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Program Objectives
- To develop professional counselors committed to lifelong learning.
- To promote a thorough understanding of the ethics and standards of practice for rehabilitation counseling.
- To develop the student's understanding of the history and philosophy of rehabilitation counseling, including an understanding of the laws and policies related to disability issues.
- To develop the student's working knowledge of a full range of disabilities and their implications for living and working.
- To challenge students to examine counseling theories and practice, disability case management, and assessment from a multicultural perspective in individual, group, family and mental health counseling.
- To develop a student's values so they are consistent with practices that respect human dignity, support informed choice, and promote independent living.
- To learn theories of human development and growth in all areas including human growth across the life span, individual and family response to disability, and learning styles and strategies.
- To provide practical skills in job and transferable skills analysis, job development and placement, work site modifications, career counseling and development, and supported employment options.
- To expand the counseling and consultation skills of students to include working with families, groups, schools and employers for effective systems change.
- To acquaint students with research methodology to become intelligent consumers and creators of research.
- To enable students to develop collaborative relationships with individuals with disabilities for effective disability case management.

Curriculum
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