**Supervising Interns from San Diego State University’s**

**General Rehabilitation Counseling**

**Rehabilitation Counseling Program**

**Program Description**

The MS in Rehabilitation Counseling Program (RCP) is situated within the College of Education at San Diego State University (SDSU) and prepares graduate students to work competently with individuals with disabilities. The program has two tracks; the General Rehabilitation Counseling (GRC) track prepares students to work in vocational rehabilitation counseling and postsecondary education settings with individuals who have a wide range of disabilities. The Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling (CLRC) track which provides training in disabilities including mental illness and substance use disorders. Graduates are prepared to work in vocational rehabilitation and mental health settings. Both tracks prepare students for the National Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) credential, the gold standard in rehabilitation counseling. According to U.S. News and World Report, the RCP ranks fourth among rehabilitation counseling programs in the nation and is one of SDSU’s top-ranking programs.

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program has been accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP) since 2017. It is the only counseling program at SDSU with a specific focus on disability and vocational rehabilitation. In addition to in-depth study of individuals with disabilities, the medical, psychological, and social aspects of having a disability, and the systems within which individuals with disabilities are served, the program includes training in vocational rehabilitation, counseling, advocacy, and community living. Rehabilitation counseling coursework includes a range of topics that are crucial to the quality of life for people with disabilities such as job development, career planning, human development, counseling theories and methods, group work, motivational interviewing, and multicultural sensitivity.

**CACREP Accreditation**

CACREP accreditation provides evidence of the quality of training that rehabilitation counseling students receive. Accreditation assures an enriched faculty-to-student ratio, appropriate professional training in counseling, and rigorous academic standards. According to the CACREP website:

The vision of CACREP is to provide leadership and to promote excellence in professional preparation through the accreditation of counseling and related educational programs. As an accrediting body, CACREP is committed to the development of standards and procedures that reflect the needs of a dynamic, diverse, and complex society. CACREP is dedicated to encouraging and promoting the continuing development and improvement of preparation programs and preparing counseling and related professionals to provide services consistent with the idea of optimal human development.

**Benefits of Supervising Our Students**

General Rehabilitation Counseling students are work-ready, steeped in the most current knowledge and practices in the field, and prepared to provide competent assistance to busy rehabilitation counselors. Our program has had a long-term relationship with the Veterans Administration (VA), the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), the Regional Center, the San Diego Community College District, and many other vocational rehabilitation and postsecondary education worksites throughout San Diego and California.

Our students provide supervisors with the following benefits:

* Qualified caseload assistance
* An opportunity to craft the counselors of the future
* Access to current theory and practice
* Prospects for future employment

**Supervisor Requirements**

* Masters or Doctoral Degree
* Post-graduate credential such as the CRC
* Two years pertinent counseling experience
* Completion of our self-directed training

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