MSED in Counselor Education – Rehabilitation Counseling

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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

This degree is designed for individuals who wish to help people with physical, mental, emotional, or social disabilities at various stages in their lives. Some work with students to develop strategies to live with their disability and to move from school to work. Others help veterans cope with the mental or physical effects of their military service. Still others help elderly people adapt to disabilities developed later in life due to illness or injury. Students in the program will develop assessment, treatment planning, counseling, collaboration, referral, and advocacy skills. This program is registered with New York state.

INFORMATION ABOUT CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

Upon successful completion of this degree, and 12 months of acceptable employment experience supervised by a CRC, graduates may apply to take the CRC examination (Category B). Specific details are located at: www.crccertification.com/pages/eligibility_requirements/69.php. Students in this program wishing to also obtain a School or Mental Health Counseling credential should consult with their adviser.

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS*

Admission to this degree program is based on:
1. Official transcripts of all prior college work
2. Two letters of recommendation
3. Interview
4. Writing sample

* State law requires SBU to collect immunization records from students taking six or more credit hours in any semester.

FIELD REQUIREMENT

Students are expected to complete an initial Practicum field experience [40 hours of direct counseling] the first year, which is non-track specific. They are then required in the second year to complete two track specific Internships, each involving 300 clock hours. Site supervisors of the internships must be CRC’s. The placement process is a collaborative effort between students and faculty members.

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS*

CE 500 Research and Inquiry Tools for Education Professions
CE 505 Technology for the Education Professions
CE 510 Introduction to the Profession of Counseling
CE 511 Advanced Human Growth and Development
CE 530 Techniques of Counseling
CE 550 Group Counseling
CE 560 Psychological Testing and Assessment
CE 570 Career Counseling

CE 610 Practicum in Counseling
CE 630 Management of Rehabilitation Counseling Programs
CE 634 Counseling Interventions
CE 638 Multicultural Counseling
CE 644 Medical, Psychosocial & Vocational Aspects of Disability
CE 645 Management of Rehabilitation Counseling Programs
CE 646A Internship 1: Rehabilitation Counseling
CE 646B Internship 2: Rehabilitation Counseling
CE 647 Psychiatric & Vocational Rehabilitation

A variety of additional electives are available including two courses on trauma, and two related to addictions. The addictions courses fulfill the 85 continuing education requirements required by OASES for those pursuing the CASAC credential. Note: St. Bonaventure University is a certified education and training provider for OASES.

* For course descriptions, and program training handbook, go to http://grad.sbu.edu and click on the Graduate Catalog PDF marked Programs.

EXIT CRITERIA

In order to be awarded the degree in School Counseling, a student will be evaluated on the following exit criteria:
1. A cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (working standard)
2. Successful completion of the internship
3. Submission of a portfolio showing professional growth and accomplishments
4. Successful completion of the comprehensive examination and e-folio

LOCATIONS & FORMATS

This program is offered in Olean and at SBU’S Buffalo Center at Hilbert College in Hamburg. Olean: Traditional 15-week format; classes at 4:30 and 7:10 p.m. Mon.-Thurs.; field requirements primarily during the weekdays. Buffalo Center: Fridays 6-9 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; field requirements primarily during the weekdays; one course at a time for five weeks; some courses offered in hybrid/online format. Buffalo Center students are required to take one course on the main campus.