

Program change in Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling

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I recommend that the Graduate Council approve the program change and accompanying course changes and new courses.

Motivation: change in program requirements to meet the recent changes in the curriculum requirements of the accreditation agency CORE- Council on Rehabilitation Education.

Note that program and course changes have been approved by College of Education faculty. Also reviewed and unanimously approved by the Courses and Curricula Committee.

Course changes:

- Will drop a current course RC 510 which is no longer required. Key content gets picked up in other courses. No affect on current students.
- RC 620- title change and revised bulletin description to reflect updated course content (considered a minor change).
- RC 750 – title change and bulletin description. Substantial shift in the content to meet accreditation and variable 1-3 credit. Course requires research project and literature review. The amount of credit will be determined with student and faculty. Most students are expected to take for 3 credits.
- RC 525 Human Growth Disability and Development Across the Lifespan. Required for accreditation. Will be taught by tenured faculty with knowledge of the field.
- RC 560 Supported Employment, Independent Living and Transition. Required for accreditation. Has been offered before as a special topics elective, but will now be required. Is also critical for students seeking licensing by the state.

The motivation for the new courses and course changes is straight forward. The syllabi for the new courses are adequate and are planned to be taught by experienced faculty. The changes should improve the quality of the program and better prepare students for careers in rehabilitation counseling.

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REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAM**

Program: Rehabilitation Counseling

Department/Division: EDSRC

College: Education Bulletin pp 340-344 (Sp '08 Bull)

Degree Title (Old): MRC (No Change) Major (New): No Change

CIP Code: \_\_\_\_\_ HEGIS Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Accrediting Agency (if applicable): Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE)

**I. CHANGE(S) IN PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
1. Number of transfer credits allowed (Graduate School limit: 9 hours or 25% of coursework)	No Change	
2. Residence requirement (if applicable)	No Change	
3. Language(s) and/or skill(s) required	No Change	
4. Termination criteria	No Change	
5. Plan A requirements*	No Change	
6. Plan B requirements*	No Change	
7. Distribution of course levels required (At least one half must be at 600+ level & two thirds must be in organized courses)	No Change	
8. Required courses (if applicable)	Changes in courses as described on the following page	
9. Required distribution of courses within program (if applicable)	No Change	
10. Final examination requirements	No Change	

\* If there is only one plan for the degree, plans involving a thesis (or the equivalent in studio work, etc.) should be discussed under Plan A and those not involving a thesis should be discussed under Plan B.

NOTE: To the extent that proposed changes in 5, 6 or 8 above involve the addition of courses in other programs, please submit correspondence from the other program(s) pertaining to the availability of such courses to your students.

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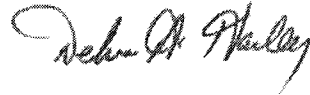
11. Any other requirements not covered above
1. Change current elective to a required course: RC 550 Group and Family Rehab. Counseling (no other changes to this existing course).
  2. Change current required course to an elective: RC 740 Administration and Supervision in Rehab. Counseling.
  3. Drop RC 510 (3 credits), a previously required course, from curriculum.
  4. New required course RC 525 (3 credits) added to curriculum
  5. New required course RC 560 (3 credits) added to curriculum
  6. Change in credits for RC 750 (research) from variable (1-3) to 3 credits
  7. Change name of course: RC 750 from Rehabilitation Research to Rehabilitation counseling research and program evaluation
  8. Change name of course: RC 620 from Vocational evaluation and work adjustment of the severely disabled to Vocational evaluation and work adjustment

**II. RATIONALE FOR CHANGE(S)**

If the rationale involves accreditation requirements, please include specific references to those requirements. These changes are requested to reflect changes in the recently revised curriculum requirements of the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE), the body which accredits the Rehabilitation Counseling Program. In these new requirements, Group and Family Counseling has become a major curricular area as has Human Growth and Development (RC 525) and the content of the Administration and Supervision course is less of an emphasis.

**Signatures of Approval:**


12/4/2007



Date of Approval by Department Faculty

Reported by Department Chair

2/12/2008



Date of Approval by College Faculty

Reported by College Dean

\*Date of Approval by Undergraduate Council

Reported by Undergraduate Council Chair

\*Date of Approval by Graduate Council

Reported by Graduate Council Chair

\*Date of Approval by Health Care Colleges Council (HCCC)

Reported by HCCC Chair

\*Date of Approval by Senate Council

Reported by Senate Council Office

\*Date of Approval by University Senate

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\*If applicable, as provided by the Rules of the University Senate

ACTION OTHER THAN APPROVAL

## Summary of Changes to Rehabilitation Counseling Program Courses:

### Major Changes:

#### 1. New Course Added

- A new required course is being added to the curriculum: RC 525 Human Growth, Disability, and Development Across the Lifespan.
- Syllabus and readings list are attached.
- Note: The course syllabus has been reviewed by Professor Fred Danner in the Educational and Counseling Psychology Department (EDP) and Dr. Danner judged the content to be sufficiently different from the Human Growth and Development Courses taught in that department.

#### 2. Course Eliminated

- A previously required course is being eliminated from the Rehabilitation Counseling Program curriculum: RC 510 Orientation to Rehabilitation Resources.

#### 3. Change in Course Number and Credit hours:

- Formerly a required, 1 credit hour Special Topics course, RC 558: Transition, Supported Employment, and Independent Living is to be changed to a required three credit hour course: RC 560 Transition, Supported Employment, and Independent Living.

#### 4. Change in elective/requirement status:

- A course that was previously an elective is now a required course: RC 550 Group and Family Rehabilitation Counseling

#### 5. Change in elective/requirement status and credit hours:

- A previously required course: RC 740 Administration and Supervision in Rehabilitation Counseling is changed to an elective course, to be offered only through the distance learning (web-based) program. Formerly a variable credit (1-3 credit) course, it is changed to a 1 credit course.

#### 6. Change in credit hours:

- RC 750 Rehabilitation Counseling Research and Program Evaluation is changed from a 2 credit hours to a 3 credit hours course.

### Minor Changes

#### 1. Changes in Names

- RC 750 Rehabilitation Research is changed to RC 750 Rehabilitation Counseling Research and Program Evaluation (Editorial change in title to better reflect existing content)
- RC 620 Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment of the Severely Disabled is changed to RC 620 Vocational Evaluation and Work Adjustment (Editorial Change)