



Graduate School

# Rehabilitation Counseling

Master of Arts



## Superior Training, Outstanding Job Opportunities

If you want to make a difference in the lives of those with disabilities, UNC's Rehabilitation Counseling program will provide you with the education and training to join a rapidly growing field. Ranked among the best in the nation by U.S. News and World Report, our program is accredited by the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs and the Council on Rehabilitation Education (CORE) and known for its exceptional teachers who are also experts and seasoned

researchers in the field. Small class sizes and the opportunity for one-on-one mentoring and supervision are two of the aspects of our program that contribute to student success. Our students participate in supervised practicum and an off-campus internship with a community service agency, as well as participate in weekly supervision sessions and professional development activities. This experience provides our students with an opportunity to apply the theoretical concepts and skills learned in their academic program and supplements that knowledge with practical experience.

## Career Pathway

Employment of rehabilitation counselors is projected to grow 20 percent from 2012 to 2022. UNC's graduates have historically been avidly recruited regionally and nationally. For the three-year academic period (2010-2013), UNC students had a 100 percent employment rate. Rehabilitation counselors have found employment in the following industries:

- State rehabilitation agencies
- Mental health centers
- Schools
- Insurance companies
- Hospitals

## Degree Options

Designed to meet the needs of working professionals, about half of our required courses are completed online, with the other half offered on campus in the late afternoon and evening. Students have completed internship activities at the Colorado Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans Administration and Bayaud Enterprises, to name a few.

## Program Details

- Greeley Campus Delivery
- Credits Required: 60
- Time to Completion: 2.5 years
- Classes Start: Fall and Spring semesters

## Related Programs

- Community Health Education through the Colorado School of Public Health at UNC, M.P.H.
- Clinical Mental Health Counseling, M.A
- Marriage, Couples and Family Counseling/Therapy, M.A.

## Cost and Value

Tuition rates are based on the 2021-22 Academic Year:

Colorado Resident Tuition: \$633 per credit hour plus fees.

Nonresident Tuition: \$1,185 per credit hour plus fees. You may qualify for CO resident tuition — see WRGP information at right.

UNC is regularly called out as a top value for both resident and nonresident students, and the university offers financial aid packages for qualified students. For more information, visit [UNCO.EDU/COSTS](https://unco.edu/costs).

## What Students Say

“I started working in Rehabilitation Counseling in 2012, just a few days after commencement. UNC’s Rehabilitation Counseling program built essential knowledge through interactive learning and research that helped me to be successful in the workforce. Through two years in the program, I learned how my passion for helping others can be transformed into a career choice in an exciting and rewarding field.”

*David Herbstman, Rehabilitation Counseling, 2012*

## Financing your Education

UNC offers a variety of financial support options, including:

- Colorado resident tuition for students from 15 western states is offered through the Western Regional Graduate Program. To see if you qualify visit [UNCO.EDU/GRADUATE-SCHOOL/FUNDING/WESTERN-REGIONAL-GRADUATE-PROGRAM.ASPX](https://unco.edu/graduate-school/funding/western-regional-graduate-program.aspx)
- Several competitive teaching assistantships that include tuition waivers.
- Several competitive scholarships funded by a grant from the US Department of Education.
- Grant funding may be available for students in this program through the (Critical Career) Colorado Graduate Grant, funded by the Colorado General Assembly. To find out if you qualify, fill out the FAFSA. Students must be a Colorado resident and show high financial need.

For more information contact Financial Aid at [UNCO.EDU/FINANCIAL-AID/](https://unco.edu/financial-aid/).

## Faculty Spotlight

### Dr. Jill Bezyak

Jill Bezyak, Ph.D., is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor and Licensed Psychologist with clinical interests in psychiatric rehabilitation, substance abuse counseling, and counseling persons with physical disabilities or chronic illness. Her research interests include health promotion of individuals with disabilities, implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and knowledge translation in rehabilitation counseling.

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## About UNC Graduate School

The University of Northern Colorado, founded in 1889, is Colorado’s right-sized doctoral research university, serving a diverse student body around the world. Given its size, program mix, and mission, UNC offers students the access and opportunities of a small college along with the nationally recognized programs, research funding and facilities that come with being a leading U.S. university. Students seeking preparation for a world (and workplace) full of opportunities and options, complexities and cultures, diversity and demands, will find faculty mentors and excited fellow students to engage with here at UNC.



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