



"Helping Pirates Achieve Success"

Rehabilitation Studies

Average Yearly Salary for Rehabilitation Studies Majors:

- **Rehabilitation Counselor: \$25,900-\$44,900 (US)**
- **Substance Abuse and Behavioral Disorder Counselor: \$25,000-\$40,000 (US)**

Job Outlook / Job Market

Overall employment of counselors is expected to [grow faster than the average](#) for all occupations through 2014, and job opportunities should be very good because there are usually more job openings than graduates of counseling programs. In addition, numerous job openings will occur as many counselors retire or leave the profession. The number of people who will need rehabilitation counseling is expected to grow as the population continues to age and as advances in medical technology continue to save lives that only a few years ago would have been lost. In addition, legislation requiring equal employment rights for people with disabilities will spur demand for counselors, who not only will help these people make a transition into the workforce, but also will help companies comply with the law.

Careers in Rehabilitation Studies:

- Rehabilitation Counselor
- Mental Health Counselor
- Substance Abuse Counselor
- Vocational Evaluator
- Human Services Worker

Persons interested in counseling should have a strong desire to help others and should possess the ability to inspire respect, trust, and confidence. They should be able to work independently or as part of a team. Counselors must follow the code of ethics associated with their respective certifications and licenses.

Rehabilitation Studies Resources:

- **Jobs.com**
<http://vocational.rehabilitation.counselor.jobs.com/>
- **Government Jobs**
<http://www.usajobs.opm.gov/>
- **East Carolina Dept. of Rehabilitation Studies**
<http://www.ecu.edu/rehb/>
- **National Rehabilitation Counseling Association**
<http://www.ajb.org/>
- **American Counseling Association**
www.counseling.org

What do I Need to Be Successful?

- Pick a minor or concentration related to your major
- Get a Master's Degree
- Network with professional counselors
- Get as much clinical / internship experience as possible
- Attend conferences
- Become nationally certified
 - Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
 - National Board for Certified Counselors, Inc. (need M.S.)

What types of firms would hire me?

- Drug Rehabilitation Clinics
- Community rehabilitation programs
- Hospitals
- Secondary public schools
- Community colleges and Universities



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