

REHABILITATION PSYCHOLOGY, B.S.

Rehabilitation Psychology is the academic home to many students interested in the health or helping professions. Rehab Psych students enjoy working with people with disabilities. They gravitate toward psychology and other coursework in the social sciences.

In this major students learn how to promote and support the independence and full inclusion of people with disabilities in employment and the community. Various types of disabilities examined in the major include physical, mental, intellectual, emotional, and developmental disabilities. Graduates are prepared to provide quality entry-level general services in a variety of community settings, including advocacy, behavioral support, independent living, and supported employment.

Many students go on to complete graduate programs in rehabilitation counseling, mental health counseling, occupational therapy, physical therapy, nursing, special education, social work, and other human services and health professions.

The Rehabilitation Psychology program emphasizes course work in the following areas:

- Psychology and educational psychology
- Sociology and social work
- Rehabilitation services and community supports for individuals with disabilities
- Biological, psycho-social, and vocational aspects of working with individuals with disabilities
- Positive psychology and health promotion for individuals with disabilities
- Working collaboratively with community agencies advocating and supporting individuals with disabilities

The culminating experience in the degree program is the community-based internship. Students complete six credits of internship working with agencies that serve individuals with disabilities. Graduates receive a Bachelor of Science degree with a major in Rehabilitation Psychology.

Visit the departmental website (<http://rpse.education.wisc.edu/>) to view the program handbook (<https://rpse.education.wisc.edu/current-students/forms/>), learn more about internship opportunities and guidelines, and what current students have to say (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?list=PL9F9013685146C73A&v=Zu0u1MOjvB4&feature=youtu.be>) about the program.