DIVISION OF CLINICAL REHABILITATION AND MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING (GRAD)

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The Division of Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling (DCRMHC) of the Department of Allied Health Sciences offers a two-year graduate program leading to the master of science degree.

The graduate courses offered in clinical rehabilitation and mental health counseling present and discuss theoretical constructs and their application to clinical practice; study the biopsychosocial complexity of disability within rehabilitation contexts; examine professional role and identity within ethical guidelines of practice; stimulate critical, analytical, and creative thought; and prepare students for professional rehabilitation and mental health counseling practice, including specialty settings for people with developmental and/or psychiatric disabilities.

Mission

The mission of the DCRMHC is to serve the people of North Carolina by educating rehabilitation counselors and mental health counselors with the knowledge and expertise to provide services to our citizens with disabilities with an emphasis on those with psychiatric and/or developmental disabilities. The mission is based on the fundamental belief in the dignity and worth of all people and the rights of people with disabilities to live self-determined lives in inclusive communities of their choice. The DCRMHC seeks to educate rehabilitation and mental health counselors who use the counseling relationship and skills to work collaboratively with individuals to maximize functional capacity, productive and independent living skills, and quality of life, and to provide access to and manage personalized services to support the unique needs and preferences of each individual, his or her family, and community. Fundamental to this is a focus on the whole person—psychological, vocational, spiritual, and physical aspects—as well as family, social, work, and community relationships. The division seeks to educate rehabilitation and mental health counselors who possess the knowledge, critical thinking abilities, commitment to independent learning and scholarship, vision, and courage required to forge new models of community practice to address the diverse needs of the individuals with disabilities now and in the future.

In carrying out this mission the faculty of the division has the obligation to acquire, discover, preserve, synthesize, and transmit knowledge; to be models of professional leadership; and to create a culture of educational excellence that will nurture students’ intellectual and ethical development. Students have the responsibility to fully engage in an educational process of research, free inquiry, and personal responsibility and to become foremost practitioners, scholars, researchers, and leaders in the profession of rehabilitation counseling.

The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is recognized nationally and internationally as a leading center of scholarship, research, and creative work with a mission to serve the people of North Carolina and the nation. The mission of the University’s Division of Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling is to contribute actively and substantively to this tradition.

Objectives

Graduates of the program will

1. Effectively apply current best practices in rehabilitation and mental health counseling within a community-inclusion model
2. Accurately assess the rehabilitation preferences and needs of people with disabilities and work in partnership with consumers to provide the appropriate rehabilitation counseling, mental health counseling services, and supports needed
3. Acquire specific knowledge and skills to address the counseling and case management needs of people with disabilities, with particular emphasis on strategies and techniques for serving people with psychiatric and developmental disabilities
4. Work collaboratively with professionals, family members, community providers, employers, and agency policy and decision makers to achieve optimal rehabilitation outcomes for people with disabilities
5. Engage in a process of lifelong learning, collaboration, and collegiality as part of ongoing professional development as rehabilitation and mental health counselors
6. Have the necessary leadership, business, and management and public policy skills to assume leadership roles in the practice and the profession of rehabilitation counseling and mental health counseling.
7. Promote and support consumer empowerment and self-advocacy of people with disabilities

Students must successfully complete 62 semester hours of required coursework; submit and defend an approved master’s thesis, paper, or project; and complete an approved practicum and internship (within the chosen specialization).

Requirements for Admission

- A bachelor’s degree from an accredited college or university
- A grade point average of B (3.0 on a 4.0 scale) or better in the area of the major
- Submission of Graduate Record Examination (GRE) scores combined of 1000 or greater (or two areas of quantitative, verbal, or writing scores at the 50th percentile)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Completion of the application supplement for Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling within The Graduate School application
- Program admission questions
- Personal statement

Professor

Eileen J. Burker, Behavioral Medicine/Health Psychology; Religiosity, Spirituality, and Quality of Life Associated with Heart and Lung Transplantation; Psychological Aspects of Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation; Vocational Functioning in Individuals with Chronic Medical Conditions
Associate Professor


Assistant Professors

Dara Chan, Community Integration and Resource Use, Measures of Environmental Accessibility, Disability and Homelessness, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Spatial Analysis
Eniko Rak, Health Literacy, Self-Efficacy and Health Management Behaviors and Their Impact on Employment in Individuals with Chronic Illness and Disability

Clinical Professor

Gregory Olley, Developmental Disabilities, Intellectual Disability and the Criminal Justice System, Behavior Problems Associated with Developmental Disabilities

Clinical Assistant Professor

Judy Schmidt, Psychiatric Disability, Youth Mental Health and Leadership

Adjunct Faculty

W. Leigh Atherton, Substance Abuse, Dual Diagnosis and Motivational Interviewing
Michael P. Griffin, Tests and Measurements, Assessment
Terra L. Rose, Psychiatric Disabilities, Severe and Persistent Mental Illness, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Clinical Supervision

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Graduate-level Courses

CRMH 700. Foundations of Clinical Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. 3 Credits.
This course will cover topics germane to the history and philosophy of rehabilitation. Students will obtain an overview of the field, its consumers, and methods of service delivery.

CRMH 702. Theories of Counseling Applied to Rehabilitation. 3 Credits.
An introduction to the traditional theories of individual and family counseling. Emphasis on application of theories to persons with disabilities, ethics, and multicultural awareness.

CRMH 704. Medical Aspects of Rehabilitation. 3 Credits.
Functional, psychological, vocational, familial, social, and sexual aspects of medical disabilities. Includes the human body system and medical terminology. Focus on assistive technology and functional capacity.

CRMH 706. Tests and Measurement in Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling. 3 Credits.
This course is an overview of the selection, administration, and interpretation of major assessment tools. Emphasis is on persons with mental illness or developmental disabilities.

CRMH 708. Career Development and Employment: Counseling Persons with Disabilities. 3 Credits.
This course will cover career development and counseling with emphasis on community integration in vocational and leisure pursuits of persons with disabilities, particularly those with mental illness and developmental disabilities.

CRMH 710. A Multicultural Perspective of Developmental Counseling through the Lifespan. 3 Credits.
A multicultural perspective of developmental theories and counseling through the lifespan will be covered with overall themes of positive development, resiliency, and healthy life transitions of persons with disabilities.

CRMH 712. Fundamentals of Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling Diagnosis & Practice with People. 3 Credits.
An introduction to diagnosing clients with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Focus is on best practice treatment and the vocational, social, and familial implications of living with a DSM disorder. Requisites: Prerequisites, CRMH 700 and 702.

CRMH 714. Principles of Group Counseling in Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling. 3 Credits.
Strategies and techniques in developing and implementing groups in counseling. Attention to group counseling with persons with disabilities, specifically those with mental illness and developmental disabilities.

CRMH 716. Case Management, Rehabilitation Services, and Resources. 3 Credits.
Emphasis on leadership in all aspects of person-centered service coordination to include interdisciplinary and multi-agency effectiveness, knowledge of community organization and resources, service, and support options.

CRMH 718. Co-Occurring Disorders in Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling. 3 Credits.
This course covers counseling with those who have co-occurring psychiatric and developmental disorders with substance abuse.

CRMH 800. Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling Research & Program Evaluations. 3 Credits.
Research methods, evidence-based practice, and ethical, legal, and cultural issues related to research and evaluation. Covers basic statistics, library research for rehabilitation-related information, proposal development, and grant writing. Requisites: Prerequisites, CRMH 700 and 702.

CRMH 802. Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling Research & Program Evaluations. 5 Credits.
Required preparation, all rehabilitation counseling and psychology first-year didactic courses. Direct experience with clients/patients in varied service delivery settings.

CRMH 805. Evidence-Based Practices in Psychiatric Rehabilitation. 3 Credits.
Introduces the range of evidence-based practice and new effective models for treating individuals with severe and persistent mental illness demonstrated through levels of evidence empirically. Requisites: Prerequisite, CRMH 818.

CRMH 806. Applied Counseling Skills in Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling. 5 Credits.
Designed to teach foundational counseling skills that will enable students to begin counseling. Focus on counseling individuals with mental illness and developmental disabilities. Includes ethics and multicultural awareness.

CRMH 810. Internship in Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling: Sections 1 and 2. 10 Credits.
Internship is a 640 hour (40 hours/week,16 weeks) clinical experience designed to provide students with opportunities to apply theoretical and clinical skills in a rehabilitation setting.
CRMH 814. Intro to Clinical Rehab & Mental Health Counseling with People with Developmental Disabilities. 3 Credits.
Historical perspective, description, diagnoses, classification, etiology, patterns of functioning, current best practices with focus on RCP service delivery and community support; day-in-the-life component included.

CRMH 816. Evidence-Based Counseling Practices with People with Developmental Disabilities. 3 Credits.
Prepares students for counseling practice with persons with developmental disabilities; focuses on achievement of person-centered, independent community life.

CRMH 818. Evidence-Based Counseling Practices with People with Psychiatric Disabilities. 3 Credits.
Prepares students for RCP practice with persons with psychiatric conditions; introduces the range of evidence-based practice and effective models for treatment of this population.

CRMH 822. Marriage, Couple & Family Counseling in Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling Practice. 3 Credits.
Prepares students for clinical rehabilitation and mental health counseling with families of persons with psychiatric and developmental disabilities. Family and couples counseling theory, research and practice will be covered.
Requisites: Prerequisite, CRMH 702.

CRMH 890. Special Topics in Clinical Rehabilitation & Mental Health Counseling. 1-3 Credits.
Faculty-mentored independent study to pursue specific interests and topics.

CRMH 992. Master's (Non-Thesis). 3 Credits.
Individual work by a student (supervised by faculty) to explore an area of interest in a research paper, program development, or a professional project.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit.

CRMH 993. Master's Research and Thesis. 3 Credits.
Individual research supervised by a faculty member in a special field of study.
Repeat rules: May be repeated for credit.