

REHABILITATION COUNSELOR EDUCATION, PH.D.

The Ph.D. program in rehabilitation counselor education prepares graduates to serve as university professors in rehabilitation counseling and closely related academic programs. The program is a leader in preparing Ph.D. professionals who go on to serve in teaching, research, and program administration at universities throughout the US and internationally.

Through a rigorous program combining scholarly inquiry with opportunities for university level teaching practice and applied internship practice, students gain outstanding research, leadership and professional skills. Employment opportunities following graduation include public and private educational, rehabilitation, and mental health agencies, colleges and universities, and research settings. Further evidence of the quality and recognition of the graduate programs at the University of Wisconsin–Madison is provided by the current number one ranking of the rehabilitation counseling program by *U.S. News & World Report*.

Faculty members work closely with doctoral students on research projects including the PROMISE grant, several Rehabilitation Research and Training Centers, and technical assistance projects focused on promoting evidence-based practices in vocational rehabilitation and program evaluation. In addition, faculty routinely involve students in a full array of professional activities. These may include serving as editors or editorial board members for journals, preparing materials for litigation involving civil rights violations of persons with disabilities, preparing research and training grant applications, preparing training materials, and involvement in clinical cases.

Financial support is available to qualified graduate students and may include scholarships, traineeships, teaching assistantships, and research/project assistantships.

ADMISSIONS

Please consult the table below for key information about this degree program's admissions requirements. The program may have more detailed admissions requirements, which can be found below the table or on the program's website. Graduate admissions is a two-step process between academic programs and the Graduate School. **Applicants must meet** the minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/>) **of the Graduate School as well as the program(s)**. Once you have researched the graduate program(s) you are interested in, apply online (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/>).

Requirements	Detail
Fall Deadline	January 1
Spring Deadline	January 1
Summer Deadline	This program does not admit in the summer.
GRE (Graduate Record Examinations)	Required.*

English Proficiency Test Every applicant whose native language is not English or whose undergraduate instruction was not in English must provide an English proficiency test score and meet the Graduate School minimum requirements (<https://grad.wisc.edu/apply/requirements/#english-proficiency>).

Other Test(s) (e.g., GMAT, MCAT) *Miller Analogies Test accepted as alternative to GRE.

Letters of Recommendation Required 3

Complete application information is available on the program website (<http://rpse.education.wisc.edu/rpse/programs/graduate-degree-programs/rehabilitation-psychology-graduate-program/application-admission-m-s-m-a/>).

Applicants are expected to meet general requirements for admission to the Graduate School. The following factors will be considered by the admissions committee: aptitude for doctoral-level study, relevance of prior academic work and career goals, stated goals for doctoral study, employment history, potential success in forming effective counseling relationships, respect for cultural differences, evidence of writing and research skill, letters of recommendation, and scores on the Graduate Record Examination (GRE).

FUNDING

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Resources to help you afford graduate study might include assistantships, fellowships, traineeships, and financial aid. Further funding information (<https://grad.wisc.edu/funding/>) is available from the Graduate School. Be sure to check with your program for individual policies and restrictions related to funding.

PROGRAM RESOURCES

Prospective students should see the program website (<http://rpse.education.wisc.edu/rpse/programs/funding-and-financial-aid/>) for funding information.

REQUIREMENTS

MINIMUM GRADUATE SCHOOL REQUIREMENTS

Review the Graduate School minimum academic progress and degree requirements (<http://guide.wisc.edu/graduate/#policiesandrequirements>), in addition to the program requirements listed below.

MAJOR REQUIREMENTS

MODE OF INSTRUCTION

Face to Face	Evening/Weekend	Online	Hybrid	Accelerated
Yes	No	No	No	No

Mode of Instruction Definitions

Accelerated: Accelerated programs are offered at a fast pace that condenses the time to completion. Students are able to complete a program with minimal disruptions to careers and other commitments.

Evening/Weekend: Courses meet on the UW–Madison campus only in evenings and/or on weekends to accommodate typical business schedules. Students have the advantages of face-to-face courses with the flexibility to keep work and other life commitments.

Face-to-Face: Courses typically meet during weekdays on the UW-Madison Campus.

Hybrid: These programs combine face-to-face and online learning formats. Contact the program for more specific information.

Online: These programs are offered 100% online. Some programs may require an on-campus orientation or residency experience, but the courses will be facilitated in an online format.

CURRICULAR REQUIREMENTS

Requirements Detail

Minimum Credit Requirement	66 credits beyond the Master's degree
Minimum Residence Credit Requirement	33 credits beyond the Master's degree
Minimum Graduate Coursework Requirement	33 credits must be in graduate-level coursework; courses with the Graduate Level Coursework attribute are identified and searchable in the university's Course Guide (http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle (http://my.wisc.edu/CourseGuideRedirect/BrowseByTitle)).
Overall Graduate GPA Requirement	3.50 GPA required for formal admission to the program.
Other Grade Requirements	The Graduate School requires an average grade of B or better in all coursework (300 or above, not including research credits) taken as a graduate student unless conditions for probationary status require higher grades. Grades of Incomplete are considered to be unsatisfactory if they are not removed during the next enrolled semester.
Assessments and Examinations	Formal admission to doctoral study Preliminary examinations Dissertation final oral committee examination
Language Requirements	No language requirements.
Doctoral Minor/Breadth Requirements	All doctoral students are required to complete a minor of at least 9 credits.

REQUIRED COURSES

Meet requirements of master's-level content in basic psychology, statistics and research design, rehabilitation counselor education core, assessment, intervention, disability and human behavior, and supervised experience.

66 post-master's graduate degree credits to include:

Code	Title	Credits
Understanding Behavior		
COUN PSY/RP & SE/ PSYCH 729	Advanced Social Psychology	3
ED PSYCH 533	Thinking, Feeling, & Learning	3
ED PSYCH 542	The Biological Basis of Behavior	3
RP & SE/COUN PSY/ ED PSYCH 736	Seminar in Psychology of Individual Differences	3
Measurement, Statistics and Research Design		
ED PSYCH 760	Statistical Methods Applied to Education I	3
ED PSYCH 761	Statistical Methods Applied to Education II	3
ED PSYCH 771	Test Construction	3
RP & SE 940	Rehabilitation Counselor Education - Supervised Research	3
RP & SE 985	Advanced Methodologies in Disability & Rehabilitation Research	3
3 cr. Advanced Course in Measurement, Design, Statistics, or Qualitative Methods selected in consultation with major advisor and approved by Rehabilitation Counselor Education faculty; examples include Regression Analysis, Advanced Measurement, Research Design, Qualitative Research Methods		3
Rehabilitation Counselor Education Theory and Research Core		
RP & SE 870	Rehabilitation Counselor Education - Assessment Theory & Research	3
RP & SE 903	Rehabilitation Counselor Education - Psychosocial Theory & Research	3
RP & SE 983	Rehabilitation Counselor Education - Leadership & Professional Issues	3
RP & SE 984	Rehabilitation Counselor Education - Counseling Theory & Research	3
Other Core Courses in Rehabilitation Counselor Education and Rehabilitation Counseling Practice		
RP & SE 735	Legal & Ethical Bases of Counseling	3
RP & SE 920	Rehabilitation Counselor Education - Counseling Supervision	3
RP & SE 930	Rehabilitation Counselor Education - Teaching	3
RP & SE 980	Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling - Advanced Assessment Practice	3
Practicum and Internship		
RP & SE 900	Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling - Supervised Practicum III	3
RP & SE 945	Internship in Rehabilitation Counselor Education I	3
RP & SE 955	Internship in Rehabilitation Counselor Education II	3
Minor		9
Minimum 9 credits		
Dissertation		
RP & SE 990	Research or Thesis	3

POLICIES

GRADUATE SCHOOL POLICIES

The Graduate School's Academic Policies and Procedures (<https://grad.wisc.edu/acadpolicy/>) provide essential information regarding general university policies. Program authority to set degree policies beyond the minimum required by the Graduate School lies with the degree program faculty. Policies set by the academic degree program can be found below.

MAJOR-SPECIFIC POLICIES

PRIOR COURSEWORK

Graduate Work from Other Institutions

With program approval, students are allowed to count graduate coursework from other institutions. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission to a doctoral degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

UW–Madison Undergraduate

No credits taken as an undergraduate are allowed to count toward the post-master's credits for the degree.

UW–Madison University Special

With program approval, students are allowed to count no more than 15 credits of coursework numbered 300 or above taken as a UW–Madison University Special student toward the minimum graduate degree credit requirement; those courses numbered 700 level or above taken as a UW–Madison University Special student may count toward the minimum graduate coursework (50%) requirement. Coursework earned ten or more years prior to admission to a doctoral degree is not allowed to satisfy requirements.

PROBATION

The Graduate School regularly reviews the record of any student who earned grades of BC, C, D, F, or Incomplete in a graduate course (300 or above), or grade of U in research credits. This review could result in academic probation with a hold on future enrollment or in being suspended from the Graduate School. The Rehabilitation Counselor Education program maintains a higher satisfactory progress standard than the Graduate School. This program requires a cumulative GPA of 3.5 for formal admission to doctoral candidacy. Students are placed on probation if they do not maintain a 3.5 cumulative GPA and may be dismissed from the program.

ADVISOR / COMMITTEE

Students are assigned a faculty advisor upon admission to the program.

CREDITS PER TERM ALLOWED

15 credits

TIME CONSTRAINTS

Doctoral students have five years from the date of passing the preliminary examination to take the final oral examination and deposit the dissertation.

A candidate for a doctoral degree who fails to take the final oral examination within five years after passing the preliminary examination

is required to take another preliminary examination and be admitted to candidacy a second time.

Deposit of the doctoral dissertation in the Graduate School is required.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

These resources may be helpful in addressing your concerns:

- Bias or Hate Reporting (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/bias-or-hate-reporting/>)
- Graduate Assistantship Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/policies/gapp/#grievance-procedure>)
- Hostile and Intimidating Behavior Policies and Procedures (<https://hr.wisc.edu/hib/>)
 - Office of the Provost for Faculty and Staff Affairs (<https://facstaff.provost.wisc.edu/>)
- Dean of Students Office (<https://doso.students.wisc.edu/>) (for all students to seek grievance assistance and support)
- Employee Assistance (<http://www.eao.wisc.edu/>) (for personal counseling and workplace consultation around communication and conflict involving graduate assistants and other employees, post-doctoral students, faculty and staff)
- Employee Disability Resource Office (<https://employee disabilities.wisc.edu/>) (for qualified employees or applicants with disabilities to have equal employment opportunities)
- Graduate School (<https://grad.wisc.edu/>) (for informal advice at any level of review and for official appeals of program/departmental or school/college grievance decisions)
- Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>) (for class harassment and discrimination, including sexual harassment and sexual violence)
- Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards (<https://conduct.students.wisc.edu/>) (for conflicts involving students)
- Ombuds Office for Faculty and Staff (<http://www.ombuds.wisc.edu/>) (for employed graduate students and post-docs, as well as faculty and staff)
- Title IX (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/titleix/>) (for concerns about discrimination)

Any student who feels that they have been treated unfairly by a faculty or staff member has the right to complain about the treatment and to receive a prompt hearing of the grievance, following these grievance procedures. The complaint may concern course grades, classroom treatment, program admission, or other issues. To insure a prompt and fair hearing of any complaint, and to protect both the rights of the student and the person at whom the complaint is addressed, the procedures below are used in the School of Education.

The person whom the complaint is directed against must be an employee of the School of Education. Any student or potential student may use these procedures unless the complaint is covered by other campus rules or contracts. The following steps are available within the School of Education when a student has a grievance:

1. The student should first talk with the person against whom the grievance is directed. Most issues can be settled at this level. If the complaint is directed against a teaching assistant, and the student is not satisfied, the next step would be to talk to the TA's supervisor, who is usually the course professor. If the complaint is not resolved satisfactorily, the student may continue to step 2.

2. If the complaint does not involve an academic department, the procedure outlined in Step 4 below should be followed. If the complaint involves an academic department, the student should contact the chair of the department. The chair will attempt to resolve the problem informally. If this cannot be done to the student's satisfaction, the student may submit the grievance to the chair in writing. This must be done within 60 calendar days of the alleged unfair treatment.
3. On receipt of a written complaint, the chair will refer the matter to a departmental committee, which will obtain a written response from the person at whom the complaint is directed. This response shall be shared with the person filing the grievance. The chair will provide a timely written decision to the student on the action taken by the committee.
4. If either party is not satisfied with the decision of the department, they have five working days from receipt of the decision to contact the dean's office (at the number below), indicating the intention to appeal. If the complaint does not involve an academic department in the school, the student must contact the dean's office within 60 calendar days of the alleged unfair treatment.
5. In either case, there will be an attempt to resolve the issue informally by the associate dean. If this cannot be done, the complaint can be filed in writing with the dean's office. This must be done within 10 working days of the time the appealing party was notified that informal resolution was unsuccessful.
6. On receipt of such a written complaint, the associate dean will convene a subcommittee of the school's Equity & Diversity Committee. This subcommittee may ask for additional information from the parties involved and may hold a hearing at which both parties will be asked to speak separately. The subcommittee will then make a written recommendation to the dean of the School of Education who will render a decision. Unless a longer time is negotiated, this written decision shall be made within 20 working days from the date when the grievance was filed with the dean's office.

Questions about these procedures can be directed to the School of Education Dean's Office, 377 Education Building, 1000 Bascom Mall, 608-262-1763.

State law contains additional provisions regarding discrimination and harassment. Wisconsin Statutes 36.12 reads, in part: "No student may be denied admission to, participation in or the benefits of, or be discriminated against in any service, program, course or facility of the system or its institutions or center because of the student's race, color, creed, religion, sex, national origin, disability, ancestry, age, sexual orientation, pregnancy, marital status or parental status." In addition, UW–System prohibits discrimination based on gender identity or gender expression. Students have the right to file discrimination and harassment complaints with the Office of Compliance (<https://compliance.wisc.edu/>), 361 Bascom Hall, 608-265-6018, uwcomplianceoffice@wisc.edu.

OTHER

n/a

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

GRADUATE SCHOOL RESOURCES

Take advantage of the Graduate School's professional development resources (<https://grad.wisc.edu/pd/>) to build skills, thrive academically, and launch your career.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

1. Articulates research problems, potentials, and limits with respect to theory, knowledge, or practice within the field.
2. Formulates ideas, concepts, designs, and/or techniques beyond the current boundaries of knowledge within the field.
3. Creates research, scholarship, or performance that makes a substantive contribution to the field.
4. Communicates complex ideas in a clear and understandable manner.
5. Demonstrates breadth within their learning experiences in the doctoral program in rehabilitation psychology.
6. Shares knowledge and research in the field with students in a clear and engaging manner; effectively communicates with students within and outside of class; advances contributions of the field to society.
7. Participates in public and professional service.
8. Serves as a model of ethical and professional conduct. Promote the ethical and professional conduct of researchers, educators, and practitioners of rehabilitation psychology and rehabilitation counseling.

PEOPLE

Faculty:

Rehabilitation Psychology:

Malachy Bishop, David Rosenthal, Susan Smedema, and Timothy Tansey

Special Education:

Zhe An, Aydin Bal, Bonnie Doren, Melinda Leko, Andrea Ruppap, Beverly Trezek, and Kimber Wilkerson

For more information about faculty in the Rehabilitation Psychology and Special Education Department, see: <https://rpse.education.wisc.edu/rpse/people/faculty> (<https://rpse.education.wisc.edu/rpse/people/faculty/>)

ACCREDITATION

Council on Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (<https://www.cacrep.org/>) (CACREP)

Accreditation status: Accreditation. Next accreditation review: 2027

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE DISCLOSURE (NC-SARA)

The United States Department of Education requires institutions that provide distance education to disclose information for programs leading to professional certification or licensure about whether each program meets state educational requirements for initial licensure or certification. Following is this disclosure information for this program:

The requirements of this program meet Certification/Licensure in the following states:

Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming; District of Columbia; American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands

The requirements of this program do not meet Certification/Licensure in the following states:

Not applicable

The requirements of this program have not been determined if they meet Certification/Licensure in the following states:

Not applicable