



M.A. in Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling



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Average Time to Completion:

3 years

Class Format:

In-person evening classes

Class Locations:

Warwick Campus



Become a Licensed Mental Health Counselor

This program is for students interested in pursuing a 60-credit master's degree that can lead to licensure as a mental health counselor upon completion of all academic and licensure requirements. Consistent with the mission of the University, the graduate program is committed to offering a professional program in counseling that encourages students to seek wisdom through study as well as service and to promote universal justice. Graduates will be able to seek employment in rehabilitation counseling and mental health counseling. The array of employment for graduates is vast, covering a wide spectrum of work with people who have disabilities, including those with mental health diagnoses.

This program is accredited and meets all the CACREP requirements and the requirements for licensure in R.I., Mass. and Conn. Faculty and instructors are comprised of full-time faculty as well as working rehabilitation counselors, clinical counselors and psychologists. We work closely with professionals in the field to insure we are providing our students with an up-to-date, hands-on education that prepares them to work with a variety of current rehabilitation populations in a vast array of settings.

Graduates of the program are eligible to sit for two national exams: The national Certified Rehabilitation Counselor examination through the CRCC, which establishes their professional expertise in rehabilitation counseling. And, the National Certification Counselor through the NBCC to become licensed as a mental health counselor. Students are expected to take the CRC exam upon graduation or during their final year in the program. Students are also expected to take the NBCC qualifying exam as soon as they are eligible to apply upon completion of the M.A. degree.

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Admission Requirements

Individuals with a bachelor's degree in any undergraduate major from a regionally accredited college or university (or an equivalent degree from an accredited institution outside of the United States) may apply to this program. Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package.

Application materials are submitted online at salve.edu/grad. There is no fee to apply. Salve Regina University evaluates the total application package; you must submit the following to be considered:

- Completed graduate application
- Official transcripts from each college/university attended
- Personal statement
- Two professional letters of recommendation
- Resume

About Salve Regina University

Salve Regina is an independent coeducational institution. Since our founding by the Sisters of Mercy in 1934, we have grown to a community of more than 2,700 undergraduate and graduate students who proudly carry forward our mission of responsible citizenship and public service in their personal and professional lives. Salve Regina is fully accredited by the New England Commission of Higher Education (NECHE).

Program Objectives

Students graduate with a total of 1,300 clinical hours in rehabilitation and mental health counseling. Over the past 10 years, 98% of our students were employed in the counseling field before they graduated, or within several months of graduating.

Graduates of this program may be qualified to provide mental health services in federal programs serving veterans and have portability to clinical mental health professional licensure in other states. Currently, graduates of this program meet licensure requirements in Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Required Courses

RHB500: Research Methods.....	3 credits
RHB505: Foundations of Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling	3 credits
RHB508: Human Growth and Development	3 credits
RHB509: Counseling and Personality Theory	3 credits
RHB513: Couples and Family Counseling.....	3 credits
RHB516: Group Process.....	3 credits
RHB520: Practicum and Seminar I: Motivational Interviewing.....	3 credits
RHB527: Substance Abuse Counseling and Rehabilitation	3 credits
RHB535: Career Development and Counseling	3 credits
RHB540: Medical and Psychological Aspects of Disability	3 credits
RHB542: Evaluation and Assessment.....	3 credits
RHB550: Vocational Rehabilitation, Case Management and Employment.....	3 credits
RHB601: Cross-Cultural Counseling.....	3 credits
RHB603: Psychopharmacology for Mental Health Professionals	3 credits
RHB605: Diagnosis and Assessment: DSM V and ICD 10	3 credits

Clinical Requirements

(Four courses/15 credits)

The clinical component includes four clinical experiences that emphasize acquiring and developing clinical counseling skills while meeting state licensure requirements. Upon completion of the four clinical courses, students will have received 900 hours of clinical experience in rehabilitation settings along with 400 hours of clinical experience in mental health settings. In addition, they will have received 120 hours of clinical supervision in the classroom.

RHB521: Rehabilitation Counseling Practicum & Seminar II	3 credits
RHB570: Rehabilitation Counseling Internship & Seminar.....	6 credits
RHB608: Advanced Internship II and Seminar in Mental Health: CBT	3 credits
RHB609: Advanced Internship II and Seminar in Mental Health: Trauma-Informed Care.....	3 credits



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