a pattern of experience that supports his or her expressed desire to pursue advanced graduate studies in rehabilitation counseling. Appropriate evidence of such experience should be reflected in the applicant's letters of recommendation. The following are factors significant in determining ultimate acceptance as a candidate:

1. A bachelor's degree in an appropriate field from an accredited institution, with a grade point average of 3.00 (B) or better in the last two years of undergraduate study.
2. A written statement of academic goals and career objectives that is 1-2 pages single-spaced, typed in length and describes the applicant's professional goals as they relate to the MA program in Rehabilitation Counseling.
3. Three letters of recommendation, with at least two from professors and/or employers.
4. Scores from the Graduate Record Examination General Test if the applicant's grade point average is below 3.00.

For further program, application procedure, and admissions information see the MA Rehabilitation Counseling Program website at the following web address:

<http://ed-web3.educ.msu.edu/ord/futurestudents/prospectiveMA.htm>



DEPARTMENT OF COUNSELING, EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY AND SPECIAL EDUCATION

DEPARTMENT APPLICATION FOR GRADUATE SCHOOL ADMISSION
Rehabilitation Counseling

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PH.D. - DECEMBER 1.

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Application for: Fall Semester 20

Type or Print Legibly!

Ms. Mrs. Miss Mr. Last Name First Name Middle
PID (if previous MSU student) Birth Date

E-mail Address:

Permanent mailing address:

Phone (include international code)

Day:

Evening:

FAX:

Temporary (current) mailing address:

Phone:

Day:

Evening:

Last Date to receive mail at this address:

FAX :

Check program for which you are applying:

Rehabilitation Counseling (Fall admission only)
Ph.D.
M.A.

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Graduate Record Examination (GRE) – Date taken or planned: _____

Scores (if known): Verbal _____ Quantitative _____ Analytical _____

TOEFL Score (Total) _____ **(THIS IS A REQUIREMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS)**

Do you have a teaching certificate? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, subject area and level: _____

Current work experience: _____

Degrees earned (or in progress)

<u>Institution and location</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Field of Study-Major/Minor</u>	<u>Date earned/expected</u>
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Undergraduate GPA last 2 years: _____ Overall Undergraduate GPA: _____ Overall Graduate GPA: _____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED:

(Please use this as a personal checklist)

___ University Admissions Application

Application Fee: \$50.00

___ Departmental Application

**___ Written Statement of Academic Goals
and Career Objectives**

1-2 pages single-spaced, typed

___ Two (2) official copies of transcripts

From all previous institutions attended. These must be sent directly from the institution; please contact the Registrar's Office at the institutions you attended for appropriate procedures and fee information.

___ Three Letters of Recommendation

Must be submitted on letterhead stationery of recommender's school or company.

___ Graduate Record Examination

Information on testing may be obtained from the:

MSU Counseling Center
Testing Office
207 Student Services Building
East Lansing, 517-355-8385

___ Vita or Resume

List professional experience, awards, honors, publications, presentations, professional affiliations, and professional development activities.

___ Writing Sample

A writing sample is required for all Ph.D. and Ed.S. programs; however, is NOT required for the MA Rehabilitation Counseling Program

PLEASE SEND ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TO:

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