Rehabilitation Counseling

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It is the Mission of the Rehabilitation Counseling Program to provide the training and education that prepares Rehabilitation Counselors to become fully competent, dedicated, and effective professionals, who embrace and practice the following core values:

People with disabilities share all of the rights, privileges, and responsibilities enjoyed by all members of society and shall be treated as full and equal participants in society without regard to type or degree of disability.

When people with disabilities require or request assistance in order to achieve the rights, privileges, and responsibilities afforded by society, that assistance will be provided by a qualified, conscientious, and dedicated provider who promotes informed choice, empowerment, and the integrity of the individual.

In addition to being guided by the Mission Statement listed above, the Program has adopted and advocates for practices that follow the Code of Professional Ethics for Rehabilitation Counselors, adopted by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification, effective January 1, 2002. All Rehabilitation Counseling Program faculty and staff strive to conduct themselves in a manner that is consistent with this Code, while encouraging and educating students to do the same.

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program at Minnesota State Mankato has been offered at the Master’s degree level since 1959, with its first graduate completing the program in 1960. The department also offers undergraduate courses which serve as prerequisites for the graduate programs.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

REHB 110W (3) Sensitivity to Disability
Promotes an understanding of the impact of physical and mental disabilities on people in their daily lives through in-class contacts and exercises with and about persons with disabilities.
Fall, Spring
GE-1C, GE-7 CD-Core

REHB 410 (3) Introduction to Independent Living
Introduction to independent living services and philosophy is presented. Students will attend labs at selected sites.
Variable

REHB 424 (3) Rehabilitation of the Chemically Dependent
Exploration and development of research and entry level skills in diagnosis, treatment planning, service provision, and after-care with chemically dependent persons, particularly those with co-existing physical and mental conditions.
Fall
CD-Related

REHB 435 (3) Disability Legislation/Advocacy and Independent Living
Disability legislation and the implications for the practice of independent living and empowerment of persons with disabilities will be presented from a self and systems advocacy perspective.
Variable
CD-Core