

Graduate Program Tip Sheet

Introduction

According to MVR's Comprehensive System of Personnel Development (CSPD) Policy, you must qualify or become qualified to sit for the *Certified Rehabilitation Counselor* exam administered by the Commission on Rehabilitation Counseling Certification (CRCC). Actually taking the exam is optional. Please see MVR's CSPD Policy.

For those who are not yet eligible, a thorough review of eligibility criteria, graduate school programs and scholarship information is required. This tip sheet is a summary of information developed to help guide you through the process. However, since information can change, **it is the responsibility of the employee/student to verify both academic requirements and scholarship information directly with the academic program of choice.** Also, please be advised that schools administer RSA scholarships differently; some pay full tuition and fees, while others only pay a portion. Again, confirm all information.

Instructions

1. **Gather Your Transcripts**
2. **Determine Your Eligibility Category:** Compare your transcripts to the CRCC eligibility categories listed [here](#) (click on link) to determine under which category you qualify.
3. **Select a Graduate Program:** Review the following graduate program summaries to determine which would best suit your needs. It is strongly suggested you visit the websites of each program to ensure you have an accurate understanding of the most current requirements and scholarship availability.
4. **Complete Your CSPD Plan:** Consult with your supervisor and trainer when completing the plan.

Master's Degree Programs

The following programs, currently attended by some MVR staff, can assist you in meeting the educational requirements for the Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC) credential under Category D and Category R.

Southern University

<http://www.subr.edu/rehabilitation/index.html>

- Program length: 2.5 years
- Total number of credits: 48 semester hours
- Amount of on-campus time required: TBD
- RSA scholarship available: **YES**
- Personal cost for student: minimal; RSA grant covers tuition, fees, books, and travel to national conferences

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

- Program Length: 2 Years
- Total number of credits: 48 semester hours
- Amount of on-campus time required: one-day on-campus orientation meeting for RSA scholars in January 2013, and if the student requires a Counseling Techniques course, the one-week intensive component of that course in June 2013.
- RSA Scholarship: **YES** (revised 8/23/12)
- Personal cost for student: minimal; MVR/BLVs will assist with tuition, books, travel for remaining year.

West Virginia University

http://counseling.wvu.edu/rehabilitation_counseling

- Program length: 2 years/4 semesters plus 1 summer session
- Total number of credits: 51 semester hours
- Amount of on-campus time required: 8 total days; 5 the 1st year and 3 the second year.
- RSA scholarship available: **YES**
- Personal cost for student: minimal; RSA grant covers tuition, fees, books, and travel expenses

University of Kentucky

<http://www.uky.edu/GradSchool/bulletinarchive/bullJan03/rehabcou.html>

- Program length: 16 months
- Total number of credits: 47-60 semester hours, depending on undergraduate degree
- Amount of on-campus time required: None
- RSA scholarship available: **YES**
- Personal cost for student: students can expect to pay up to \$1200 for online fees and books (after stipends) for the entire program; RSA scholarships cover tuition, some fees, and some books.

University of Wisconsin- Stout

<http://www.uwstout.edu/programs/msvr/>

- Program length: 3 years/ 6 semesters plus 2 summer sessions
- Total number of credits: 48 credits
- Amount of on-campus time required: 1 week orientation prior to the start of school
- RSA scholarship available: **YES**
- Personal cost for student: approximately \$400 per year for books (if purchased online).

Utah State University

http://distance.usu.edu/degree_programs/?_d=52

- Program length: 2 years/4 semesters plus 2 summer sessions
- Total number of credits: 52 semester hours
- Amount of on-campus time required: one week per summer session for total of 2 weeks
- RSA scholarship available: **NO**
- Personal cost for student: See course catalogue

Montana State University, Billings

http://www.msbillings.edu/grad/Program-Rehab-Mental_Health_Counseling.htm

- Program length: 2 years/ 5-6 semesters
- Total number of credits: 60 (66 with thesis)
- Amount of on-campus time required: about half on campus, half online
- RSA scholarship available: **NO**
- Personal cost for student: \$7300 per year for tuition, fees, and books

Certificate Programs-Category R

According to CRCC, this [list](#) (click link) is a resource for individuals interested in pursuing CRC certification under Category R eligibility criteria. The universities below have indicated they currently offer, are developing, or considering developing a post-graduate advanced certificate or degree program that would meet Category R eligibility requirements. This is not an endorsement of any particular university or program. Please contact universities directly for details.

As of February 3, 2012, the MVR trainer has called or emailed these programs to determine if RSA funds are available. This list will be updated as information is received. Information received to date is listed below. Please contact bschiederamyer@mt.gov for information.

UTAH STATE

Certificate of Completion for Category R:	YES
Distance Classes	YES
RSA Scholarship:	Contact Kris.Wengreen@usu.edu to put name on waiting list

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS

Certificate of Completion for Category R:	YES
Distance Classes	YES
RSA Scholarship:	Contact Linda Holloway to inquire about funds.

VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY

Certificate of Completion for Category R:	YES
Distance Classes	YES
RSA Scholarship:	YES (revised 8/23/12)

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

Certificate of Completion for Category R:	YES
Distance Classes	YES
RSA Scholarship:	NO

MISSISSIPPI STATE UNIVERSITY

Certificate of Completion for Category R:	YES
Distance Classes	YES
RSA Scholarship:	NO

