San Diego State University

Department of Administration, Rehabilitation, and Postsecondary Education

Rehabilitation Counseling Program

**Program Outcomes**

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program (RCP) at San Diego State University is fully accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) through 2021/2022 ([www.core-rehab.org](http://www.core-rehab.org)). The program admits both part-time and full-time students and has both a distance and on-campus program. The RCP admits approximately 25 new students each fall with the next cohort of on-campus students having started in the on-campus program in Fall 2016. A total of 29 students were admitted to the on-campus program in Fall 2016 and a total of 30 students were admitted to the distance program in Fall 2015/Spring 2016. Student outcomes are evaluated each year on a variety of different metrics that are part of the overall program evaluation.

In Spring 2017, there were 72 full-time students in the on-campus program, 28 non-white students, 10 students with disabilities, and 4 part-time students. For the distance program in Spring 2017, there were 25 full-time, 0 part-time, 8 non-white, and 2 students with disclosed disabilities.

The five December 2016 graduates in the on-campus program had an average GPA of 3.69.. In August 2016, 3 graduates from the on-campus program had a 3.76 GPA.

Several RCP graduates are in the process of obtaining the requisite credentials needed to obtain licensure as a professional counselor. Students pursuing the California Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) credential must take courses and complete learning experiences that are outside of the RCP. Students pursuing the LPCC are required to enroll in the RCP’s Concentration in Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and Clinical Mental Health. The concentration was initiated in Fall 2014.

The data below provides passing scores on the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam for the following periods:

Period Students Pass Rate % Graduates Pass Rate %

10/21/12 100% (9 of 9) 100% (1 of 1)

10/21/12—7/20/13 90% (18 of 20) 67% (4 of 6)

7/20/13 80% (8 of 10) no examinees

10/12/13-7/19/14 57% (8 of 14) 88% (7 of 8)

3/15/14 50% (2 of 4) 57% (4 of 7)

10/11/14 75% (6 of 8) 100% (2 of 2)

3/13/15 63% (10 of 16) 100% (2 of 2)

7/18/15 70% (7 of 10) 67% (2 of 3)

The following information provides student retention rate information for the Fall 2014 through the Fall 2016 semesters for the on-campus program. The on-campus program only enrolls new students in the Fall semesters. The information provided includes the number of new students enrolled and the number that either graduated, are continuing, or dropped out for each respective cohort.

Fall 2014:

* On-campus: 23 enrolled, 2 graduated, 21 are continuing, and 0 dropped out.

Fall 2015:

* On-campus: 23 enrolled, 0 graduated, 18 are continuing, 4 dropped out, and 1 was disqualified.

Fall 2016

* On Campus: 29 enrolled, 0 graduated, 29 are continuing and 0 dropped out

For the distance program, information is presented on our most recent cohort, CDER Fall 2015.

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| **Term** | **Enrolled** | **Continuing** | **Graduated** | **Dropped out** |
| CDER Fall 2015/Spring 2016 |  30 | 25 | 0 | 5 |

The average time needed to complete the RCP degree is two and half to three years of full-time graduate study. SDSU defines full time graduate enrollment as more than six units, which typically means taking three or more classes in a semester. The cost to attend full-time for the 2016-2017 AY is $8350, which includes tuition and fees. For both full-time and part-time study in the on-campus program, international and out-of-state students also are required to pay an additional tuition fee of $372.00 per unit. The SDSU Office of Admissions estimates that off-campus food and housing costs are $13,379 for AY 2016-2017. Complete cost projections can be found at <http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/costs.html>. Per California State University policy, all international graduate students must obtain health insurance. SDSU offers a health insurance program which SDSU estimates to be $1354 for the 2016-2017 AY. Further information on international graduate student costs can be found at <http://arweb.sdsu.edu/es/admissions/international/fees.html>. The distance program tuition is $467 per unit, or $28,200 for the entire 60-unit program. The per unit tuition is the same regardless if the student is or is not a California resident.

The RCP has four long-term training grants available through the Rehabilitation Services Administration, which is part of the United States Department of Education. One long-term training grant (in its 2nd year of funding) provides funding to students employed by the California Department of Rehabilitation (DOR) or another State Vocational Rehabilitation agency. Stipends are available for distance and on-campus students. Four stipends of $3472.37 each are provided to students between October and September. The second long-term training grant program in its 2nd year provides 9 stipends of $1034.43 each between October and September during the academic year and it emphasizes advanced counseling skills and relationship with employers. Students are expected to do their practicum and internship training with DOR. Stipends are available for on-campus and distance students. The 3rd long-term training grant (in its 3rd year) focuses on students receiving practicum and internship training with the DOR or other State Vocational Rehabilitation agencies that express a specific interest in pursuing future employment with a State Vocational Rehabilitation agency. It provides $9124.56 of stipend funding for students receiving stipend funding over the entire academic year. This stipend program also provides full out of state tuition and fee funding to 3 out of state students from Region IX areas not supported by a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling program. These areas include Nevada and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The stipend program funds students both in the on-campus and distance programs. The fourth grant (Psychiatric Rehabilitation Concentration & Certificate; currently in year 3), students receive stipends of $1187.67 in Fall 2016 and $1452.81 in Spring 2017. In order to be considered for funding, candidates must submit a two-to-three page statement explaining (1) why they are interested in psychiatric rehabilitation, (2) their experiences that qualify them to pursue this course of study, and (3) what they intend to do with the knowledge they obtain through the program. Students in the concentration are expected to complete all of the requirements for the Psychiatric Rehabilitation Certificate. They all complete the course of study leading to the LPCC as they are enrolled in the Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling and Mental Health Concentration. Funded students are required to engage in at least 2 sessions of psychotherapy each month. The SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships also makes available a variety of scholarships, loans, and grants that are available to RCP students. For future information, please visit <http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/fao/>

Employment information is provided for May 2016 and August 2016 graduates. The employment outcome data is combined for the on-campus and distance programs. Employment rates are reported for graduates with a known employment status.

May 2016 graduates:

* 9 of 11 graduates are employed (81% employment rate)
* Of those employed, the following are the employment settings:

--5--State Vocational Rehabilitation agency

--3--community college/university student disability services office

--1—non-profit agency

--3—unknown employment status

August 2016 graduates:

* 3 of 4 graduates are employed (75% employment rate)
* Of those employed, the following are the employment settings:

--2 State Vocational Rehabilitation agency

--1 non-profit

--1 unknown employment status

The RCP’s primary measure of comprehensive student learning is the comprehensive examination. Students also have the option of completing a portfolio or a Master’s thesis in lieu of the comprehensive examination.

Students admitted prior to Fall 2014 have the option of taking the CRC or the RCP’s comprehensive examination. Students admitted in Fall 2014 and after are required to take the CRC for the comprehensive examination option. Students that do not pass the CRC are allowed to take the essay portion of the RCP’s comprehensive examination as a make-up test. In December 2016, there were a total of 5 graduates. A total of 2 passed the CRC exam. Two students that didn’t pass the CRC passed the RCP’s comprehensive exam. One student chose not to take the CRC exam and passed the RCP comprehensive exam.