Rehabilitation Counseling Certificate, Cert

Department: Special Education and Rehabilitation Department
College: Emma Eccles Jones College of Education & Human Services

Overview

About This Degree

USU offers a post-graduate advanced certificate for the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification Category R, which is sometimes required by employers for those wishing to work as rehabilitation counselors. The certificate, which can be completed in one year, prepares students to sit for the CRC exam for national certification, which USU students pass at a 99% rate on the first attempt. This certificate and subsequent CRC certification allows professionals who have advanced degrees in areas other than rehabilitation counseling to become certified and move into a career as a vocational rehabilitation counselor.

Students pursing this certificate must already have a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in a designated area (see "What It Takes" tab). Students complete seven courses for a total of 18 credits, all of which are completed online through USU's Regional Campuses and Distance Education program.

Distance Education

The rehabilitation counseling certificate is only available online through USU's Regional Campuses and Distance Education program.

Career Options

This certificate and subsequent CRC certification can allow professionals who have advanced degrees in areas other than rehabilitation counseling to become certified as vocational rehabilitation counselors. They are employed in a variety of settings, including:

- Public sector
- Community rehabilitation
- University disability resource centers
- Veteran's Administration
- Independent living centers
- Mental health centers
- Addiction centers
- Insurance agencies
- Workers' compensation
- Private practice
- Litigation and forensic settings
- Workforce services and other human resource centers

What it takes

Admissions Requirements

Students who are interested in obtaining the certificate do not apply through the university's admissions office. Instead, students should contact the Special Education and Rehabilitation Department, which will review their qualifications and admit students to the program.

To be eligible for the certificate program, applicants must have a master's, specialist, or doctoral degree in one of the following areas:

- Behavioral health
- Behavioral science
- Disability studies
- Human relations

- Human services
- Marriage and family therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Psychology
- Psychometrics
- Rehabilitation
- Social work
- Special education
- Vocational assessment/evaluation

Students must also have at least 36 months of acceptable employment experience, including a minimum of 24 months under the supervision of a certified rehabilitation counselor.

Admissions Deadlines

Applications for the program are accepted year-round.

Financial Assistance

The cost for the entire program is $6,768 or $376 per credit hour. No financial assistance is available at this time.

Program Requirements

Click here to see course requirements for the **Certificate (G)**.

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Get Involved

Professional Organizations, Honor Societies, and Clubs

Utah Rehabilitation Association: The URA is a recognized chapter of the National Rehabilitation Association. It is a private, nonprofit organization with the goal of providing quality rehabilitation for persons with disabilities. USU has a student chapter of the URA.