

Graduate School Tip Sheet

Introduction

Per the Montana VRBS Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) Agreement, you must complete coursework that qualifies you to sit for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor exam administered by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CRCC). Once you are qualified to sit for the exam, taking it is optional. Please see the CSPD agreement.

For those not yet qualified to sit for the exam, a thorough review of graduate school programs and scholarship information is necessary. This tip sheet is a summary of information to help guide you through the process. However, since information can change, **it is the responsibility of the employee/student to verify both academic requirements and scholarship information directly with their program of choice.** Also, please be aware that schools administer RSA scholarship funds differently. Some schools pay tuition, fees and a stipend while others only pay tuition and fees. Regardless, it is important that the school has RSA scholarship funds to cover tuition for the student's **entire** program. Please be sure to confirm all information.

Instructions

- 1. Gather your transcripts.**
- 2. Determine your CRCC Eligibility Category:** Compare your transcripts to the CRCC [eligibility categories](#) listed on the CRCC site to determine which category you qualify under.
- 3. Select a graduate program:** Review the graduate programs listed below to determine which will best suite your needs. It is strongly suggested that you visit the websites of each program as well as contact the program directly with questions to ensure that you have an accurate understanding of the most current requirements and scholarship availability.
- 4. Complete your CSPD Agreement:** Consult your supervisor and the VRBS Quality Assurance Officer when completing the agreement.

Master's Degree Programs

The following programs can assist you in meeting the education requirements for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor credential under CRCC eligibility category one.

Auburn University

Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling Online Option

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes, for year two

Virginia Commonwealth University

Master's in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

- Program length: 2 or 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

University of Wisconsin-Stout

M.S. Rehabilitation Counseling

- Program length: 2 or 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

George Washington University

Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 48 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

St. Cloud State University

Rehabilitation Counseling (M.S.)

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 48 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

San Diego State University

Rehabilitation Counseling Program

- Program length: 2.5 to 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

University of Arkansas Little Rock

Rehabilitation Counseling Program

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes
- Not current accepting new students as of 8-20-21

Illinois Institute of Technology

Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling (M.S.)

- Program length: 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

University of Alabama

MA in Rehabilitation Counseling

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

Assumption University

Rehabilitation Counseling

- Program length: 2 or 3 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes, covers 27 of 60 credits

Albany State University

Counselor Education, Master of Education

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 60 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

Winston-Salem University

Rehabilitation Counseling

- Program length: 2.5 to 3 years
- Total credits: 63 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes

UMASS Boston

Rehabilitation Counseling (MS)

- Program length: 2 years
- Total credits: 61 graduate credits
- RSA scholarship available: Yes