Why rehabilitation counseling?
Our Rehabilitation Counseling program prepares students to work with individuals who face barriers to community participation and employment. Rehabilitation counselors support people who have disabilities to reach their goals and find fulfilling employment. Our program is ranked #1 in New England by U.S. News & World Report.

Program options
Students can select between two tracks within the Rehabilitation Counseling program: clinical rehabilitation or vocational rehabilitation.

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling focuses on evidence-based interventions, including psychiatric rehabilitation principles and practices, motivational interviewing, and the IPS (Individual Placement and Support) model, to facilitate employment for individuals with psychiatric disabilities.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling focuses on evidence-based practices to prepare graduates to work for state/federal rehabilitation services or community rehabilitation programs with individuals with a variety of disabilities.

Success rate
- 95% of our graduates find employment as rehabilitation counselors.
Typical work settings

- State/federal vocational rehabilitation agencies
- Veterans Administration
- Community-based programs for people with specific disabilities, such as mental health disabilities, intellectual disabilities, autism, or brain injury
- Outpatient agencies
- Residential treatment facilities
- Schools
- Insurance companies

Our mission

The Rehabilitation Counseling Program at UMass Boston develops professionals who can advance educational access and economic and social participation for people with disabilities. This mission is accomplished by helping prepare practitioners, scholars, and leaders to promote inclusion in diverse settings and with varied populations at the local, state, national, and/or international level.

Two tracks with hands-on training

Our students complete a practicum and an internship related to their chosen program track: clinical rehabilitation counseling, or vocational rehabilitation counseling. In combination with our rigorous coursework, this prepares them to enter the job market with real work experience and excel in their field.

Flexible delivery

Our program is flexible, and accommodates a variety of student schedules and obligations. Courses may be completed online or on the UMass Boston campus. Two classes require practice and demonstration of counseling skills, and are usually completed during one week on the UMass Dartmouth campus in the summer.

Certification and licensing

Our graduate program is jointly accredited through the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) and the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP). All graduates are eligible to sit for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) exam.

As graduates of a CACREP-accredited clinical rehabilitation counseling and mental health counseling program, students who complete the clinical track will have met the educational requirements to seek licensure as a mental health counselor in Massachusetts.

A public university in a prime location

UMass Boston is the only public university in Boston, and has the most diverse student body in the region. The campus has views of Boston’s harbor, and is connected to the arts, culture, and scholarship of the city via public transportation.

Funding

UMass Boston represents excellence in teaching and research at an incredible value. The cost of attendance is moderate. Our program also offers a number of Rehabilitation Services Administration scholarships and graduate assistantships.

Questions?

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