

#### **University of Texas at El Paso**

#### **Master of Rehabilitation Counseling**

#### Department of Counseling, Special Education, and Educational Psychology (CSEP)

**College of Education (COE)** 

Program Outcomes & Analysis

**Annual Summary Report** 

2022-2023

The Master of Rehabilitation Counseling (MRC) Program at The University of Texas at El Paso engages in continuous student and program evaluation (CACREP, 2016) each year. Each October, after data from the previous academic year (AY) are collected and analyzed, a comprehensive report is distributed to the College of Education (COE) Dean's office. This report is an overall program evaluation, considering data across all areas presented in the CACREP standards. From the overall program evaluation, faculty review and generate an annual summary report in October and set goals for the current (ongoing) academic year. This report is carefully reviewed by faculty and decisions are made to determine and guide curricular and program changes. The recommendations for change are sought from the Department Chair of CSEP and the Dean of the College of Education (COE).

In October, the Annual Summary Report is distributed to the Dean of the College of Education. External constituencies (e.g., site supervisors, employers, program graduates, advisory committee) are informed of the availability of the data on the MRC website. Current students, stakeholders, prospective students, and the general public are also invited to review the data findings on the MRC program website.

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#### The mission of the MRC Program is:

To graduate well-qualified individuals who have the knowledge, skills, attitudes, and cultural competence required for professional service as rehabilitation counselors in order to promote community inclusion, independent living, and quality of life for persons with disabilities.

#### **Program Objectives**

- 1. Graduates of the program will identify the MRC Program as being supportive of the needs of adult learners. Further, graduates will demonstrate the capacity to work collaboratively with other professionals toward accomplishing the rehabilitation goals of persons with disabilities.
- 2. Graduates of the program will be able to recognize and address their attitudes and those held by others in society and effectively enact change in those barriers.
- 3. Graduates of the program will possess the knowledge and skills to serve in a variety of agencies to meet the needs of those service providers.
- 4. Graduates of the program will learn to use their skills to assist the human resource needs of employers as a compatible and necessary aspect of employment advocacy for persons with disabilities.
- 5. Graduates of the program and current students must recognize and contribute toward the solution of problems that reflect the structure and attitudes of society through service on community boards and volunteer activities.
- 6. Graduates of the program and current students should clearly and enthusiastically identify themselves as members of the profession of rehabilitation counseling and professional organizations in rehabilitation counseling.
- 7. Graduates of the program should recognize that the ultimate responsibility for life decisions belongs to the consumer with a disability and promote independence and autonomy.

# **Master of Rehabilitation Counseling Program**

60 credit-hour Program (AY 2022-2023)

## Faculty (AY 2022-2023)

Core Faculty	Rank
Veronica Estala, Ph.D., CRC (2021, University of Wisconsin Madison,	Assistant Professor of
Rehabilitation Counselor Education)	Instruction
Chuling Lo, Ph.D., CRC (2013, University of Iowa, Rehabilitation and	Assistant Professor of
Counselor Education)	Instruction

# Degree awarded and the completion rate

		# of Graduates who	# of Graduates who	
Semester/Year	# of MRC Graduates	Completed within Three	Completed within Four	
		Years of Study	Years of Study	
Fall 2022	9	9 (100%)	9(100%)	
Spring 2023	5	4 (80%)	5 (100%)	
Summer 2023	2	1(50%)	2 (100%)	

# **Applicants**

		Fall 2022		Spring 2023			
Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
Hispanic	4	0	4	2	1	3	
African	1	1	2	0	0	0	
American							
White	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	
International	0	0 0		0	0	0	
Other	2	0	2	0	0	0	
Total	7	1	8	3	1	4	

SOURCE: Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research, and Planning (CIERP) at UTEP

## **Enrolled Students**

		Fall 2022		Spring 2023			
Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	
Hispanic	18	11	29	11	10	21	
African	3	2	5	3	2	5	
American							
White	2	1	3	2	1	3	
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	
International	1	0	1	0	0	0	
Other	2	1	3	2	1	3	

Total	26	15	41	18	14	32

SOURCE: Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research, and Planning (CIERP) at UTEP

## **Graduates**

	Fall 2022			Spring 2023			Summer 2023		
Ethnicity	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total
Hispanic	5	3	8	1	3	4	2	0	2
African	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
American									
White	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Internatio	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
nal									
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	6	3	9	1	4	5	3	0	3

SOURCE: Center for Institutional Evaluation, Research, and Planning (CIERP) at UTEP

## MRC program comprehensive exam pass rate

Semester/Year	# of MRC Students Took Comps	# of Students Passed Comps
Fall 2022	8	8 (100%)
Spring 2023	2	2 (100%)
Summer 2023	3	3 (100%)

# Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) examination pass rate

Semester/Year	# of MRC Students Took CRC Exam	# of Students Passed CRC Exam
Fall 2022	3	1 (33%)
Spring 2023	4	3 (75%)
Summer 2023	2	0

Note. National pass rate 59%-63% https://www.crccertification.com/crc-exam-overview

# Job placement rate

Semester/Year	# of MRC Graduates	# of graduates who were Employed within 180 Days of Graduation	Employer
Fall 2022	9	6	Community Provider, PRIDE
			Industry, Texas Workforce
			Commission, Enjoy Your
			Life, California VR

Spring 2023	5	pending	Texas Workforce
			Commission, Enjoy Your
			Life
Summer 2023	3	pending	NM DVR

# Employer survey (11 responses to date)

	Exceed	s		Meets	Needs		Ina	adequate
	Expectati			ectations	Improven			
The overall level of preparedness	3		•	8	0			0
to enter the field								
How would you characterize our	2		9		0		0	
students as counseling								
practitioners?								
To what extent do our students	3			8	0			0
act with sensitivity to diversity and								
social justice dimensions of								
counseling in their work with								
clients?								
Their use of research, ethics and	4			7	0			0
critical thinking to guide best								
practice	_							
Their openness to developing	5		6		0		0	
innovations in counseling practice								
that meet diversity concerns	_							
Their commitment to serving as an	5		6		0		0	
agent of organizational change								
(social justice) or client								
empowerment	3			7	1			0
Their ability to integrate biological,	3			/	1			
psychological and social interventions in their work with								
clients								
Their interest in fostering life-long	2			9	0			0
healthy development	2			9				O
Their holding of an ecological view	0	0 11		0			0	
of people in context (history,		0   11		11	U			
culture, social life)								
Cartare, Joelar IIIe,	Very		<u>.                                    </u>	Somewhat	Somewhat		. 6. 1	Very
	satisfied	Satis	sfied	satisfied	dissatisfied	Dissa	tisfied	dissatisfied
Rate your overall satisfaction with	8 3		3	0	0		)	0
your supervisee/employee who								
graduated from the MRC program								

# Graduates survey (46 responses to date)

Diversity and Inclusiveness	Mean score on the scale 1-4 (Compared with the previous report)
I experienced an inclusive and respectful learning environment in the Graduate School	3.67 (*)
My program prepared me to promote inclusive and/or therapeutic environment	3.50 (-)
My program prepared me to work effectively with diverse populations	3.45 (-)
Research-based Practice & Professional Standards	
My program prepared me to critically analyze and implement research-based practices	3.21 (-)
My program prepared me with appropriate professional knowledge	3.48 (-)
My program prepared me with appropriate professional skills	3.55 (-)
My program helped me to acquire appropriate dispositions (values, commitments, and professional ethics	3.57 (-)
Impact on Learning and Development	
My program prepared me to ensure all learners/clients succeed	3.4 (-)
My program prepared me to use technology to enhance learning and development	3.12 (+)
My program prepared me to influence policy and provide leadership in my field	3.26 (*)
Evidence-informed Decision Making	
My program prepared me to use evidence to solve problems of practice and to	3.43 (-)
make informed decisions	
My program taught me strategies to assess client/program progress	3.31 (*)
My program taught me strategies to analyze data for client/program improvement	3.26 (*)
Please rate your satisfaction on the technology and any technical support you	
receive while in the program if applicable	
The technology support from UTEP	3.31 (-)
Blackboard online course environment	3.38 (+)
Questions related to the Program Quality. Please report your level of satisfaction with the following aspects of the graduate program in which you were enrolled	
Effectiveness of the overall instruction in the program	3.29 (-)
Usefulness of program curriculum for my chosen professional role	3.29 (-)
Overall responsiveness of instructors	3.55 (-)
Convenience of the program schedule	3.57 (-)
Overall responsiveness of advisers	3.45 (-)
Depth of coverage of important subject areas	3.24 (-)
Overall quality of the program	3.40 (-)
Overall as a result of this program, how well prepared are you to work in your field	3.31 (+)
or in your chosen professional role?	
How likely would you be to recommend the MRC program at UTEP to a friend or	
family member if it were relevant to his/her interests?	
Very likely (23, 54.76%, $\downarrow$ ), likely (11, 26.19%, $\uparrow$ ), neutral (2, 4.76%, $\downarrow$ ), unlikely (1, 2.38%, $\downarrow$ ), very unlikely (5, 11.9%, $\downarrow$ )	

#### • Employment data from graduates' survey

Are you currently employed?	Yes (39, 92.86%, 个)	No, but actively seeking employment (2, 4.76% 个)	No, and I am not actively seeking employment (1, 2.38%, ↓)
Are you currently employed in a position for which you were educated at MRC program?	Employed in a field directly related to my graduate study at MRC program (23, 57.5%, ↓)	Employed in a field somewhat related to my graduate study at MRC program (13, 32.5%, 个)	Employed in a field not related to my graduate study at MRC program (4, 10.0%, ↓)
Did you obtain employment within 180 days of your graduation? (question added in 2019, 22 responses to date)	Yes (25, 89.29%, 个)	No (3, 10.71%,↓)	

# MRC key performance indicators (KPIs), learning outcomes & measures

### Core Area 1: Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethical Practice

KPI: Students will articulate ethical standards in counseling and apply ethical and legal considerations in counseling practice

Students will receive a minimum of 4 on a 5-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	ent Criterion	
Measure 1	REHC	Ethical case	Ethical case Students will articulate ethical 4	
	5300	discussions	standards in the case discussions	
Measure 2	REHC	Case	ase Students will apply the ethical	
	5390	Presentation	practice in their case presentations	

### Core Area 2: Social and Cultural Diversity

KPI: Students will demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and awareness of multicultural competency in working with a diverse population

Students will receive a minimum of 4 on a 5-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	Criterion	Results
Measure 1	EDPC	Diversity	Students will show the knowledge	<mark>3.89</mark>
	5346	exam	and application of multicultural	
			counseling	
Measure 2	REHC	Work	Students will demonstrate	4.0
	5330	Incentive	multicultural counseling skills in their	
		counseling	work incentive counseling script	
		script		

### Core area 3: Human Growth and Development

KPI: Students will identify physiological, psychological, and environmental factors that affect human development, functioning, and behavior

Students will receive a minimum of 4 on a 5-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	Criterion	Results
Measure 1	EDPC 5317	Final exam	Students will demonstrate an understanding of human development theories	3.41
Measure 2	REHC 5330	Media Project paper	Students will demonstrate the impact of disability on people's development	5.0

#### Core Area 4: Career Development

KPI: Students will demonstrate an understanding of the models of career counseling, and apply strategies for advocating for diverse clients' employment opportunities

Students will receive a minimum of 4 on a 5-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	Criterion	Results
Measure 1	REHC 5360	Career counseling theories presentation	Students will demonstrate an understanding of the career counseling models	Not offered in AY22
Measure 2	REHC 5330	Advocacy Project	Students will advocate for clients' employment opportunities with solid rationales	4.85

#### Core Area 5: Counseling and Helping Relationships

KPI: Students will demonstrate an understanding of the models of counseling, and the skills necessary to establish effective helping relationships.

Students will receive a minimum of 4 on a 5-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	Criterion	Results
Measure 1	EDPC	Quizzes	Students will demonstrate an	<b>3.77</b>
	5341		understanding of counseling models	
Measure 2	EDPC	Final exam	Students will apply fundamental	4.00
	5339		counseling skills to maintain rapport	
			with the role-play client	

#### Core Area 6: Group Counseling and Group Work

KPI: Students will demonstrate competency in preparing and facilitating group counseling.

Students will receive a minimum of 4 on a 5-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	Criterion	Results
Measure 1	EDPC 5338	Final exam	Students will receive 80% of the points	4.5
Measure 2	REHC 5990/5392	Lead a psychoeducational or counseling group	Students will effectively facilitate group sessions	5

#### Core Area 7: Assessment and Testing

KPI: Students will demonstrate assessment knowledge and skills

Students will receive a minimum of 4 on a 5-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	Criterion	Results
Measure 1	REHC	Individualized	Students will use assessment	Not offered
	5360	Plan for	information to help mock clients	in AY 2022
		Employment	identify employment goals	
Measure 2	EDPC	Assessment	Students will effectively conduct a	4.33
	5335	Interview	mock assessment interview	

#### Core Area 8: Research and Program Evaluation

KPI: Students will demonstrate an understanding of basic knowledge and terms in research and assessment

Students will receive a minimum of 3 on a 4-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

Students will receive a minimum of 80% points on quizzes (4 on a 5-point scale)

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	Criterion	Results
Measure 1	EDPC	Final exam	Students will receive 80% of the	<mark>3.8</mark>
	5310		points	
Measure 2	EDPC	Quizzes	Students will demonstrate an	<mark>2.6</mark>
	5335		understanding of the knowledge about	
			assessment	

### Specialty area: Clinical Rehabilitation Counseling

KPI: Students will demonstrate an understanding of psychiatric conditions and other medical conditions that cause disabilities

Students will receive a minimum of 80% points on quizzes (4 on a 5-point scale)

Students will receive a minimum of 4 on a 5-point scale in the faculty-designed rubric

#### AY 2022-2023

Measurement Point	Course	Assignment	Criterion	Results
Measure 1	REHC 5320	Quizzes	Students will demonstrate an understanding of the knowledge about different medical conditions that cause disabilities	4.9
Measure 2	REHC 5300	Professional identity paper	Students will demonstrate an understanding of the philosophy and trends of rehabilitation counseling	4.75

# Professional disposition review aggregate data

### Spring 2022

	Initial review Average ratings (10 students)	Pre-practicum review (2 students)	Pre graduation review (3 students)
I. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE			
a. Exhibits general alertness to and participation in class	4	3	4
activities			
<b>b.</b> Makes appropriate and knowledgeable contributions	4	4	4
to class discussions			
c. Prepares for class by reading and completing	4	4	4
assignments on time			
d. Adheres to expectations of academic integrity	4	4	4
II. INTRAPERSONAL FACTORS			
a. Displays personal insight and self-awareness	3.9	4	4

<b>b.</b> Identifies and expresses feelings appropriately	3.7	4	4
c. Demonstrates motivation and commitment to personal	4	3.5	4
growth			
III. INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS			
a. Demonstrates appropriate sensitivity and respect in	3.6	4	4
interactions with peers			
<b>b.</b> Displays appropriate decorum in interactions with the	3.6	4	4
instructor, peers, and other professionals			
c. Maintains appropriate emotional boundaries with	4	4	4
others			
IV. PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR			
a. Displays the interest, motivation, and commitment	3.8	3	4
necessary to complete the education and training to			
become a professional counselor			
<b>b.</b> Demonstrates the attitudes, skills, demeanor, and	3.7	4	4
maturity necessary to perform the duties of a			
professional counselor			
<b>c.</b> Exhibits awareness, concern, and, ability to adhere to	4	4	4
Ethical Standards			
d. respect and appreciate cultural difference	3.9	4	4
e. Seek, reflect, and respond to supervisory feedback in a	3.8	4	4
professional manner			
<b>f.</b> demonstrate emotional sensitivity, interpersonal	4	4	4
respect, and ethical manners with clients			
V. OVERALL EVALUATION			
Overall assessment of the student's status based on	3.8	3.5	4
observed academic, personal, interpersonal, and			
professional behaviors			

### Fall 2022

	Initial review Average ratings (2 students)	Pre-practicum review (7 students)	Pre graduation review (9 students)
I. ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE			
<b>a.</b> Exhibits general alertness to and participation in class activities	3.5	4	4
<b>b.</b> Makes appropriate and knowledgeable contributions to class discussions	4	4	4
<b>c.</b> Prepares for class by reading and completing assignments on time	3.5	4	4
d. Adheres to expectations of academic integrity	4	4	4
II. INTRAPERSONAL FACTORS			
a. Displays personal insight and self-awareness	4	4	4
<b>b.</b> Identifies and expresses feelings appropriately	4	4	4
<b>c.</b> Demonstrates motivation and commitment to personal growth	4	4	4

III. INTERPERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS			
a. Demonstrates appropriate sensitivity and respect in	4	4	4
interactions with peers			
<b>b.</b> Displays appropriate decorum in interactions with the	4	4	4
instructor, peers, and other professionals			
c. Maintains appropriate emotional boundaries with	4	4	4
others			
IV. PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR			
a. Displays the interest, motivation, and commitment	4	4	4
necessary to complete the education and training to			
become a professional counselor			
<b>b.</b> Demonstrates the attitudes, skills, demeanor, and	4	4	4
maturity necessary to perform the duties of a			
professional counselor			
<b>c.</b> Exhibits awareness, concern, and, ability to adhere to	4	4	4
Ethical Standards			
d. respect and appreciate cultural difference	4	4	4
e. Seek, reflect, and respond to supervisory feedback in a	4	4	4
professional manner			
f. demonstrate emotional sensitivity, interpersonal	4	4	4
respect, and ethical manners with clients			
V. OVERALL EVALUATION			
Overall assessment of the student's status based on	4	4	4
observed academic, personal, interpersonal, and			
professional behaviors			

# **Internship Evaluation**

Evaluation items	Average ratings
	(1-4)
III. Case Management Skills	
1. Reviews and documents client information and to maintain a current and	3.55
accurate case record.	
2. Compiles case information, summaries, and reports in a manner that others can	3.55
easily understand when	
reviewing the case.	
3. Coordinates appropriate services with other agencies involved in the client's	3.5
rehabilitation plan.	
4. Collaborates with other service providers to ensure that services are provided in	3.57
a timely manner.	
5. Consults with medical and other professionals regarding the functional	3.57
capacities, prognosis, and treatment plan of clients.	
IV. Employer Development/Job Placement	
1. Assists clients in developing job search skills.	3.44
2. Monitors clients' adjustment to employment to determine the appropriateness	3.62
of the job match and to determine the need for additional services.	

3. Provides employers with information on incentives to hiring individuals with	3.43
disabilities and information regarding clients' work skills and abilities.	
4. Utilizes labor market information to assist clients in choosing vocational goals.	3.6
5. Recommends modifications to the work site and job duties to accommodate a	3.6
client's functional limitations.	
6. Determines the level of intervention necessary for job placement (e.g., job club,	3.57
supported work, OJT).	
V. Counseling Skills	
1. Counsels clients to select jobs consistent with their abilities, interests, and	3.55
rehabilitation goals.	
2. Develops a therapeutic relationship characterized by empathy and positive	3.77
regard for the client.	
3. Adjusts counseling style or approach according to the client's cognitive and	3.77
personality characteristics.	
4. Identifies social, economic, and environmental forces that may adversely affect a	3.87
client's rehabilitation process.	

### Advisory board meeting summary

Counseling Programs Fall 2022 Annual Advisory Board Meeting Date: October 25, 2022

**I.** Open discussion and feedback for programs:

**Empowering Hands**-Case note documentation needs to be more positive, not attacking the client. Being more empathetic in notes. Certification by UNT was helpful. Need improvements in how to write notes that are easily understood.

**TWC**: Writing skills help counselors and are important in TWC. They also need to provide notes to the system. It is the state agency's expectation. Need to learn to document in a supportive way.

**TWC**: Students' expectation needs to be adjusted if they are going to work in TWC. TWC does not just provide counseling. TWC's work involves lots of case management and direct service. Practicum experience w/ job provider assisted in preparation for TWC

# **Summary of Evaluation Results**

Goals and Objectives	Evaluation	Results	
STUDENTS: Students enter the MRC	-Demographic and other	-The demographic	
Program with a range of educational	characteristics of applicants,	data shows the	
backgrounds, strengths, personal	students, and graduates	diversity of the	
experiences, gender, ethnicity, sexual	, 3	applicants, enrollment,	
orientation, and disability statuses.		and graduates (meet	
These differences between students can		objective.	
serve to promote diversity of thought in and out of the classroom. The Program	- Items in the graduate survey	objective.	
will support students in sharing their	_	2.67/4/maat	
experiences through collaborative	"I experienced an inclusive	-3.67/4 (meet	
learning processes. In addition, the	and respectful learning	objective)	
Program will offer training that builds	environment in the Graduate	0-0/11	
on students' strengths yet is flexible in	School of Education." "My	-3.50/4 (meet	
its delivery to meet students' life	program prepared me to	objective)	
demands.	promote an inclusive and/or		
Objective: Graduates of the	therapeutic environment."		
Program will identify the MRC	"My program prepared me to	-3.45/4 (meet	
Program as being supportive of the needs of adult learners.	work effectively with diverse	objective)	
Further, graduates will	populations."		
demonstrate the capacity to	- The employer survey, "To	-3.27/4 (meet	
work collaboratively with other	what extent do our students	objective)	
professionals toward	act with sensitivity to diversity		
accomplishing the	and social justice dimensions		
rehabilitation goals of persons	of counseling in their work		
with disabilities.	with clients?"		
PEOPLE WHO HAVE	-KPI evaluation of the REHC	-5/5 (meet objective)	
DISABILITIES: The graduate experience at UTEP will train students	5330 media project paper		
to help reduce potential sources of	- KPI core area #2: Social and	- <mark>3.89</mark> /5 (approaching	
prejudice or stereotyping. Throughout	Cultural Diversity, students	objective)	
academic and field-based education,	are evaluated by the final		
the importance of recognizing and	exam in EDPC 5346		
relating to clients as unique individuals	- Two items in the graduate		
will be stressed. The Program will also	survey "My program helped	-3.57/4 (meet	
seek to reduce attitudinal boundaries in	me to acquire appropriate	objective)	
students between "us" (the	dispositions (values,	,	
professionals) and "them" (the clients).	commitments, and		
Objective: Graduates of the	professional ethics," "My	-3.4/4 (meet objective)	
Objective: Graduates of the Program will be able to	program prepared me to	5, . (55t 55)556.We/	
recognize and address their	ensure all learners/clients		
attitudes and those held by	succeed."		
others in society and	Succeeu.		
effectively enact change in			
those barriers.			

REHABILITATION SERVICE PROVIDERS: Rehabilitation services are provided by public, federal, and private agencies. Each agency makes unique contributions to the goal of promoting community inclusion, opportunities, and quality of life in persons with disabilities. In addition to the training areas stipulated by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), the rehabilitation counseling profession requires rehabilitation counselors to be ethical service providers, effective case managers, professional writers, and proficient in time management.

> Objective: Graduates of the program will possess the knowledge and skills to serve in a variety of agencies to meet the needs of those service providers.

- Internship evaluation form section III case management skills. The items are 1. Reviews and documents client information and to maintain a current and accurate case record. 2. Compiles case information, summaries, and reports in a manner that others can easily understand when reviewing the case. 3. Coordinates appropriate services with other agencies involved in the client's rehabilitation plan 4. Collaborates with other service providers to ensure that services are provided in a timely manner. 5. Consults with medical and other professionals regarding the functional capacities, prognosis, and treatment plan of clients. - Graduate survey "My program prepared me with appropriate professional knowledge" and "My program prepared me with appropriate professional skills" - The employer survey "use of research, ethics and critical thinking to guide best

practice," "To what extent do

sensitivity to diversity and social justice dimensions of counseling in their work with clients?" "Their openness to

developing innovations in

diversity concerns."

counseling practice that meet

our students act with

- -3.55/4 (meet objective)
- -3.55/4 (meet objective)
- -3.5/4 (meet objective)
- -3.57/4 (meet objective)
- -3.57/4 (meet objective)
- -3.48/4 (meet objective)
- -3.55/4 (meet objective)
- -3.36/4 (meet objective)
- -3.27/4 (meet objective)
- -3.45/4 (meet objective)

EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS: The MRC Program recognizes that employers are also clients and partners in the vocational rehabilitation process by providing labor market opportunities for persons with disabilities. Thus, students are assisted throughout the Program to value and be able to initiate long-term, reciprocally beneficial relationships with employers. The perspective of employers is obtained in a variety of ways and incorporated in all aspects of the Program.

Objective: Students will learn to use their skills to assist the human resource needs of employers as a compatible and necessary aspect of employment advocacy for persons with disabilities.

ADVOCACY: Only when these systemic problems are addressed will life significantly improve for all people with disabilities. As such, graduates must be prepared to promote multilevel change.

Objective: Graduates must recognize and contribute toward the solution of problems that reflect the structure and attitudes of society through service on community boards and volunteer activities. - Internship evaluation form section IV Employer Development/Job Placement. The items are 1. Assists clients in developing job search skills.2. Monitors clients' adjustment to employment to determine the appropriateness of the job match and to determine the need for additional services. 3. Provides employers with information on incentives to hiring individuals with disabilities and information regarding clients' work skills and abilities. 4. Utilizes labor market information to assist clients in choosing vocational goals. 5. Recommends modifications to the work site and job duties to accommodate a client's functional limitations. 6. Determines the level of intervention necessary for job placement (e.g., job club, supported work, OJT) - KPI evaluation of REHC 5330 Assignment: Advocacy Project - The graduate survey "My

program prepared me to influence policy and provide leadership in my field"
-The employer survey "Their commitment to serving as an agent of organizational change social justice) or client empowerment", "Their holding of an ecological view of people in context (history, culture, social life)," and

"Their interest in fostering

-3.44/4 (meet objective) -3.62/4 (meet objective)

-3.43/4 (meet objective)

-3.6/4 (meet objective)

-3.6/4 (meet objective)

-3.57/4 (meet objective)

-4.85/5 (meet objective) -3.26/4 (meet

objective)

-3.45/4 (meet objective)

-3.0/4 (meet objective)

-3.18/4 (meet objective)

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	life-long healthy	
	development"	
PROFESSIONALISM: Students and	- Professional Disposition	
graduates should be committed to	evaluation form section IV	
supporting and advancing the field as	Professional Behavior. The	
well as their individual careers through	evaluation items are: a.	-4/4 (meet objective)
dedicated service, working	Displays the interest,	, , , , , ,
collaboratively with and gaining knowledge of other disciplines,	motivation, and commitment	
understanding the boundaries of one's	necessary to complete the	
own professional role, cultural	education and training to	
competence, lifelong learning, and	1	
ethical practice.	become a professional	4/4/2004 06:004:00
	counselor. <b>b.</b> Demonstrates	-4/4 (meet objective)
Objective: Graduates of the	the attitudes, skills,	
Program and current students	demeanor, and maturity	
should clearly and	necessary to perform the	
enthusiastically identify	duties of a professional	
themselves as members of the profession of rehabilitation	counselor. <b>c.</b> Exhibits	-4/4 (meet objective)
counseling and of professional	awareness, concern, and,	
organizations in rehabilitation	ability to adhere to Ethical	
counseling.	Standards <b>d.</b> respect and	-4/4 (meet objective)
	appreciate cultural difference.	
	e. Seek, reflect, and respond	-4/4 (meet objective)
	to supervisory feedback in a	
	professional manner. <b>f.</b>	-4/4 (meet objective)
	demonstrate emotional	., . (
	sensitivity, interpersonal	
	respect, and ethical manners	
	with clients	
	-Graduate survey "My	-3.57/4 (meet
	program helped me to	objective)
	acquire appropriate	
	dispositions (values,	
	commitments, and	
	professional ethics"	
		175/5 (most
	- REHC 5300 by using ethical	-4.75/5 (meet
	case discussions as well as	objective)
	professional identity papers.	
PARTNERSHIP: Rehabilitation	- Internship evaluation form	
counselors should view themselves as	section V Counseling Skills.	
partners in the rehabilitation process by	The items are 1. Counsels	-3.55/4 (meet
working together with service	clients to select jobs	objective)
recipients to define appropriate goals	consistent with their abilities,	Objective
and strategies.	· ·	
	interests, and rehabilitation	

Objective: Graduates of the
Program should recognize that
the ultimate responsibility for
life decisions belongs to the
consumer with a disability and
promote independence and
autonomy.

goals. 2. Develops a therapeutic relationship characterized by empathy and positive regard for the client. 3. Adjusts counseling style or approach according to the client's cognitive and personality characteristics. 4. Identifies social, economic, and environmental forces that may adversely affect a client's rehabilitation process. -The employer survey asks "Their ability to integrate biological, psychological and social interventions in their work with clients" -The graduate survey. " *My program taught me* strategies to assess client/program progress, "and "My program taught me strategies to analyze data for client/program improvement"

- -3.77/4 (meet objective)
- -3.77/4 (meet objective)
- -3.87/4 (meet objective)
- -3.0/4 (meet objective)
- -3.31/4 (meet objective)
- -3.26/4 (meet objective)

# Areas of Improvements

- 1. The application number is low. More recruitment efforts need to be made.
- 2. Alumni survey suggested stronger CRC exam preparation courses
- 3. Students need to improve documentation by documenting clients' information in a supportive and positive way.
- 4. CRC exam pass rate drops from 60% to 44.4%.
- 5. Students' KPIs in the human growth, multicultural counseling, research, and assessment class were not satisfactory.
- 6. Decreased employment rate.

### Goals for AY 2023 and Program Modifications

- 1. The program will be providing student recruitment in several aspects:
  - a. Student recruitment via student events (graduate fairs, on-campus activities, student affairs, etc.)
  - b. Faculty presentations in undergraduate courses for various undergraduate degree plans (psychology, social work, rehab sciences, health sciences, education, and liberal arts).
  - c. Email invites to eligible graduating students to open house presentations for MRC program
- d. Recruitment will be extended into areas outside of the El Paso community to include, New Mexico and Central Texas
- e. The two primary grants, RSA and BHWET will be presented during program recruitment to provide a thorough understanding of the importance of rehabilitation counselors
- f. To increase numbers by semester, the program will use prior student graduates in the field as presenters in the classroom to explain various skills used in the workplace

#### 2. CRC exam preparation

- a. Student organization will be hosting in-person CRC workshops prior to each scheduled exam date.
- b. Prior graduates with CRC offer online webinars and training to include pre-recorded sessions via YouTube
- c. Current students will have in-person class opportunities to sample CRC exam questions and answers
- 3. Improve students' documentation skills
  - a. Students will have an in-depth review during their clinical placements of case note documentation
  - b. Students will be provided with sample case notes to follow and use as a guideline for documentation purposes.
  - c. Students will have course assignments that align with case note documentation
  - d. Students will have in-depth training and sample documentation for courses

#### 4. Employment rate

- a. Faculty will encourage employment sectors outside of the general community
- b. Faculty will provide outreach in reference to employment in the rehabilitation counseling field
- c. Faculty will continue to provide job leads via email, social media channels, and prior students in the employment sector

- d. In-class presenters from employees in the current field will be used during classes
- 5. Improve students' knowledge of human growth and development, assessment, multicultural counseling, and research
  - a. Faculty will provide examples of satisfactory assignments for student reference
  - b. Curriculum will be redesigned to include more case studies and examples that are related specifically to rehabilitation counseling
  - c. Faculty will clarify the expectations to students