

Master of Science in Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling

South Dakota State University

Overview

- The MSRC program was established at South Dakota State University in 2006.
- It has been accredited by CORE since 2008.
- The mission of the MSRC is to prepare professionals to facilitate the social and economic independence of persons with physical and psychiatric disabilities.
- Graduates have found employment in state rehabilitation offices, mental health centers, supported employment programs, community-based vocational programs, schools, and other commercial and nonprofit organizations.

Present MSRC Enrollment

- Traditional students 9
- SDVR employees 4
- NDVR employees 2
- Total enrollment 15

MSRC is a 48 Credit Hour Program

Core Requirements

• CHRD 601	Intro. to Professional Issues & Ethics I	1
• CHRD 602	Research and Evaluation in Counseling	3
• CHRD 610	Developmental Issues in Counseling	3
• CHRD 661	Theories of Counseling	3
• CHRD 701	Professional Issues & Ethics II	1
• CHRD 731	Multicultural Counseling & Human Relations	3
• CHRD 736	Appraisal of the Individual	3
• CHRD 742	Career Counseling	3
• CHRD 755	Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning	4
• CHRD 766	Group Counseling	3
• CHRD 785	Pre-Practicum	3
• CHRD 786	Counseling Practicum (minimum 100 hours)	3

Specialty Requirements

• CHRD 751	Overview of Rehab & Mental Health Counseling	3
• CHRD 752	Medical and Psychosocial Aspects of Disability.	3
• CHRD 773	Case Management Principles & Plan Development	3
• CHRD 794	Counseling Internship (minimum 600 hours)	6
Total		48

Program Faculty

- Dr. Jay Trenhaile, Ed.D., Department Chair (.15 fte)
- Dr. Alan Davis, CRC, Professor (1.0 fte)
- Dr. Stacy Born, Professor (.15 fte).
- Dr. Andrea Bjornstad, Professor (.15 fte).
- Dr. Kristine Ramsey-Seaner, Professor (.15 fte).
- Dr. William Briddick, Assistant Professor (.15 fte).
- Dr. Hande Briddick, Assistant Professor (.15 fte).

Program Advisory Committee

- SDSU maintains an active relationship with a Program Advisory Committee charged with providing input and guidance. The Advisory Committee is comprised of persons with disabilities, Native Americans, students, state vocational rehabilitation administrative and supervisory personnel, rehabilitation and mental health counselors, and university faculty.
- The Directors of South Dakota Vocational Rehabilitation and South Dakota Blind and Low Vision Services are members of the Program Advisory Committee. In this capacity, they keep South Dakota State University informed of its relevance to the state and local Rehabilitation program needs on a continuous basis.

MSRC Advisory Committee Members

- Weiss, Eric, SD Division of Rehabilitation Services
- Mattke, Gaye, SD Division of SBVI
- Grimme, Bernie, SD Division of Rehabilitation Services
- Clifford, Burdette, Sinte Gleska University Human Services Department
- Buboltz, Sylvia, SD Department of Rehabilitation Services
- Backer, Dawn, SD Division of SBVI
- Rosenboom, Ron, Black Hills Special Services Coop
- Mack, Ann, SD Division of SBVI
- Ruesink, Michelle, Military and Family Life Consultants
- Wek-Visker, Tricia, Advance, Inc.

Distance Education

- MSRC initiated online coursework in the Fall 2007. Participation in the program leading to a Masters degree is a condition of employment on all newly hired counselors in South Dakota VR who do not already possess this qualification.
- The educational results have been excellent, and have not detracted from the capacity of the program to fulfill regular objectives and responsibilities. The student response has been highly positive. A primary feature of CORE accreditation is the emphasis on partnership between Rehabilitation Education programs and State VR agencies. Regional administrators of RSA have indicated enthusiastic approval of distance education, and view it as consistent with their most recent directives.

Distance Delivery – Rehabilitation Program

Fall 2017 (6 credits)

CHRD 602 – Research

CHRD 751 – Overview of Rehabilitation

Spring 2018 (4 credits)

CHRD 601 – Intro

CHRD 752 – Medical and Psych Aspects

Summer 2018 (6 credits)

CHRD 723 – Family

CHRD 742 – Career

Fall 2018 (6 credits)

CHRD 713 – Administration

CHRD 736 – Appraisal

Spring 2019 (6 credits)

CHRD 610 – Development

CHRD 661 – Theories

Summer 2019 (6 credits)

CHRD 731 – Multicultural

(2 weeks in June)

Fall 2019 (5 credits)

CHRD 701 – Ethics

CHRD 755 – Clinical Diagnosis

Spring 2020 (6 credits)

753 – Case Management

692 – Psychopharm

Summer 2020 (6 credits)

CHRD 766 – Group Counseling

CHRD 785 – Prepracticum

Fall 2020 (3 credits)

Practicum

Spring 2021

Internship

Summer 2021

Internship

Rehabilitation Services Administration

- RSA provides grants to colleges and universities for scholarship assistance to students in rehabilitation counseling.
- Students who receive scholarships are required to "pay back" their scholarship through employment in support of the public rehabilitation program. The student is expected to work two years for every year of full-time scholarship received.
- Presently, the MSRC administers a U.S. Department of Education Long Term Training Grant: Rehabilitation Counseling, 5-year period.

Council on Rehabilitation Education

The MSRC is a Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) accredited program. CORE's purpose is to meet the personnel needs of rehabilitation agencies by providing graduates who have the skills, knowledge, and attitudes necessary to provide rehabilitation counseling services to individuals with physical, mental, and/or emotional disabilities. An accredited RCE Program:

- Provides a standard level of competency for counselors;
- Assures professionals are maintaining their knowledge base and skills.

Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification

- CRCC sets the standard for rehabilitation counseling services in the U.S. and Canada. Students are eligible to take the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam when they complete 75% of their course work. CRC certification is the nationally recognized credential in the field of rehabilitation counseling.
- Promulgates a code of ethical practice,
- Demonstrates that certified individuals meet acceptable national standards,
- Establishes a standard level of competency for employee hiring and evaluation,
- Provides employers with counselors who specialize in working with persons with a range of disabling conditions, and
- Acknowledges counselor preparation and education.

Consumer Satisfaction Assessment

- MSRC works with SBVI to identify instructional content and strategies that promote employment of persons with disabilities. VR consumer satisfaction feedback is used as a primary source for the on-going improvement of the MSRC program.
- Program faculty consult with SBVI staff during and after distribution of survey instruments and conduct analysis of survey data. Program staff produce a report with graphic presentation of VR consumer satisfaction data which protect the privacy rights of individual VR consumers.
- To obtain a valid interpretation of the survey results, program faculty participate in consultation with the SBVI Advisory Council and the MSRC Program Advisory Committee. Recommendations from these groups are used in making decisions concerning updating and improvement of the MSRC curriculum.