



RCP

HIGHLIGHTS & UPDATES



- The faculty members work to accomplish the program goals by providing a compendium of accredited courses, clinical site experiences, and distance learning arrangements that have proved to be efficacious in responding to current and anticipated personnel needs in the field of Rehabilitation Counseling.
- In all aspects of the RCP training program we seek to structure a balanced mix of theoretical and practitioner elements in the training curriculums.
- The CSU faculty members have developed a comprehensive state-of-the-art curriculum, clinical internships, and other field experiences. They also mentor each trainee in order to ensure that he or she is exposed to acceptable standards in terms of curricular and practitioner experiences.
- The RCP program is supported through a grant awarded to the Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from the Rehabilitation Services Administration. The scholarship is scheduled to end in 2015. The RCP plans to pursue funding as the opportunity becomes available.
- The RCP is designed in accordance with the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) requirements. The CSU program is fully accredited by CORE.
- CSU's Graduate Program in Rehabilitation Counseling, which his accredited by CORE, is designed to meet the following needs in the field of rehabilitation counseling:
 1. Specialized professional personnel in vocational rehabilitation who are able to provide high quality services to clients with disabilities, especially those with the most significant conditions.
 2. Developing rehabilitation counselors who are trained to address the multi-dimensional needs of clients from diverse backgrounds.
 3. Addressing human resources needs for vocational rehabilitation personnel in private and public rehabilitation settings.
 4. Providing increased professional development opportunities for human services personnel to upgrade their skills.
 5. Preparing vocational rehabilitation counselors to work in diverse settings.

- Students enter the RCP and complete their program on schedule.
- RCP students are able to gain employment with the Maryland State Division of Rehabilitation Services (DORS).
- RCP students become Certified Rehabilitation Counselors (CRC).
- The RCP has developed a structured internship and practicum with DORS.
- CSU has a fully-equipped Independent Living Laboratory that is utilized for practical training purposes for our RCP students.
- The RCP has a cooperative agreement with Baltimore City Public Schools and hosts the Transitioning Students Program at CSU. RCP students receive internship and practicum experiences from this program by providing independent living skills training to the transitioning students. Services and workshops are provided in the Independent Living Lab at CSU.
- The RCP has been awarded Employment Network status with the Social Security Administration's Ticket-to-Work Program. CSU is one of only two universities in the U.S. with this status. Rehabilitation counseling services are provided to SSA beneficiaries and RCP students receive practicum and internship experiences from this program, which operates in the Independent Living Laboratory at CSU and provides practicum and internship experiences for our students.
- The RCP has been awarded a grant through the Baltimore City Department of Aging to provide employment/training opportunities to senior citizens looking to maintain and develop marketable skills. Although the ultimate goal is matching skills with employment needs at CSU, the program also supports independent living by applying practical skills for seniors citizens to become active job seekers for suitable gainful employment. Additionally, the program benefits CSU by expanding and adding to the administrative structure at the university.
- The RCP has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with St. Peter's Adult Learning Center in Baltimore, MD to provide vocational, evaluation, and assessment services to their consumers. CSU's RCP Internship & Practicum students receive practical training experiences from this collaboration.
- The RCP offers the Post-Masters in Professional Counselor Licensure for those students seeking this professional status.
- Due to the RCP's growth, many of the courses now have two or more sections to accommodate the increased enrollment.

- Graduate students have the opportunity to obtain additional training and skills in vocational assessment and evaluation through MOU with Pro Bono Counseling Services of Maryland, and a collaboration with CSU's Athletic Department. Through these experiences students are able to obtain valuable internship experiences as well as receive clinical hours toward professional counselor licensure requirements.