

# Counselor Education and Rehabilitation

## The Fields of Counselor Education

The Department of Counselor Education and Rehabilitation offers programs and master's degrees in the areas of counseling and rehabilitation. While the department offers several courses at the upper-division level, all degree/credential/license objectives require full post-baccalaureate standing. The programs utilize the services and facilities of community agencies and school districts mostly within the university service area.

## Degrees and Programs

**Counseling.** Two master's degrees are available in the field of counseling: the Master of Science in Counseling with three options (school counseling; student affairs and college counseling; and marriage, family, and child counseling) and the Master of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling.

The M.S. degree in Counseling with an option in school counseling and an option in student affairs and college counseling is a 48-unit program for individuals seeking advanced preparation for careers in school counseling (grades K-12) or student services in higher education. The M.S. in Counseling with an option in marriage,

family, and child counseling is a 60-unit program designed for persons who desire professional preparation for the practice of marriage and family therapy in agency or private settings. The M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling is a 60-unit program designed for those who desire to work in agency or private settings assisting persons with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities.

The Master of Arts in Education with an option in counseling and student services is designed for individuals seeking advanced preparation for careers within educational settings.

The Pupil Personnel Services Credential Program is a 48-unit program that prepares school counselors in grades K-12.

## Career Opportunities

**Counseling.** Completion of the Pupil Personnel Services Credential qualifies graduates to work as counselors in a K-12 public school setting.

Completion of the M.S. in Counseling with the option in marriage, family, and child counseling may qualify graduates for employment in private or agency counseling practices, county mental health programs,

employee assistance programs, drug and alcohol abuse centers, and hospital mental health settings. The M.S. in Counseling with option in marriage and family therapy fulfills the degree title requirements for the State of California Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT) License; the Board of Behavioral Sciences has additional requirements for this license. Since the M.S. in Counseling program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), students are qualified to take the National Certified Counselor Exam upon graduation. This national examination is being used as the written portion of the professional counselor licensing process in more than 35 states.

Completion of the M.A. in Education with an option in counseling and student services provides preparation for those seeking development for careers or professional positions in educational settings, social services, business, religious organizations, or other positions requiring knowledge in counseling and/or student services.

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### *Credential:*

*Pupil Personnel Services*

**M.S. in Counseling**

### *Options:*

*Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling*

*School Counseling*

*Student Affairs and College Counseling*

**M.S. in Rehabilitation**

**Counseling**

**M.A. in Education**

*Option: Counseling and Student Services*

### **Credentials:**

*Preliminary Level I and Professional Level II Education Specialist in Mild/Moderate and Moderate/Severe Disabilities*

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Persons completing the M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling may become employed in a variety of work settings including state and federal vocational rehabilitation programs, sheltered workshops, medical rehabilitation centers, private practice, drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation programs, county and private mental health programs, community college and university disabled student programs, employee assistance programs, and insurance company rehabilitation programs. Students in the M.S. in Rehabilitation Counseling program may, during their final semester of study, qualify to take the exam to become a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor.

This program is accredited by the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE). The program is ranked 24th in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*.

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