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## DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION COUNSELING

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Founded in 1955, the Department of Rehabilitation Counseling serves as a national leader in the professional preparation of licensed professional counselors and certified rehabilitation counselors who will exercise skill and competence on a high technical and ethical level. Department faculty conduct active programs of research and service and maintain high levels of teaching competence. In partnership with students, community agencies and consumer and professional organizations, the department endeavors to enhance the personal, social and economic well-being of the clients they serve, regardless of disability or other life circumstances.

The Department of Rehabilitation Counseling is fully accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. The purpose of accreditation is to promote the effective delivery of rehabilitation services to people with disabilities by fostering ongoing review and improvements of rehabilitation education programs. With more than 2,000 alumni, the department also enjoys solid relationships with many community organizations that serve as excellent sites for clinical training.

## **Faculty adviser**

Every student must have a faculty adviser to guide the student regarding course selection and scheduling, to supervise his/her research and to act as a channel of communication with the department, to other departments and to the Graduate School. When the student receives notification of admission to the department, it is his/her responsibility to contact the faculty adviser to plan the program of study. Students consult with faculty advisers on a regular basis to ensure orderly progress through the entire program of study, choose clinical placement sites, select electives and plan their careers.

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Master of Science in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling.

- Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in clinical mental health counseling (https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/rehabilitation-counseling/rehabilitation-counseling-ms-clinical-mental-health-conc/)
- Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling, Master of Science (M.S.) with a concentration in clinical rehabilitation counseling (https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/rehabilitation-counseling/rehabilitation-counseling-ms-clinical-rehab-conc/)

Students who complete the requirements for the below will receive a Certificate in Professional Counseling.

 Professional Counseling, Certificate in (Post-master's certificate) (https://bulletin.vcu.edu/graduate/school-allied-health-professions/rehabilitation-counseling/professional-counseling-certificate/)